



ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWS & NOTES

Striving to form the MINDS, HEARTS, and SOULS of its students in the likeness of Christ.

The next edition of News & Notes will be in August. There is no July issue.

From the Desk of the Headmaster

Summer Break Greetings from St. Joseph's Catholic School!

As we tie a bow around the school's 25th Anniversary Year -- and what a year it has been with the completion of the UKnight building, "passing" our 5-year accreditation visit with flying colors, and winning our second consecutive SCHSL Carlisle Cup for the overall most successful 2A athletic program in the state -- I want to congratulate the members of the Class of 2018!

As promised in last month's letter, I want to update you on their successes and opportunities as they head to college. At last report, 93% (92 out of 99) of the students in this class were awarded at least one scholarship for a total award amount of \$14,400,000! With an average SAT of 1260 and ACT of 27.5, it's no wonder that 100% of our graduates were accepted into a total of 122 colleges and universities in 32 states and three countries. As it stands, they will be attending 47 different schools in 17 states and 3 countries. With students heading to Connecticut, Florida, Texas, California, Washington state, and Quebec, our graduates will be spread throughout North America as well as one who is heading to France. Twelve students will be continuing their Catholic education at a Catholic college.

Ninety-eight percent of the students in the Class of 2018 report being accepted into their first and/or second choice college with 86% saying that they got into their first choice school. Overall 99% reported being happy/very happy with their college acceptances/choices. 10 members of the class have also signed/committed to play one of the following sports in college: track, lacrosse, hockey, golf, soccer, and volleyball. Statistics aside, these are truly generous, intelligent, hardworking, and caring young women and men, who will no doubt use their talents to change the world for the better!

Congratulations to our 8th graders, as well. We are looking forward to seeing the mark the members of the Class of 2022 will leave on our high school over the next four years. Thankfully, over 90% of them will be returning for high school at St. Joseph's. This class is chocked full of academic, artistic, and athletic talent. It's going to be fun watching them welcome another 40 classmates who will be matriculating to St. Joseph's for the first time in August, for yet another freshman class of around 120 students.

We are also excited about opening our Sixth Grade Academy in August and the new opportunity the 6th, 7th and 8th graders will have to play sports in the Carolina Middle School Conference. Resumes for the new director of the middle school are streaming in. We are encouraged by the quality of the resumes we have received thus far, so I anticipate being able to introduce you to our new middle school leader in August, if not before. While our high school continues to burst at the seams, we still have some openings in each of our middle school grades. So if you know of families with middle school students, please encourage them to check out St. Joseph's. It's not too late to apply for what should be a highly personalized educational experience.

Finally, I am looking forward to telling you about the school's new long-term facilities master plan which was unveiled at the board retreat in mid-May. I intend to share it with the school community at September's Meet the Teacher Night. Until then, I wish you and your family a wonderful summer. I'm sure I'll be seeing a number of you on campus this summer at the various camps that we offer.

In closing, please join us in praying for the following members of the SJCS family: for Brendan Chasteen and his family on the loss of his grandfather.

With Love and Prayers,
Keith F. Kiser

Things You Need To Know

Summer Office Hours Effective May 30

Summer office hours are 8:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday-Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays, as well as the week of July 2-6. The office re-opens July 9 and summer hours continue until August 10.

Theatre Summer Camps Begin June 4

- June 4-8 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM: Rising Stars (Grades 3-8) \$125
- June 4-7 from 3:00-5:00 PM: HS Auditioning 101 (Grades 8-12) \$75

To register for any of the camps listed above, click [HERE](#). The registration for all Theatre camps will close at midnight on Saturday, June 2.

Final Report Cards, June 4

Fourth Quarter/Semester II report cards will be emailed on June 4 after 4:00 PM. Please remember to check your *junk mail*. If you **do not** receive the report card, please contact [Carol Curry](#). Any questions regarding grades should be emailed to the student's teacher. The link to the report card will expire after 14 days, so please print a copy for your records.

Freshman Trip Deposit Due June 6

The 9th Grade Freshman Connection Trip to St. Augustine, Florida will take place from Monday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 25. Rising 9th graders, new or returning to SJCS, are invited to attend. Registration information was sent via email. If you did not receive this information or have questions, please contact [Gabe Lewis](#). The \$100 deposit is due by Wednesday, June 6 and the final balance is due by July 6.

Mills Uniform Summer Sale, June 16-30

Mills Uniform Company will have a sale event June 16-30. Click [HERE](#) for details and Promo Code.

