



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

What beautiful weather we've been enjoying, making this week's and weekend's events even more enjoyable. **A huge thank you** to everyone who helped with our Open House for prospective families this past weekend- we had a great turnout! We also appreciate those who donated baked goods and attended Oktoberfest. It was such a fun event!

Coming home today are the Fall MAP Testing scores for students in Grades 2-8. Please take a moment to review the scores and refer to the letter included for further details.

We have officially kicked off **Red Ribbon Week**, which promotes health and wellness for children of all ages and encourages them to remaining drug-free. We have many exciting activities planned (see [FLYER](#)) but the focus of the week should remain on making healthy choices.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on Friday, November 1st. Please visit [our school website](#) and click on "Sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences" to reserve a time slot.

Conference Reminders:

- **All conferences are in-person at school.**
- Please enter your **child's name** when registering for the conference
- Due to limited spots, only register if there is a concern at this time.
- You may only register for **one spot per teacher.**
- Be prompt on conference day, as the schedule is tight. If you are late, your meeting will be shortened to the remaining allotted time.
- There are no conferences with Mrs. Hasty, as she is out on maternity leave.
- Grades PreK-3 have 15 minute sessions, Grades 4-8 and Special Areas have 10 minute sessions. Please be mindful of this when registering.
- **Conference registration CLOSSES on October 25th at Noon.**

Looking Ahead:

10/21-10/30 Red Ribbon Week- Please see [FLYER](#) for list of events & daily themes.

10/25 Registration for Parent-Teacher Conferences CLOSSES at noon

10/30 Red Ribbon Parade at 10 a.m.

10/31 School Closed (Faculty Retreat)

11/1 School Closed (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

New Announcements

Parish Verifications

[Catholic Parish Verification forms](#) are due before October 31. Please note school is closed on October 31st and November 1st. Questions can be sent to [Angie Corno](#).



REMINDER

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Family Photo Session Raffle

Congratulations to the Januszkiewicz Family for winning the Family Photo Session with Heather Allred Photography!



New Event! Nailed It

HASA will be hosting St. Joe's version of the Netflix baking challenge show Nailed It on Friday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. Our amateur bakers will have a chance to re-create their own turkey cake masterpiece. Each \$20 cake kit will include all the materials needed to make your cake in less than 30 minutes. Who will be able to "Nail It" and who will "Fail It"? Enjoy a make-your-own ice cream sundae bar following cake decorating. We hope you can join us for this fun, family event!

Register [here](#) before November 7th.

Notes from Nurse Mary

Hearing & Vision screening is back! The Baltimore County Health Department will be at school Monday, November 4th and Tuesday, November 5th. The screening is for ALL Pre-K, ALL new Kindergarten, 1st grade, 4th grade, and 8th grade students. Please keep an eye out for consent forms coming home with your child in those grades. Students MUST have a completed consent form in order to be screened. Please [contact me](#) if you need a copy of the consent form.

A reminder from last week... It's the time of year when illnesses increase, and we're seeing more cases of cold viruses, Strep, Pneumonia, and seasonal allergies. These often come with similar, overlapping symptoms including cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, and fever (though a fever is less common with the cold virus or whooping cough).

Fever, Vomiting, Diarrhea- If your child has any of these symptoms, they must stay home the day after they have any of these symptoms. For example, if they have a fever (over 100) on Tuesday, they need to remain home on Wednesday. The same rule applies for vomiting and diarrhea.

Cough, Nasal Congestion, Sore Throat- These symptoms can present for many reasons. Students may be in school with these symptoms, provided they are not accompanied by a fever. If your child is uncomfortable, cannot sit in class, or won't take medication to combat the symptoms, I suggest you keep them home. If they have a sore throat and a fever, it is recommended to have them evaluated for Strep. Also, reiterate to your child the importance of covering their mouth and sanitizing and/or washing their hands.

Whooping Cough- Cases are being reported across the state, primarily among 10-year-olds. If your child is presenting symptoms, please contact Nurse Mary for guidance.

Medication Policy:

ALL MEDICATION that needs to be given at school MUST have a doctor's order, this includes over-the-counter medication, including medicated cough drops. Please refer to the OTC Consent Form [HERE](#). Non- medicated cough drops (like Luden's), may be brought in with a note from a parent giving permission for the student to use them. They will be brought down to the Nurse's office and I will distribute them to your child as needed. If your child has medication orders on file for this school year with me, ALL medications must be provided by the parent. There are no stock medications in the Nurse's office.

Please reach out to [Nurse Mary](#) with any questions or concerns.

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Santa's Secret Workshop

Our elves are busy preparing for Santa's Secret Workshop. If you are feeling crafty and would like to donate any items for the shop, please [email HASA](#).



Family Fun Bingo

Tickets for our Family Fun BINGO on Friday, November 8 are now on sale. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased [here](#). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and BINGO begins at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on this fun night!

