March 2017 Edition of NEWS & NOTES



From the Desk of the Headmaster

Greetings from St. Joseph's Catholic School!

Have you ever wanted to spend a fun evening in Havana? Who hasn't, right? Well, now you can and \$150 will take you there. No, I'm not talking about the loosening of travel restrictions to Cuba. Thanks to the hard work of 50 dedicated volunteers, you will be able to experience a Havana Knight right here in Greenville on the campus of St. Joseph's Catholic School on Friday, April 21. This is the first time in the school's history that the Prom Committees (consisting of students) and the Gala Committees have come together to work side by side to design and plan both events (which are a day apart) using the same theme and space. For those who don't know, the Prom will be held in the gym on Saturday, April 22, the day after the Gala.

I think it is also significant that the Gala theme this year, **Havana Knights: Tradition, Community, and Legacy**, highlights three pillars of the school that are essential to our ongoing success. Adhering to *tradition* keeps us grounded in the school's mission; while the focus on *community* helps to ensure an extended family atmosphere that is building a *legacy* of faith, hope, and love which is destined to change Greenville and the world for the better, one student at a time.

In addition to our silent (including online bidding) and live auction the night of the event, this year's Gala will feature middle school household baskets and high school grade level experiences (9th grade: Game Day; 10th grade: Happy Hour; 11th grade: Adrenaline Rush; and 12th grade: Travel & Leisure), we have added a few new wrinkles to the Gala this year. For example, we are raffling off a chance to win a free year of SJCS tuition. Tickets are \$100 each, and only 300 total tickets will be sold. Stay tuned for more details about how you can buy your tickets. Also, for the first time, the school's very own dance teacher, Mrs. Tami Kiser (with her partner, who has two left feet and no rhythm, yours truly), will be offering Salsa Dance lessons in advance of the Gala on Sunday afternoons March 12, 19, and 26 at 4:00 PM in the dance room. I hope you'll consider joining us for a fun and slightly embarrassing hour (at least for me) that will definitely get us into the spirit of the Gala.

As we think about and prepare for the fun night that awaits us on April 21, I do want us all to understand just how important this fund-raiser is for the school. While 93% of the school's annual budget is covered by tuition and fees, **7% (or \$450,000) must be raised through the annual fund** if we are to balance the budget for the year. We are counting on the Gala to raise \$250,000 of these dollars, so your support through sponsorships, auction item donations, bidding, volunteerism, and attending the event is very much appreciated and needed.

In closing, please join us in praying for the following members of the SJCS family: the Bikulege family on the loss of their grandmother; for Mary Lynam and her family on the loss of her grandmother; for Alyssa Dutka and her family on the loss of her grandmother.

With Love and Prayers, Keith F. Kiser Headmaster

Construction & How it May Affect Parking

As you may be aware, we will soon have construction occurring on campus as we begin the addition of the 3-story building between the gym and the high school. The construction may cause changes or disruptions to carpool line as well as parking privileges. We will work to keep these disruptions to a minimum and to give you as much notice as possible of any changes. Since construction will be continuing into next school year, you will receive more information over the summer regarding parking pass eligibility for the 2017-2018 school year.

Thank you for your patience as we alter the campus to help provide the best educational opportunity for our students.

Things You Need To Know

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Low Mass with Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 8:30 AM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

MS Minimester Day, March 1

Middle school minimester will be held on Wednesday, March 1 by grade level, with all students in each grade attending their planned activity or trip. Information concerning this has already been emailed to parents. We will assume all children will attend unless we hear otherwise. If your child cannot attend their minimester or you have questions, please email Melissa Broering, mbroering@sjcatholicschool.org. On Monday and Tuesday, February 27 and 28 the middle school will have regular school days with a 3:00 PM dismissal, while the high school students will be taking part in their minimester days.

Faculty/Staff Retreat, March 2-3

There will be no school on Thursday, March 2 and Friday, March 3 so that the faculty and staff may attend a Diocesan Teachers Conference.

