

From the Principal's Desk

The season of Advent begins this Sunday with the excitement of Christmas in the air! There are plenty of opportunities to celebrate the season and prepare for Christmas. Please join us for our **weekly School Mass on Wednesdays at 8:30am**. Next week, in addition to Wednesday Mass, we will attend Mass on Friday, December 8 to celebrate the Immaculate Conception. **Our Second Sunday School Mass is on December 10 at 10:30am** during which our Choir and Liturgical Music Group will lead us in song. Last month, there was a nice turnout, let's see if we can do that again!

Festive and Fun Week:

Let's spread holiday cheer with a week of festive-themed days! The following days are intended to be easy and fun! Participation is optional (regular uniform should be worn if not participating). All outfits must still meet the dress code requirements, and sneakers must be worn on PE days.

- Monday, 12/11: Wear Christmas accessories (hats, headbands, antlers, lights, headbands, ties, socks and jewelry) with uniforms.
- Tuesday, 12/12: Wear Santa hats with uniforms (only Santa hats can be worn).
- Wednesday, 12/13: Flannel Fun! Wear a flannel shirt with your regular uniform bottoms or school sweatpants.
- Thursday, 12/14: Wear Christmas pajamas. Pajamas must be school-appropriate. No nightgowns, slippers, crocs or shorts.
- Friday, 12/15: A festive out-of-uniform day for our Christmas parties.

We look forward to our Band and Chorus concerts next week on Tuesday, December 12. Our students have been working so hard and sound amazing! It is the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit.

AOB Snow Day Policy:

As December approaches, we begin thinking about the possibility of snow days. Below is the AOB policy if there are closures due to snow or inclement weather. Remember, we follow BCPS for all closures, delays, and early dismissals due to inclement weather.

- First Day Closure CLOSED for a true snow day
- Second Day Closure CLOSED for a true snow day
- Third Day Closure CLOSED for a true snow day
- Fourth Day Closure ASYNCHRONOUS VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY, which means work for students will be posted via SeeSaw or Google Classroom for students to do on their own at home.
- Fifth Day Closure ASYNCHRONOUS VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY, which means work for students will be posted via SeeSaw or Google Classroom for students to do on their own at home
- Sixth Day Closure If closed for six or more days, then we will ADD INSTRUCTIONAL DAY(S) to the school calendar date(s) TBD.

Recess Cold Weather Preparation:

We will go outside for recess as much as possible so please have your child(ren) bring coats, hats, gloves, and warm items so we can get a fresh air break!

New Announcements

Win an iPad Just in Time for Christmas

Purchase your raffle tickets to earn your chance to win an iPad, and make someone's Christmas (or your

own!) The prize is a 10th-generation 256GB iPad with Wi-Fi and a case. Raffle tickets are \$15 each (non-refundable). The raffle ends on December 5. **Purchase tickets here.**

Christmas Gifts for Faculty and Staff

With the Christmas season upon us, you may be thinking about teachers' gifts. It is a tradtion that HASA assists in organizing monetary gifts on behalf of SJS families for each of the teachers and staff members. All donations are divided equally. We hope you consider donating! **Donations will be accepted here until December 10.**

Winter Wonderland Tickets - Purchase by December 1

Visit with Santa and share your Christmas wishes while you enjoy hot cocoa, cookie decorating, and holiday games. There are two time slots available on December 9th from 1:00-2:30pm or 2:30-4:00pm. Purchase tickets here by December 1.

Faith, Family, Fellowship – December 3

Join us Sunday, December 3 for the 8:30am Mass or the 10:30am Mass with donuts and coffee following in the Parish Center. Crafts are available at the tables for the kids after 10:30am Mass. All are welcome!

We Need You This Year! Volunteer Opportunities Available

Please review the volunteer opportunities on <u>page 2 of this form</u> to see where you time and talents could help the school and the Home & School Association (HASA). The list includes activities and events held during the second half of the year. *All volunteers must be <u>VIRTUS-certified</u>*. This is a perfect way to fulfill your Give 8!

Chess Club Sign-Up (Trimester 2)

Interested in joining Chess Club for Trimester 2? We have a limited amount of spaces available for students who are new to Chess Club. <u>Please click here</u> to sign up! Chess Club takes place from 3-4 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. If your student played chess during Trimester 1 and would like to return, please see the email sent on Monday from Mrs. Hasty for a returning player sign up.

After-School Chess Club is designed for students who can comfortably play a game of chess against an age-appropriate opponent. If your student is interested in learning how to play, stay tuned for a beginner's chess sign up coming out soon! Please email Mrs. Hasty with any questions.

Important Dates

THURSDAY, 11/30

• Chick-fil-a Lunch (pre-orders only)

FRIDAY, 12/1

- Field Trips for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades
- Last Day to Purchase Winter Wonderland Tickets

SUNDAY, 12/3

- Advent Begins
- Faith Family Fellowship Mass 10:30

MONDAY, 12/4

Report Cards Distributed

TUESDAY. 12/5

Pizza Lunch (pre-orders only)

WEDNESDAY, 12/6

Subway Lunch (pre-orders only)

THURSDAY, 12/7

Chick-fil-a Lunch (pre-orders only)

FRIDAY, 12/8

- Santa's Secret Workshop
- Immaculate Conception

SATURDAY, 12/9

Winter Wonderland Event

SUNDAY, 12/10

Second Sunday School Mass 10:30

MONDAY, 12/11

Wear Christmas Accessories with Uniforms

TUESDAY, 12/12

- Wear Santa Hats with Uniforms
- Pizza Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Winter Concert

WEDNESDAY, 12/13

- Wear Flannel Shirts with Uniform Bottoms
- Subway Lunch (pre-orders only)

SAVE THE DATES

12/15: Half Day and High School Applications Due (8th Grade)

12/18-1/1: Christmas Break

FULL YEAR CALENDAR

Click the calendar image to download & print.

