

# From the Principal's Desk

Good Afternoon Wolfpack Families,

What a great week of Red Ribbon events leading up to the parade today! Each activity has reinforced the importance of being drug-free and making positive, healthy choices. We are incredibly grateful for our teachers, who have thoughtfully guided students through age-appropriate lessons on this essential topic.

As we look ahead to Friday, we celebrate **All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation**. With many parents on campus for conferences, we invite you to join us for Mass at either 8:30 am or Noon. A vigil Mass will also be offered on Thursday at 7 pm.

**Safety Patrol Reminder**: **Team 2 begins on Monday, November 4.** Morning duty students should arrive by 7:20 am, and afternoon students should be picked up by 3:20 pm.

### **Important Reminders:**

Thursday, 10/31

SCHOOL CLOSED for Faculty Retreat

### Friday,11/1

- SCHOOL CLOSED for Parent/Teacher Conferences \*All held in person at school.
   Please arrive on time.
- Financial Aid Application opens

#### Monday, 11/4

- Re-Registration begins \*Complete this promptly to secure your child's spot for next year Monday and Tuesday,11/4-11/5
  - Hearing and Vision Screening for ALL Pre-K, ALL new Kindergarten, 1st grade, 4th grade, and 8th grade students \*Refer to consent form previously sent home

#### Wednesday, 11/6

- Prayer Service will be held instead of our regular Mass, as our priests will be attending Convocation
- 8th Grade to Lay Flags in cemetery with Knights of Columbus for Veteran's Day following the Prayer Service
- T2 Hot Lunch Sign Up Opens

### Friday, 11/8

HASA Bingo

### Sunday, 11/10

 Second Sunday School Mass at 10:30 am \*We encourage you to join us as a school community.

### **New Announcements**

**Re-Registration Begins Monday** 

Re-registration begins on Monday, November



4th and will run through November 15th. Please refrain from trying to complete forms now as contracts have not been generated. All parish verification forms are due today for families who want to receive the Active Catholic Tuition Discount. Late forms will not be accepted. Log into Finalsite HERE to reregister beginning on Monday.

# **Hot Spot Raffle**



### **Hot Spot Winner**

Congratulations to the Dankleman Family for winning the Hot Spot for the month of November!



### **Pura Vida**

Show off your school spirit by purchasing a St. Joe Pura Vida bracelet. Each bracelet is \$8 and can be worn by all students on Spirit Wear Days. Order yours **HERE** by November 10th!

#### **Purchase Your Pura Vida Bracelet by Nov. 10th!**

- Pura Vida Bracelets cost \$8 each.
- The cords are maroon, grey, and white to represent our school colors.
- Each bracelet is adjustable from 2-5 inches in diameter.
- Wax-coated and 100% waterproof.
- Perfect for both students and parents.
- Students can wear bracelets on School Spirit Wear Days!
- Make great stocking stuffers will be delivered in December!

### **ICYMI**

#### Volunteer on the School Board

Interested in helping out on the School Board? We are looking for a few people to help with our committees which include Finance, Catholic Identity, Marketing, Facilities and Diversity. If you interested in learning more about these roles, please reach out to our Chairperson Mrs. Lora Viegas at <a href="https://www.new.org">www.web.ac.</a> viegas at <a href="https://www.new.org">www.new.org</a> viegas at <a href="https://www.new.org">www.new.new.org</a> viegas at <a href="https://www.new.org">www.new.org</a> viegas at <a href="h



### **Parish Verifications**

<u>Catholic Parish Verification forms</u> are due before October 31. Please note school is closed on October 31st and November 1st. Questions can be sent to **Angie Corno**.



#### **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!



# Family Fun Bingo

Grab your friends and family and join us for a fun night of BINGO on Friday, November 8th! 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!

# **Notes from Nurse Mary**

The Baltimore County Health Department will be at school **Monday, November 4th** and **Tuesday, November 5th for Hearing & Vision Screenings**. The screening is for **ALL Pre-K**, **ALL new Kindergarten, 1st grade, 4th grade, and 8th grade students.** Consent forms have been sent 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... 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 <u>HERE</u>. 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.

# **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.



### **Dundee Farm LLC**

Our friends at Dundee Farm LLC are a veteran-owned and operated farm based in Baltimore County. Their land service division provides complete land and site solutions including land clearing, property restoration, forestry, grading and specialty excavation, demolition and emergency mitigation response.

Their on-farm operations include livestock and crop production as well as firewood, mulch and compost products in our own organics facility. To learn more, visit www.dflandservice.com.

# **Important Dates**

### THURSDAY, 10/31

• School Closed (Faculty Retreat)

### **FRIDAY**, 11/1

- School Closed (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- Financial Aid Application Opens

### **MONDAY, 11/4**

- Re-registration for the '25-'26 School Year Begins
- Hearing & Vision Screening

### **TUESDAY, 11/5**

- Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Hearing & Vision Screening

### WEDNESDAY, 11/6

- Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Prayer Service 8:30am
- 8th Grade Laying Flags in Cemetery with Knights of Columbus for Veteran's Day
- T2 Hot Lunch Sign Up Opens

### THURSDAY, 11/7

• Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)

### FRIDAY, 11/8

• HASA Bingo Night

### **Looking Ahead:**

December 13th- Santa's Secret Workshop December 14th- Winter Wonderland

### **2024-2025 Key Dates**

### **FULL-YEAR CALENDAR**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	O2L Saturday
		Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Advanced Band Begins	2 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only Cross Country Race © 5JS	3 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	School Closed PD Day for Staff	5
6Faith Family Fellow- ship Mass 10:30am	7 Intent to Return & New Sibling Registration Begins	8 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Spirit Wear Day     Interins Sent Hone     Pizza Lunch     (Pre-ander only)     HASA Wrapping Paper Sole     Ends	IO Individual Picture Day Make Up Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	Faith and Blue Assembly 9am HASA Go Kart Track Night	12
School Mass 10:30am Faith and Blue	I4 Winter Uniform Begins	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	17 Principal Scholars' Dinner 6pm Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	New Sibling Registration Ends  K to Jones Form  Trunk or Treat	Open House 9-12pm
20 October -fest Mass Outside 10:30am	2I  Red Ribbon Week _	22 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	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		

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17	18 T2 Begins	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	20 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) T2 Hot Lunch Orders Due	2  Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) NJHS Food Drive	HSPT Accommodations Due Mercy Live Show & Dence Concert Performance HASA Nailed It Event	23
24	25 TI Report Cards Emailed Home	26 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	27 Spirit Wear Day TI Honor Roll Recognition at Mass Noon Dismissal	School Closed Thanksgiving	School Closed	30





# **All Saints' Day**

All are welcome to attend the Masses for All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. A vigil Mass will also be offered this Thursday at 7 pm. Mass times for Friday are 8:30 am and 12 pm. For All Souls' Day, join us at 8:30 am on Saturday.

# **Corn Maze Night is Back!**

Join the St. Joseph Youth Ministry at Beachmont Corn Maze on Friday, November



1st from 4 pm -7 pm. Register online <u>HERE</u>. Questions? Please <u>email Mrs. Sherrie</u> Palmateer.

# **Wolfpack Athletics**





### **Basketball Registration**

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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