Baseball Intramurals Begin March 4

Baseball intramurals will begin on Saturday, March 4 from 9:00-11:00 AM and will be held every Saturday morning through April 1. Intramurals are open to all boys and girls enrolled at SJCS in grades 6-8. The deadline to register for baseball intramurals is Friday, March 3. Registration is required and a registration form can be found here. Questions? Email Brad McMillen.

Sophomore Course Selection Meetings, March 7 & 8

We will be providing one-on-one class scheduling meetings for sophomore students and their families on Tuesday, March 7 from 11:30 AM-12:15 PM and 3:00-6:00 PM and on Wednesday, March 8 from 10:30 AM-Noon and 1:15-5:00 PM. **Please note: these meetings are optional.** If you have questions regarding your course selections for next year, then please sign up for a 15-minute session at the following link: Sophomore Course Selection Meeting.

Soccer & Softball Intramurals Begin March 8

Soccer intramurals will begin on Wednesday, March 8 from 1:30-2:45 PM and will be held every Wednesday afternoon through April 19 (except April 12 during Spring Break). Softball intramurals will begin on Wednesday, March 8 from 1:45-3:00 PM and will be held every Wednesday afternoon through April 19 (except April 12 - Spring break). Intramurals are open to all boys and girls enrolled at SJCS in grades 6-8. The deadline to register for soccer & softball intramurals is Tuesday, March 7. Registration is required and a registration form can be found here. Questions? Email Ron Thompson (Soccer) or Bill Hudson (Softball).

Monthly Requiem Mass, March 10

Mass for the Faithful Departed will be offered at 7:15 AM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The Mass will be offered for all those who have died in the past month or whose anniversary of death falls during the month of March.

Final Admissions Testing, March 11

The last scheduled admissions testing date for new students for Fall 2017 enrollment is Saturday, March 11. We still

have open spots in our middle school class for August. Please help us spread the word if you know someone who might be interested.

The 2017 Annual Soccer Program Alumni & Friends Golf Outing, March 11

All supporters of the SJCS Boys and Girls Soccer programs are invited to play a round of golf at the Bonnie Brae Golf Course on Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 AM. The golf tournament cost is \$65 and includes lunch, green fee, cart fee, and range balls. All proceeds go directly to the SJCS soccer program. RSVP to Ron Thompson by Friday, March 3.

Learn To Salsa Beginning March 12

In preparation for our 2017 Gala: *Havana Knights: Tradition, Community, Legacy*, join SJCS Faculty Tami Kiser and her dance partner SJCS Headmaster Keith Kiser, as they offer a 3-week series of Salsa Dance lessons Sunday, March 12, 19, and 26 at 4:00 PM at SJCS. Questions, contact <u>Rachel Neubauer</u> in the Development office.

Freshman Course Selection Meeting, March 15

We will be providing one-on-one class scheduling meetings for freshmen students and their families on Wednesday, March 15 from 10:30 AM-Noon and 1:30-6:00 PM. **Please note: these meetings are optional.** If you have questions regarding your course selections for next year, then please sign up for a 15-minute session by clicking on the following link: Freshman Course Selection Meeting.

Report Cards Emailed, March 15

Third Quarter report cards will be emailed on Wednesday, March 15 after 4:00 PM. Please remember to check your *junk mail*. If you **do not** receive the report card, please email <u>Carol Curry</u>. Any questions regarding your student's grade should be directed toward his or her teacher.

SJCS Fifth Annual Fish Fry, March 17

The SJCS Fifth Annual Fish Fry will be held on St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 17 from 5:00-8:30 PM. Plan to dine in or if you are headed out to a sporting event that evening, pick up your order to go; click here to place your order. Once again, we will have SJCS Alumni Parent Charlie Sutter frying up delicious fish for us. You will not want to miss this special night! We need many volunteers to make this event the huge success it has always been; click here if you are able to help.