Band Program Instrument Fair, June 25 & July 19

Any incoming 6th grade students interested in joining the Band Ensemble next year should drop by the Musical Innovations Music Store on Monday, June 25 (11:30 AM-1:30 PM) or Thursday, July 19 (3:30-5:30 PM).

- SJCS Band Director, Marjorie Malphrus, and other music professionals will be available to assist you in having a "hands-on" experience with several band instruments and to discuss options in leasing/purchasing an instrument. If you already have an instrument in the family, Musical Innovations can also evaluate it for playing condition.
- This is a session designed for parents and students to make an informed choice about their music classes for next year. Please remember, 6th grade is the only year beginning band instruction takes place.
- Questions? Contact [Marjorie Malphrus](#) or Musical Innovations (864-286-8742). Musical Innovations is located at 150 Tanner Rd., Greenville, SC 29607.

Attention New Students! Final Transcript/Final Report Card, Due June 30

Students coming in new to SJCS are reminded to turn in their Final Transcript Request Form (found in your New Student Packet) to your current school office now...before this school year ends. It is imperative that we receive your child's final grades by the end of June in order for him/her to enter our school.

Textbook Purchases Begin July 2

The school's online textbook vendor, MBS Direct, will open for business on July 2. (Select summer reading titles will also be available on MBS beginning June 4.) MBS provides free ground shipping for St. Joseph's on all orders over \$99 during the week of July 16-22. MBS carries the majority of our books, but they are sometimes unable to stock some of the older editions we use. Parents are welcome to buy from other sources, but the MBS site does provide a good guide for verifying that the right book is being purchased. In order to ensure you have all the necessary materials for each course, please consult MBS or the 2018-19 SJCS Textbook List found on our website under Academics/Bookstore.

Attention New Parents! Set-Up your Parent account online beginning July 10

Parents new to SJCS should set up their ParentsWeb account (the online tool for completing required forms, accessing a student directory, viewing your child's grades, etc.) any time this summer beginning July 10. The ParentsWeb Instructions were included in your New Student Packet or can be found under the Students and Parents/Forms and Links on the home page (top right corner) of the school website.

Attention All Parents! Update your Family Demographic Form online beginning July 10

All SJCS parents are required to review and update this form through their ParentsWeb account beginning July 10. This online-only form allows us to have the most up-to-date contact information on our students, parents, and grandparents, as well as current medical and emergency contact information. To access this form, log into your ParentsWeb account and click on "Web Forms" under the School Information tab.

Mandatory ALL SPORTS Parent Meeting, July 26

Fall 2018 sports begin as early as July 27. Please see below for the date of each fall sport tryouts. If you have a student that plans to play ANY sport during the 2018-2019 school year, there will be a mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, July 26 at 7:00 PM in the gym. Any student participating in a sport at SJCS must have a physical dated after April 1, 2018 and complete the required forms ONLINE prior to the first practice. NO PAPER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS!

- The required forms that must be filled out online prior to the first practice are: Pre-Participation History and Pre-Participation Sports Physical Exam, Parent Consent Form, Concussion Form, a copy of your athletes birth certificate and Steadman Hawkins form.
- All required athletic forms must be submitted through Arbiter Athlete found [HERE](#). Information on how to create the parent and student login at Arbiter Athlete is available on the SJCS website under Athletics, or you can send a text to 69274 containing S777 in the message and you will instantly receive a text inviting you to create an account.

Fall 2018 Team Tryouts Begin, July 27

- The following tryouts begin on Friday, July 27: Boys and girls cross country (7:30-9:00 AM), JV and Varsity football (8:00 AM-Noon)
- The following tryouts begin on Monday, July 30: JV and Varsity girls tennis (4:00-6:00 PM), boys and girls swimming (7:30-9:30 AM at Spalding Farms Pool), JV and Varsity volleyball (1:30-3:30 PM), and Girls Golf (9:30 AM at The Preserve at Verdae)
- The following tryouts begin on Monday, August 6: MS football (8:00-10:00 AM) and MS volleyball (3:30-5:30 PM)

Pep Band Pre-season Camp, August 6-10

All band students, with at least one year of playing experience at SJCS, who are interested in playing for Pep Band are invited to attend pre-season band camp. Openings for all instruments!

- The camp will be held at SJCS on August 6-10, from 9:00-11:30 AM. We will have a catered lunch on the last day. The cost for pre-season is \$30 and includes a t-shirt, lunch, and sheet music. This is the perfect way to get your "playing chops" back in shape for the start of school. The "Band of Knights" Pep Band has established a tradition of spirit and school pride as they cheer on the team from the stands on Friday nights.
- When the school year begins, Pep Band will rehearse on Wednesday afternoons, 1:30-3:00 PM. We will play for at least three Varsity Friday night home football games (8/31, 9/14, and 9/28), the Fall Pep Rally, and possibly a JV or MS game. All dates will be announced before the pre-season camp has ended. Additionally, Pep Band can be taken for 1/2 HS credit for rising ninth grade and above with permission. Contact SJCS Band Director, [Marjorie Malphrus](#), for more information.

