ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

What's Coming Up @SJS-Fullerton!

From the Principal's Desk

Continuing this month of gratitude, I am so thankful for all who serve and have served our country. As we honor all veterans this weekend, I would like to particularly thank the veterans who are a part of our School and Parish community. Our 8th graders assisted the Knights of Columbus in placing flags in our Parish cemetery today, which was a respectful gesture and an excellent experience for our students.

There is no better way to show your gratitude than to celebrate Mass. This weekend is our Second Sunday School Mass at 10:30am. I hope that you are all able to join us!

Clarifications on the new Technology Insurance Program (TIP) and increase in student fees:

- The policy goes into effect July 1, 2024. As a result, it will not apply to our current 8th grade students, but it will apply to our current PreK-7th graders.
- The \$200 fee increase covers technology licensing, certificates, and web-based programs used by students, not the actual cost of the device.
- All devices are purchased through SJS-Fullerton and will remain at school until the end of the student's 5th and 8th grade years.
- Students will be assigned the same device for 2nd to 5th grades. A new device will be assigned for use in 6th through 8th grades.
- The name 'Rent-to-Own' was sent out prematurely, and it does not adequately describe the program. While the \$200 increase in student fees covers the cost of the technology associated with all devices, it is important to note that the device is not actually being rented. Instead, we are providing each student with the opportunity to keep their Chromebook at the end of their 5th and 8th-grade years, as the short lifespan of these devices means they would otherwise be discarded.
- Families cannot opt out of the \$200 technology fee, but they can opt out of the \$50 per year Technology Insurance Protection plan.



New Announcements

Hot Lunch - Order by November 21

Take a break from packing lunch! Ordering is open for Pizza served only on Tuesdays, Subway served only on Wednesdays, and Chick-fil-a served only on Thursdays for January through the end of Trimester

2. <u>Orders must be placed by November 21st.</u> If you have multiple children, please use the Order for 2nd Child and Order for 3rd Child links to submit an order for each additional child. <u>Order Here.</u>

Youth Ministry at Ice World - November 10

Youth Ministry is going to Ice World Friday, November 10 from 8-10pm. Cost is \$14 per person. Grades 3 to 12 are welcome! **Register online through Ice World**.

NJHS' Canned Food Drive - November 15

The National Junior Honor Society will collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for the St. Michael-St. Clement Food Pantry. The collection will take place on Wednesday, November 15 during morning drop-off. Suggested items include canned veggies, soup, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, and spaghetti sauce.

Vision and Hearing Screening - November 17, 20, 21

For our annual vision and hearing screenings, the Baltimore County Health Department will be in the building on Friday 11/17, Monday 11/20, and Tuesday 11/21. **Only certain grades will be screened including all Pre-K, 1st, 4th, and 8th grades and only NEW Kindergarten.** All students must have a signed permission slip in order to be screened.

'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. <u>Click here to sign-in to FACTS</u>.

'23-24 School Directory

Please click here to view the school directory.

Shop Raise Days for the Holidays

Raise Days are coming November 16-17. Earn up to 22% with bonuses on 100+ eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. Don't miss the chance to earn money off your tuition just by purchasing gift cards to places you already shop! New to RaiseRight? <u>Sign up here.</u> The St. Joseph code: E5689DCE3L119.

Important Dates

THURSDAY, 11/9

• Chick-fil-a Lunch (pre-orders only)

FRIDAY, 11/10

- Field Trip for 4th and 5th Grades
- HASA Bingo Event

SATURDAY, 11/11

• Open House for Prospective Families

SUNDAY, 11/12

• Second Sunday School Mass 10:30am

MONDAY, 11/13

• Battle of the Books Club First Meeting 3-4pm

TUESDAY, 11/14

• Pizza Lunch (pre-orders only)

WEDNESDAY, 11/15

- Subway Lunch (pre-orders only)
- NJHS Canned Food Drive

THURSDAY, 11/16

• Chick-fil-a Lunch (pre-orders only)

FRIDAY, 11/17

- Intent to Enroll/Re-registration Due
- HSPT Accommodations Due for 8th Grade
- Day 1 of Vision and Hearing Screening

SAVE THE DATES

11/22: Half Day and Spiritwear Day

11/23-11/24: Thanksgiving Break
11/28: Giving Tuesday
11/29: High School Placement Test (HSPT) for 8th Grade
12/9: Winter Wonderland

FULL YEAR CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Ð	All Saints Day School Closed Conferences	2 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	3 Out of Uniform for Wrapping Paper Sale	4
5 Faith Family Fellow- ship Mass 10:30am	6 Re-Registration Begins	7 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)	q Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	10 4 Th & 5 th Grades to Trinity Life Play Fall Bingo	 Open House
I2 School Mass 10:30am	13	14 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	IS Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) NJHS Food Drive	16 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
19	20 Hearing and Vision for all PK,1,4 & 8 and new K	21 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Hearing and Vision for all PK,1,4 & 8 and new K	22 Spirit Wear Day Noon Dismissal T1 Ends Parent Access Closes	23 School Closed Thanksgiving	24 School Closed	25
26	27	28 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Giving Tuesday	29 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) HSPT 8 th Grade	30 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) HSPT Snow Date		

Club Corner

Snapology - January 2 to February 20

The second session of Snapology's S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art &

<u>Mathematics</u>) Club will continue for another eight weeks. This program is designed for students in grades 1-3. It will be held on Tuesdays from January 2 to February 20 after school from 3-4pm. *Please note that this club has limited availability, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis*. To secure your child's spot, please <u>complete this Google Form</u>, make a check payable to Snapology for \$160, and send it in to school to Angie Corno's attention. Questions can be emailed to <u>Angie Corno</u>.

Around Campus

Help support Girl Scout Troop 1500's Fun Drive! They are collecting clothes, shoes, linens, household goods, toys, and books. Donations can be dropped off on Friday, November 17 from 2:00-4:00pm in the back church parking lot.

PRE-HOLIDAY PURGE Clean Out Your Closets and Cupboards For Troop 1500

Help us fill a U-Haul worth of donations!

DROP OFF November 17th 2:00-4:00 St. Joseph School (Back church parking lot)

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and boxes for small household goods and books.

WE ARE COLLECTING

CLOTHES

Men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, handbags, accessories, backpacks, etc

HOUSEHOLD Textiles

Bedding, comforters, blankets, towels, linens, pillows, tablecloths, etc

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Kitchen items (pots, pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, etc), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

BOOKS Any type of books

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.

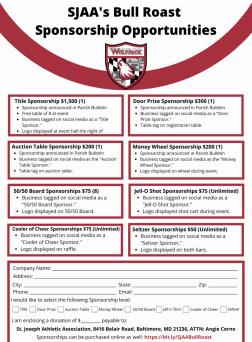
Saturday, February 3 at Columbus Gardens (across from SJS)

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.







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