Eighth Grade Class Retreat, March 19-20

All 8th grade students are expected to attend the class retreat beginning Sunday afternoon, March 19, at 4:00 PM with family mass and continuing until 2:00 PM on Monday, March 20. The retreat will be held at <u>Pleasant Ridge Camp and Retreat</u> in Marietta, SC and will be led by SJCS Campus Minister Gabe Lewis, a group of high school campus ministry students, and teacher/parent chaperones. All students are expected to attend. The cost of the retreat is \$40 per student, which will be charged to student accounts. Parents should arrange transportation to the retreat center on Sunday, and, if possible, pick up on Monday. However, buses will be available for the ride home on Monday at 2:00 PM. More information will be sent out to parents via e-mail. Questions? Contact the SJCS Campus Minister <u>Gabe Lewis</u>.

SJCS Spring Art Show, March 20-31

The 2017 Spring Art Show will be held in the library on the SJCS campus March 20-31. The student artwork can be viewed during school hours and during the spring musical, March 30-April 2. The Jubilate Arts Guild will also be hosting a reception in the Library on Friday, March 24 from 7:00-8:00 PM. Students in all grades are encouraged to participate. Categories include Drawing, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Mixed Media and Computer Graphics. Entries will be accepted in the art room from March 15-17. Questions? Contact <u>Deborah Pickard</u>.

High School Preview Night for 8th Grade Students & Parents, March 22

The annual Eighth Grade Night will be on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM in the JPII Center. This is an important evening devoted to helping students and parents understand the transitioning process from middle school into high school. At least one parent and their 8th grade child must be in attendance for this informative meeting. Students are asked to sit with their parents.

Mills Uniform On-Campus Sales Event, March 27

Mills Uniform Company will be on campus on March 27 for a Mobile Store Event in our gym. Mills will bring a fully-stocked Mobile Store directly to our campus, complete with Mills staff, sizing specialists, portable fitting rooms, and a full-selection of garments for try on and purchase. The hours will be from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM for parents, and students would be able to shop with their parents during lunch or after school. **Students will not be allowed to miss class to go over to the gym.**

High School Art Exhibit, March 27-April 21

Nine pieces of SJCS student artwork will be part of the 27th High School Art Exhibit hosted by Greenville Technical College, Benson Campus in Greer. The exhibit from March 27-April 21.

Lenten Penance Service with Eucharistic Adoration, March 30

On Thursday, March 30, several priests from nearby Catholic Churches will come to St. Joseph's for our annual Lenten Penance Service, where all SJCS students are offered the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The HS service will take place from 10:30-11:30 AM, and the MS service will take place from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Both services will take place in the gym, where there will also be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time for personal prayer and reflection.

HS Spring Musical, Bye Bye Birdie, March 30-April 2

Be sure to mark your calendars for the spring musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, an entertaining All-American comedy! Filled with vivacious characters and memorable music, the musical shares the struggles involved in growing up and trying to find a place in the world. This show is a must-see this spring! Performances will be March 30-April 2 and ticket sales will open to the general public on the school website in mid-March.

Seventh Grade Parent & Student Retreat, April 2

All 7th graders and their parents are invited to mark their calendars and plan to attend the annual 7th grade "Parent and Student Retreat" from 2:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, April 2. The retreat will be held at Hartness Pavilion at Furman University. This is a day when both student and parents are together with other families for a time of relaxation, fellowship, and reflection. More information will be sent out to 7th grade parents by e-mail. Sunday Mass will be offered for all, as well as childcare for those parents who have younger children. Questions? Contact the SJCS Campus Minister <u>Gabe Lewis</u>.

Campus Ministry Downtown Stations of the Cross, April 14

Campus ministry will lead Stations of the Cross through downtown Greenville from Noon-1:30 PM on Good Friday, April 14. Any high school students and/or middle school students and their parents are invited to attend. More information will be e-mailed to families as the event approaches.

