

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Wolfpack Families,

We've wrapped up another wonderful week here at SJS! I am so pleased with how smoothly the year has begun. Both our teachers and students have done a fantastic job settling into their routines! A special shout out to our Pre-K, Kindergarten, and new students for doing an amazing job learning the rules and getting comfortable at SJS.

#### Important Notes and Reminders:

- Parking Lot Etiquette: Please continue to **practice patience in the parking lot** during drop-off and pick-up. For the snake line to move quicker and smoother, vehicles should be bumper to bumper. Please take turns merging at the top of the hill in front of the church. Everyone should be kind to one another. There should never be any yelling, honking, or disrespectful behavior. This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Early Dismissal Notes: Please send a note to your child's homeroom teacher if your child is leaving early. This helps our office coordinate and ensures your child is ready when you arrive.
- New Policy this Year: Early dismissals are not permitted after 2:45 PM.
- Income Surveys: These were sent via email on September 3rd. We ask each family to complete this no later than September 18th. Your responses help our school receive additional funding.
- Back to School Nights- Both nights will begin promptly at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. Please arrive on time so that you do not miss any important information. This is an ADULTS-only event. After the presentation in the Parish Center, you will head to your child's homeroom. Grades 1-3 will remain in their homerooms, while Grades 4-8 will follow their child's class schedule which you will find on their desk in homeroom.

#### Save the Dates:

- 9/11: Hot Lunch Orders Due & Hot Spot Raffle Begins
- 9/13: HASA Crab Feast at Jimmy's Seafood
- 9/16: MAP Testing begins for Grades 6-8 & Individual Picture Day (Out of uniform, following handbook guidelines)
- 9/17: Back to School Night for Grades 1-5 at 6 PM in Parish Center
- 9/18: Back to School Night for Middle School at 6 PM in Parish Center
- 9/20: School Closed
- 9/23: MAP Testing begins for Grades 2-5 & High School Fair at 6pm in Parish Center

#### **New Announcements**

## IMPORTANT- New Alert Communication System

We have transitioned to a new alert communication platform called BrightArrow. This is in place of SwiftReach/SwiftK12. All returning families received a text message and email over



the summer. We will be sending another alert tomorrow morning via text message and email to ALL FAMILIES. Make sure to opt-in for text messages if you have not already done so. They will come from sender 79041. This is the system we are using moving forward to share important and urgent information with you. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Starcher.

## **Enter the Hot Spot Raffle**



## **Hot Spot Raffle**

The Hot Spot includes even more this year! Avoid the snake line in the morning and drop off your kids in the designated Hot Spot in the Pre-K lot. At dismissal, park in the Hot Spot and be the 1st person off of the parking lot. Each ticket gives you 4 chances to win the opportunity to park in the HOT SPOT for one month (Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan). Tickets are \$10 each. Purchase your tickets HERE by Wednesday, September 25.



## **Wrapping Paper Sale**

Wrapping Paper Sale packets will be sent home on September 16th. The sale runs through October 9th. Charleston Wrap offers gift wrap, kitchen gadgets, purses, and all sorts of other goodies. Get an early start on your holiday shopping!



www.charlestonwrap.com

Support St. Joseph HASA and Save on Tuition with Gift Cards!

Next order due date is Sunday, 9/22

✓ Go to RaiseRight.com/enroll. Select "Join a Program"

Enter the St. Joseph School enrollment code: E5689DCE3L119. Create an account.

Set-up your Online Payment Account (bank account or credit card)

Shop and Checkout. Purchase e-gift cards or physical gift cards, physical cards available in the school office.



## Raise Right

RaiseRight PHYSICAL gift card orders will now be placed *once per month* this year. The next order will be due Sunday, September 22nd. Orders for egift cards can still be purchased anytime and used immediately. New to RaiseRight? <a href="Sign-up">Sign-up</a> instructions are here. It's the only fundraiser that earns you money off your tuition!

#### **Club Corner**



## **Snapology Session 1**

Snapology's STEAM club is returning for students in grades 1-3. This 8-week session will meet every Tuesday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm in the Multimedia Center. Registration is very limited, so early enrollment is encouraged. The cost to participate is \$160.

To secure your child's spot, you can register through the following link: bit.ly/SJSFSNAP1.