•			EM	BE	D) 2	2023
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			All Saints Day School Closed Conferences	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	Out of Uniform for Wrapping Paper Sale	4
5 Faith Family Fellow- ship Mass 10:30am	Re-Registration Begins	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	8 8th grade to place flags in cemetery after mass in honor of Veterans Day Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	4 th & 5 th Grades to Trinity Life Play Fall Bingo	Open House
School Mass 10:30am	13	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) NJHS Food Drive	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	17 HSPT Accommodations Due Re-Registration Due Hearing and Vision for all PK,1.4 & 8 and new K	18
I9	Hearing and Vision for all PK,1,4 & 8 and new K	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Hearing and Vision for all PK,1,4 & 8 and new K	22 Spirit Wear Day Noon Dismissal TI Ends Parent Access Closes	23 School Closed Thanksgiving	24 School Closed	25
26	27	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Giving Tuesday	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) HSPT 8 th Grade	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)		

DECEMBER 2023									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
					1st Grade to Towson University for Nutcracker Ballet 2nd & 3nd Grades to Science Center	2			
Advent Begins Faith, Family, Fellow- ship Mass 10:30am	Report Cards emailed	5 2 nd Grade Reindeer Sweatshirt Making Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	6 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Parent Access Opens	7 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Santa's Secret Workshop Setup	8 Immaculate Conception Santa's Secret Workshop Winter Wonderland Setup	HASA Winter Wonder land			
School Mass 10:30am	II	12 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Winter Concert 1:00 & 7:00pm	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	Noon Dismissal Christmas Parties Out of Uniform Red & Green SJS Applications Due HS Applications Due	16			
17	School Closed Return 1/2/24	Id	20	21	22	23			
24 31	25 School Closed - Christmas	26	27	28	29	30			

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'24-25 Grant & Aid Application Now Open

Families interested in applying for financial aid for the '24-25 school year will need to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation by *February 29, 2024*. Applicants must apply online via FACTS, and there is a \$35 application fee. **Click here to sign-in to FACTS**.

Homework Connection December and January

Homework Connection takes place Monday-Thursday from 3:00-4:00pm, with the exception of half days, after-school meetings, etc. The fee is \$15.00 per session. Students will be provided a snack.

- For Grades 1-4, <u>click here</u> to view the available dates.
- For Grades 5-8, click here to view the available dates.

Wolfpack Athletics



It's going to be the best parents' night out all year!

The SJAA Bull Roast is coming in hot with Early Bird Special pricing! All tickets purchased before December 1 are only \$55. That includes all-you-can-eat pit beef, pit ham and pit turkey, shrimp cocktail, OPEN BAR, and more.

Saturday, February 3 at Columbus Gardens (across from SJS)

Support a great cause... all proceeds benefit the SJAA sports programs. There will be a liquor wheel, money wheel, 50/50 boards, raffles, and door prizes.

Snag your early bird tickets here

We have several sponsorship opportunities available starting at \$50. View sponsorships here. **SJAA's Bull Roast Sponsorship Opportunities 2024 SJAA ANNUAL BULL ROAST & OPEN BAR** Title Sponsorship \$1,500 (1) Saturday, February 3rd Logo displayed at event hall the night of 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Money Wheel Sponsorship \$200 (1) O COLUMBUS GARDENS **4301 KLOSTERMAN AVENUE** ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SJAA SPORTS PROGRAMS 50/50 Board Sponsorships \$75 (8) Jell-O Shot Sponsorships \$75 (Unlimited) Business tagged on social media "50/50 Board Sponsor."

 Logo displayed on 50/50 Board. "Jell-O Shot Sponsor."

• Logo displayed shot cart during event IT BEEF, HAM & TURKEY STEAMED SHRIMP ITALIAN SAUSAGE, PEPPERS & ONIONS BEEF BBQ SALAD BAR MD CRAB SOUP MACARONI SALAD PASTA SALAD BBQ CHICKEN Cooler of Cheer Sponsorships \$75 (Unlimit
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 "Cooler of Cheer Sponsor."
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Business tagged on social media as a "Seltzer Sponsor."

• Logo displayed on both bars. Company Name: City: _ __ Zip: __ Email: would like to select the following Sponsorship level: Title Door Prize Auction Table Money Wheel 50/50 Board Jell-o Shot Cooler of Cheer Seltz am enclosing a donation of \$____ _ payable to: St. Joseph Athletic Association, 8416 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD 21236, ATTN: Angle Corno Sponsorships can be purchased online as well: https://bit.ly/SjAABullRoast Want to sponsor? Questions? Contact Angie Corno @ acorno@stjoeschool.org









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