Jubilate Knight for the Arts Talent Competition & Fundraiser, May 6

The Event: The Fine Arts Department's annual "Jubilate Knight for the Arts Talent Competition & Fundraiser" is a family-friendly fundraiser highlighting our artistically-gifted school community from 6:00-10:00 PM at the school. Patrons enjoy fabulous entertainment and visit our Giving Gallery to make purchases and donations benefitting our theatre, choral, dance, strings, band, and visual arts programs. Plan to attend this joyful evening of creative performances. Visit the school website in April for event and ticketing information.

Auditions: Auditions are Thursday, March 9 from 3:10-6:30 PM and Thursday, April 20 from 3:10-6:30 PM. Any member of the SJCS community is welcome to audition and students can earn points for their Household simply by auditioning. Traditional and non-traditional talents are welcome and performances may be up to four minutes in length. Be sure to start preparing your performance act now; and work on it over the minimester break. Go to the Fine Arts tab on the school website for more information and audition forms. Contact <u>Teresa McGrath</u> to sign up for an audition slot.

To Volunteer or Donate: If you would like to volunteer at Jubilate Knight, please email Brandi Koontz.

Senior Graduation Supply Distribution, April 18

During the HS lunch period on Tuesday, April 18, graduation supplies will be distributed to seniors. You will receive a mailing from Herff Jones letting you know how to pay if you have a balance due. Caps and gowns will be distributed the following day, April 19, at the Senior and Parent Graduation Meeting.

Prom, April 22

The SJCS Prom will be held this year in the SJCS gym on the evening of April 22. More details regarding time, cost, and ticket sales will be communicated via e-mail and in the April News & Notes.

Important Reminder of the Dress Code for Prom, April 22*

Many juniors and seniors have already begun to think about outfits for Prom. General guidelines outlined in the student handbook apply, but the following are more specific for Prom (pg. 28):

Boys Attire: tuxedo, suit with tie, or sport coat with slacks and a tie

Girls Attire: dress, two-piece dresses, dressy pants outfit

NOT Permitted: excessively tight or baggy pants (male and female), shorts, dresses/skirts shorter than 4 inches above the

knees, dresses/tops that show cleavage, under garments (including bralettes) or dresses/tops that plunge below waistline, bare midriffs. Please remember the guidelines when shopping. If you have any specific questions, please speak with your Household Dean.

*Students that are not within dress code will be asked to rectify the issue before entering.

South Africa Summer Trip, June 7-19

We still have two spots available if anyone would like to join us for a summer safari in South Africa! Visit Cape Town, Mother City of Africa; Johannesburg, the "City of Gold"; Durban; Zululand and the Valley of a Thousand Hills; Soweto; and see African wildlife up close at a game park while earning college credit through the University of California-Santa Barbara. View the itinerary: South Africa Itinerary. Contact Leigh Berman for additional information.

Rising Ninth Grade Trip, July 25-27

Parents of current 8th graders mark your calendars for the 9th Grade Freshman Connection Trip to St. Augustine, Florida, which will take place Monday, July 24 through Wednesday, July 26, 2017. These dates are chosen because it is a week when sports teams are not allowed to practice. All new or returning rising 9th grade students are invited to attend. This marks the first experience of the SJCS High School Community, and is always a very enjoyable experience for the students who participate. The trip is run by SJCS Campus Minister Gabe Lewis along with a team of rising senior peer ministers and a group of SJCS teacher chaperones. More details will be e-mailed in the spring. Questions? Contact the SJCS Campus Minister Gabe Lewis.