#### **ICYMI**



#### **Last Call! Hot Lunch**

TODAY is the last day to order hot lunch for the 1st trimester (October - December). This year Subway will be served on Tuesdays, Dominick's Pizza will be served on Wednesdays, and Chick-fil-A will be served on Thursdays. Please place one order per child <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. Orders are due tonight!



#### **Last Call! Crab Feast Tickets**

TODAY is the last day to purchase tickets for the Back- to-School Crab Feast. Don't miss out!

Date: Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> Time: 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Location: Jimmy's Seafood Tickets: \$75/adult and \$30/child

Purchase tickets here!

## **Silent Auction- Now Accepting Bids**

Are you going to miss the crab feast, but still want to support our school? Check out our silent auction items online! Enter your max bid amount and we will bid for you this Friday night! Pre-bids will close this Friday at 12pm noon. Get your highest and best bids in before it's too late! BID HERE



Check going to a corn maze off of your fall bucket list! Join us at Beachmont Corn Maze on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. Make your way through the 6-acre Candyland-themed corn maze, take a ride on the extreme hayride, enjoy a bonfire, and play carnival games. Tickets are \$18 per person and must be purchased at the door. Make sure to tell them you are with St. Joe's and show this flyer.

## **HASA Family Dues**

The St. Joseph Home & School Association (HASA) would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our families back to school. We are looking forward to a great year and working together to enrich the experience of our students. As with every new school year, HASA asks each family to contribute \$10 to cover the annual dues. HASA dues will be collected through your famil FACTS account and are for each family, not each individual student. On Sept. 27, 2024, \$10 will be automatically deducted from each family's FACTS account. Learn more here.



### Vote Daily through Sept 22nd

We have been nominated for the "Best of Baltimore Reader's Choice Awards". Click <u>HERE</u> to vote- Best Preschool, Best Private School and Best Private School: Co-Ed. Thank you for your support!

## **Important Dates**

#### THURSDAY, 9/12

• Email and text message alert from BrightArrow being sent

#### **FRIDAY, 9/13**

HASA Crab Feast

#### **MONDAY, 9/16**

- Individual Picture Day (Out of Uniform, following Handbook Guidelines)
- MAP Testing for Grades 6-8
- Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Begins

#### TUESDAY, 9/17

Back to School Night at 6pm for Grades 1-5 in Parish Center

#### WEDNESDAY, 9/18

• Back to School Night at 6pm for Grades 6-8 in Parish Center

#### THURSDAY, 9/19

#### **FRIDAY, 9/20**

#### School Closed

#### **Looking Ahead:**

September 27th- HASA Beachmont Night October 11th- HASA Go Kart Track Night October 18th- HASA Trunk or Treat

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

#### **FULL YEAR CALENDAR**

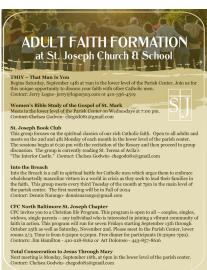




## **Parish Clean Up Day**

Join us for Parish Clean Up Day! It's a great opportunity to earn service hours or volunteer hours for Give 8. All are welcome!





#### **Adult Faith Formation**

Check out a variety of programs St. Joseph's has to offer that focus on Adult Faith Formation. Call the Parish Office with any questions – 410-256-1630.



#### **Oktoberfest 2024**

Following the outdoor 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 20th, we are hosting Oktoberfest! The Das Bierhalle food truck will be here along with a biergarten (21 & over), live music, local vendors and children's activities.

#### **Bingo Night**

Last chance to register! Troop 1500 is hosting Back to School BINGO on Sunday, September 15th 6pm-8pm in the Parish Center. All are invited. Register online <a href="#">HERE</a>. Questions? <a href="#">Email Jeannette</a>.



## **Wolfpack Athletics**





# Join Us for the Annual SJAA Annual Golf Tournament - Sponsored by Fluid Plumbing & Heating

Date: Monday, October 7

Location: Mountain Branch Golf Club

We're still accepting golfer registrations, so sign up today and enjoy a fantastic day of golf while supporting our youth sports programs.

Additionally, we've opened up sponsorship opportunities! Whether you own a business or want to sponsor as a family, your support makes a huge impact.

All proceeds will directly support our soccer, volleyball, and basketball programs, while also helping to maintain and improve our upper and lower fields on campus. Your contribution ensures a better experience for our athletes and the community.

Register to Golf
Become a Sponsor

Questions can be sent to Angie Corno and David Luby.

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