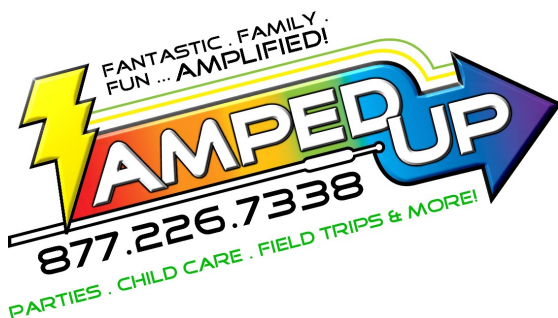
Club Corner



Calling all 7th & 8th grade students:
If you want to join the morning
announcements team,
please see Mrs. Starcher.

Community Partners Corner

From time to time, we will be highlighting local businesses that have partnered with SJSF as Community Partners. These businesses support the growth of our students and contribute to our community. Be sure to check out this section for updates and events from the businesses that support our school. To learn more about becoming a Community Partner with SJSF, please email Marketing@stjoeschool.org.



Amped Up! Family Amphitheatre - The Ultimate Fun Destination

Did you know that our friends at Amped Up offer private transportation to and from SJS-Fullerton for before and after school care for our students? Located off Route 43 in Middle River and owned by one of our school families, Amped Up offers a wide range of services including summer camps, birthday parties, field trips, and more! With over 11,000 sq ft of indoor space and 4,500 sq ft of outdoor fun, it's the perfect place for any event, hosting up to 400 guests.

Our favorites at Amped Up include their interactive theater, game parlor, outdoor sports courts, bounce houses, rock climbing, and classic games like ping pong and skee-ball. For more info, email info@2ampedup.com or

Important Dates

THURSDAY, 10/24

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Red Ribbon Week- Please see [FLYER](#) for list of events & daily themes. Drug free themed hats are due (PreK-Grade 5).

FRIDAY, 10/25

- Registration for Parent-Teacher Conferences Closes at Noon
- Red Ribbon Week- "Give Drugs the Boot" Students wear flat heeled boots with their regular Friday uniform (Bring sneakers if you have PE)

MONDAY, 10/28

- Red Ribbon Week- "I am a Jean-Us, I am Drug Free" Students wear jeans (no rips or holes) with a spirit wear top (Wear sneakers if you have PE)

TUESDAY, 10/29

- Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Red Ribbon Week- "Don't Let Drugs Turn You Inside Out" Students wear PE uniforms turned inside out with sneakers.

WEDNESDAY, 10/30

- Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Red Ribbon Week- Head to Toe Wear Red Day (May wear PE sweatpants in lieu of red pants)
- Red Ribbon Parade at 10 a.m.
- Parish Verification Forms Due

THURSDAY, 10/31

- **School Closed (Faculty Retreat)**

FRIDAY, 11/1

- **School Closed (Parent/Teacher Conferences)**

Looking Ahead:

November 22nd- HASA Nailed It Cake Decorating Challenge

[2024-2025 Key Dates](#)

[FULL-YEAR CALENDAR](#)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Advanced Band Begins	2 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Cross Country Race @ SJS	3 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	4 School Closed PD Day for Staff	5
6 Faith Family Fellowship Mass 10:30am	7 Intent to Return & New Sibling Registration Begins	8 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	9 Spirit Wear Day Interiors Sent Home Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) HASA Wrapping Paper Sale Ends	10 Individual Picture Day Make Up Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	11 Faith and Blue Assembly 9am HASA Go Kart Track Night	12
13 School Mass 10:30am Faith and Blue	14 Winter Uniform Begins	15 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	16 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	17 Principal Scholars' Dinner 6pm Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	18 Intent to Return & New Sibling Registration Ends K to Jones Farm Trunk or Treat	19 Open House 9-12pm
20 October -fest Mass Outside 10:30am	21 Red Ribbon Week	22 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	23 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	24 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	25 Trunk or Treat Rain Date	26
27	28 4th & 5th Grade to Goucher Red Ribbon Week Cont'd	29 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	30 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Red Ribbon Parade 10am	31 School Closed Faculty Retreat		



Beachmont Corn Maze
St. Joseph Youth Ministry
Impact - Amplify - High School



Friday, November 1st
from 4-7pm

\$18 Per person
Parents must attend for Impact youth (3rd-5th)
6433 Mount Vista Road
Kingsville, MD 21087

Use Youth Ministry Link to Register Online
<https://www.givecentral.org/YouthMinistryEvents>

Any questions, contact Sherrie Palmateer
spalmateer@stjoefullerton.org

Corn Maze Night is Back!

Join the St. Joseph Youth Ministry at Beachmont Corn Maze on Friday, November 1st from 4pm-7pm. Register online [HERE](#). Questions? Please [email Mrs. Sherrie Palmateer](#).

Wolfpack Athletics



PICKLEBALL
REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW



TUESDAYS
3:45-4:45
STARTING 10/29

THE PICKLEBALL HOUSE
1330 INNOVATION ST.
BALTIMORE, MD 21220

SJAA Pickleball

Middle school students, join us on Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45 p.m. at the Pickleball House. \$95 for 8 weeks, includes a t-shirt. Dates: 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

Register [HERE!](#)

Basketball Registration is Open!



Join us for the 2024-25 season! Our basketball program operates at two different levels, clinic and league. Clinic is for Pre-K through 2nd grade. Games will take place at home in the St. Joe's gym. Grades 3 and up will practice at home and play games at various schools within the AOB. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register!

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