Mandatory ALL SPORTS Parent Meeting, July 27

Fall 2017 sports begin as early as July 28 with a mandatory ALL SPORTS parent meeting on July 27. If you have a student wanting to play a sport during the 2017-2018 school year, there will be a mandatory parent meeting on July 27 at 7:00 PM in the gym. Any student participating in a sport at SJCS must complete the required forms prior to the first practice: <u>Pre-Participation History and Pre-Participation Sports Physical Exam</u>, <u>Parent Consent Form</u>, and <u>Concussion Form</u>. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Cafeteria Service & School Store

Flik Dining Services provides cafeteria service during the day. Breakfast items are served from 7:30-7:45 AM, lunch is served during MS and HS lunch periods, and snacks are sold for 45 minutes at the end of each school day. In addition, a la carte items, pizza, and stromboli are served during Household on Wednesdays. Also, trays for Household snacks, Household lunches, and/or team meals are available for purchase. To see the options available for purchase, please click on the following links: Household Lunch Options and Household Lunch Options and Household Lunch Options and Household Snack Options.

From the Academic Dean

After our successful trial run last year, we will once again be offering students the option to take SJCS courses this summer. The History Department will offer courses in both Economics and Government. Both of these half-credit courses are a part of our normal course rotation and both can help to satisfy course requirements for Graduation. Mrs. Carr will teach the Government class, while Dr. Stanton will teach the Economics course. Ms. Patton will also offer a section of the required course in Computer Applications. All of these options can help alleviate scheduling conflicts in the future and provide opportunities for students to make sure they have access to study halls during the regular school year. A full list of courses, along with dates and times, will be available by March 1 on the Academics page of the school's website. For planning purposes, the dates for all courses will be later in the summer, beginning in late July and moving into the first weeks of August.

From the Academic Support Services & College Counseling Office

Course Scheduling

During the early part of February, students met with teachers to review their course recommendations. The College Counseling staff met with the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in grade level meetings during designated lunch periods in late February to hand out course selection forms and explain the scheduling process. An email alert was sent to parents when the scheduling forms were distributed to students. Students should review with their parents their course recommendations and other courses that they have chosen. They should also review their credits and graduation requirements with their parents and their Household Dean or College Counselor. Deadlines to submit the course selection forms to the Registrar are indicated on the forms. Once the master schedule is set, course changes will be limited; it is important to give your courses careful consideration at this time. Further details about the scheduling process can be found on the course selection forms.

Senior College Acceptances/Scholarships

Please continue to share your good news and advise the College Counseling Office of college acceptances and scholarship awards. With just over 80% of the senior class reporting acceptances so far, they've been offered over \$7 million in scholarships.

Financial Aid Reminder for Seniors

Please make sure that you have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and (if applicable) the CSS Profile. Both of these forms were made available last October and many schools have February and March deadlines. The federal government, along with the colleges to which you applied, requires you to fill out the FAFSA form in order to receive federal aid and financial aid packages.

SAT and ACT Testing

Juniors, make sure you register to take both the ACT and SAT at least once before the end of your junior year. Visit College Board for SAT test dates and ACT Student for ACT test dates. Remember to take the ACT with Writing as many colleges now require it. Also, check to see if your college/university requires SAT Subject Tests and register accordingly. If you have taken an AP course, it is strongly recommended that you take the corresponding SAT Subject Test at the end of the year. Please remember that you cannot take the SAT Test and the SAT Subject Tests on the same day.

Individual College Planning Meetings for Juniors

Don't forget to schedule your individual family college planning meeting with your college counselor. All juniors should meet with their college counselor at least once before the end May. Students should complete the Game Plan survey prior to this meeting and parents should complete the Parent Survey that was sent to you a few weeks ago, as soon as possible.

College Match Program

In March, we will begin our College Match program with the junior students. It is important that the students know their Naviance login information and that they have completed the *Strengths Explorer* survey in Naviance (located under the *About Me* tab).

NACAC National College Fair

The Upstate will be hosting the NACAC National College Fair on Saturday, March 11 from 1:00-4:00 PM. The National College Fair will provide opportunities for high school students in Greenville County (and surrounding counties) to speak with admissions counselors from hundreds of colleges and universities. They are also looking for student (and parent) volunteers. This can be a great opportunity to interact with hundreds of college admission representatives from across the country as well as earn community service hours. If you are interested in volunteering, please register here. It is recommended that students sign up for the 11:00 AM-2:00 PM shift as that will allow them plenty of time to attend the Fair.

College Visits

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who would like to visit colleges should register for visits through the colleges' websites or with the admissions offices and then email Mrs. Hawkins to let her know what date(s) you will be attending the college visit. Juniors and second semester sophomores get two college visit days and seniors are permitted four college visit days per year. Please remember to bring back the proper documentation to Mrs. Hawkins (College Visit Record Form with required signatures and official documentation).

From the Parents Guild

With Our Sincere Thanks & Appreciation

The Parents Guild would like to thank the following volunteers:

- Thanks to Sue Bergman and Heather Malone-Grippe for, once again, organizing our Used Uniform Sale. Your organization and leadership are greatly appreciated.
- Thanks to Sharon Kopscik and Katie Saad for organizing the Faculty/Staff Luncheon during Catholic Schools Week.
 Additional thanks to the many volunteers who made delicious soups and salads, as well as those who served and
 assisted at the event. A final thank you to our many SJCS families who so generously donated gift cards for this event.
 The faculty and staff loved it!
- Thanks to Kathleen Dunlavey for providing donuts to our entire student body during Catholic Schools Week. This was a very well received treat for our Households!
- Thanks to Amy Cassidy and Missy Marchal for organizing and hosting Ladies Knight Out. Thank you ladies for all your hard work and dedication to making this such a special event!

After-Prom 2017

After-Prom is a parent hosted event organized by SJCS parents immediately following the Prom. Many volunteers are needed to help plan the event, chaperone, help serve, and donate items. Questions? Contact Rikke Gillespy or Mary Margaret Knight.

Gala Update 2017

St. Joseph's Annual Auction Gala is just under two-months away! Parents, students, faculty, and staff are diligently preparing for Friday, April 21 by assembling silent auction items and preparing to magically transform our gym into the vibrant streets of Cuba as we celebrate *Havana Knights: Tradition, Community, Legacy.* Come mingle with friends, enjoy the entertainment, dine on the delicacies of Table 301 Soby's and dance the night away. The evening will include live and silent auctions. Tickets will be available for purchase the week of March 20. Get yours right away... there's only 500 available!

Wondering how to get involved?

<u>Silent Auction Donations:</u> Please consider donating a basket or silent auction item. Contact <u>Macie Lawton</u> to donate or simply drop your donation off to <u>Rachel Neubauer</u> in the Development Office. Your help is needed and appreciated. <u>Volunteer</u>: Consider volunteering for fun and fellowship! This is a great way to meet new people and to support this truly wonderful event. To fill out the Volunteer Form, click here.

Sponsorship: Multiple levels of sponsorships are still available ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Contact Kevin Meyer in the Development Office for more information or find more information here.

From the Business Office

Tuition Statements

- Signed re-enrollment contracts and the \$300.00 fee were due February 17, 2017. If you have not yet returned your re-enrollment contract, please contact the Admissions Office, before completing your contract and the \$450.00 fee, to determine if there is space available in the class in which you wish to enroll your student.
- Minimester fees have been charged to student accounts.
- A Graduation fee of \$150.00 will be charged to all senior accounts on March 1, 2017.
- Eighth grade retreat charges will also be posted to student accounts in March.
- Tuition account details can be viewed at any time via your family My Backpack portal. You can find the link to your my Backpack account here. Please contact Melody Thompson if you need help with your user ID or password.

Tuition Assistance

The Tuition Assistance application deadline for the 2017-2018 school year was February 15, 2017. If you have not completed your application, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that you must use your 2016 tax information (actual or estimated) to complete the tuition assistance forms. The link to the FACTS application is here.

From the Catholic Community

In coordination with Home Works of America, St. Joseph's is excited to announce three upcoming mission opportunities.

- The first opportunity will be in April. It is a one-day blitz in Greenville (exact date to be determined). We are looking
 for high school students and middle-schoolers with parents to help repair the homes of local residents in need. The
 more volunteers we have for this approximately 8:00 AM-5:00 PM commitment, the more homeowners we can help.
- The second opportunity is a week-long mission in Charleston from June 11-16. There is a \$225.00 fee for this session
 that covers all meals and expenses. We are looking for a group of high school students and a few parents to spend
 the week in Charleston doing the Lord's work. We need one adult for every five students. We will be joining another
 group of students from Charleston and we will be staying at a local church or school.
- The third opportunity is in Greenville July 30-August 5. This is also an over-night mission even though it is local. We will be joined this week by a group of 30 students all the way from Minnesota, so we would like to have a good sized group to accompany them! You can sign up for either of the overnight missions, or both (in which case the second fee is waived), at Homeworks of America.

We need one adult for every five students, so faculty, friends, and parents are encouraged to volunteer. Remember, many hands make light work. Questions? Contact <u>Jay Tierney</u> or <u>Gabe Lewis</u>.

From the Fine Arts Department

Fine Arts Summer Camps

More information for the Fine Arts summer camps will be in the April News & Notes.

Jubilate Arts Guild Officers Needed for 2016-2017

We are looking to fill several positions for next school year. The Jubilate Arts Guild is our Fine Arts booster organization and provides support for all the Fine Arts programming at SJCS. If your child is involved in chorus, dance, visual arts, theatre, band, or strings, then you already know how enriching these programs are. Help us support these programs, become more involved, and have a rewarding experience by becoming an officer. Interested? Questions? Contact Brandi Koontz or Amy Poinsette.

From the Athletic Department

Summer Sports Camps

The 2017 Summer Sports Camps dates and sessions are posted on the SJCS website. Please click on the following link for more information: SJCS 2017 Summer Camps.

The Knight's Athletic Booster Club

The Knight's Athletic Booster Club is the all-sports booster club for middle school, JV, and Varsity sports. Membership provides varying levels of home tickets for regular season games. It is not too late to join the Booster Club for this year! If you would like to become a Knight's Athletic Booster Club member, you can do so by signing up at the admissions table during home games on these dates: February 21, March 3, 6, 8, and 9. Current Booster Club members will be there to answer questions, or you can contact <u>Brantley Horton</u> directly.

From the Development Office

Annual Fund

What is the Annual Fund? The Annual Fund is used to pay for budgeted expenses that are not covered by tuition. Approximately 7% of the budget is not covered by tuition payments. The Annual Fund goal for 2016-2017 is \$450,000. This money is raised through the Annual Auction Gala and individual donations to the Annual Fund. Donations to the Annual Fund can be designated for use in the following areas: Tuition Assistance, Academics, Campus Ministries, Student Life, Fine Arts, or Athletics.

Founders Circle

What is the Founders Circle? The Founders Circle is a group of philanthropic leaders at St. Joseph's Catholic School. The Circle was established to honor the selflessness of the school's original Founders, which finds continuing expression through the generosity of those who now sustain the St. Joseph's Annual Fund. The Founders Circle forms the backbone of the Annual Fund and provides our students with the best education possible. Membership in The Founders Circle is for a period of one year and is then renewable with a qualifying gift each year to the St. Joseph's Annual Fund. Annual membership levels begin at \$1,000 of unrestricted giving, with additional recognition at the \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000 levels, respectively. For membership information, please contact Kevin Meyer.

2016 Tax Statements

Giving Statements for 2016 were mailed the week of January 23. These statements are meant to assist with tax preparation. For any questions regarding these statements, please contact <u>Kevin Meyer</u>.