Attention New High School Students! Makeup Placement Testing, August 7

Most new high school students completed our placement testing in May. However, if your child is new to SJCS for the 2018-2019 school year and enrolled in the high school after May 1, he/she may still need to complete this testing. A make-up date has been set for Tuesday, August 7. Questions? Contact [Jenny Starks](#) in the Admissions Office.

Rising Seniors: Application Boot Camp, August 7-9

The College Counseling Office is planning to hold our Application Workshop during the mornings of August 7-9. We will work with students on the Common Application, state applications, and other private college applications during this time. We will be sending out more information regarding this workshop later this summer.

24-Hour Theatre Extravaganza & Student-produced Films, August 17-18

What better way to end the summer and kick off the school year than with a Theatre Extravaganza?

- Students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni have the opportunity to create a show from the ground up, only limited by time and their imagination! Anyone in the SJCS school community (rising 8th grader and older) can be involved in this event, beginning at 6:00 PM on Friday, August 17. The event will culminate with a performance of these plays at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 18.
- Those interested in being a part of this event can sign up for a role as a writer, actor, stage manager, crew member,

or director. The number of participants may be limited based on response; up to five plays will be produced as a part of the 24-Hour Theatre Extravaganza.

- Any member of the SJCS school community is also invited to produce and submit short films to be showcased between performances at this event. The deadline for registering to participate in the 24-Hour Theatre Extravaganza is Friday, August 10 and the deadline for submitting student-produced films is Monday, August 13.
- Questions? Contact [Teresa McGrath](#). For a list of role descriptions and tentative timeline of events click [HERE](#).
- For more information, visit the following links: to sign up to be a part of the event: [Register Here](#), guidelines for student-produced films: [Short Film Entry Information](#), to sign up to be a parent volunteer contact Teresa McGrath at: tmcgrath@sjcatholicsschool.org
- The final performances of the 24-Hour Theatre Extravaganza will be on Saturday, August 18 at 7:00 PM. Doors will open at 6:30 PM for general admission seating. All tickets will be sold at the door for \$10 per person. The ticket price includes a coupon for one free Concessions item.
- Writers of the event will be required to utilize certain elements in their scripts based on the survey found [HERE](#).
- Be sure to participate in the vote by Thursday, August 16 to help determine which elements will be required and then join us at the show on Saturday, August 18 to see which elements were included!

Upcoming SJCS Trips

The SJCS Trip Committee would like to keep parents as informed as possible about upcoming international and domestic trips. Hopefully, this will allow parents and students the flexibility to plan ahead and take advantage of as many of these outside the classroom experiences as possible. To that end, please take note of the upcoming trips (and contact persons) that SJCS will be offering for the next three years. Parents and students can contact these teachers for information about the trips and watch out for announcements about meetings and sign-ups in *News and Notes*.

- Summer 2018: Spain and France with Madame McCoy and Mrs. Fesler
- Spring Break 2019: WWI/WWII Commemorative Trip with Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Neighbors
- Summer 2019: Greece with Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Trakas
- Spring Break 2020: Western United States with Mr. Swingle
- Summer 2020: France and Spain with Madame McCoy and Mrs. Fesler
- Summer 2021: Japan with Mrs. Carr

Facilities Service Hours Opportunity

High school students interested in earning service hours in the facilities department over the summer, should contact [Mr. Keefe](#) to sign up.

Technology Service Hours Opportunity

High school students interested in earning service hours in the technology department over the summer, should contact [Mrs. Cummings](#) to sign up.

Summer Camps on Campus

Visit the home page of the school website for information/registration regarding academic, athletic, and fine arts summer camps. This is an excellent way to brush up on skills or learn new ones, stay active, and have fun on campus this summer.

From the Technology Services Department

Chromebook Pick-Up for 2018-2019 School Year

Students receiving Chromebooks for the 2018-2019 school year (grades 8-12) will be sent an email over the summer regarding pick-up schedule and insurance information.

Student Email Accounts & Google Drive

- Students new to SJCS for the 2018-2019 school year will receive information regarding their email address over the summer.
- All students should periodically check their email over the summer.
- Seniors will have access to their email/Google Drive until July 31.

eBooks from the Library

- Over the summer, students can check out eBooks to read on personal devices.
- St. Joseph's Library/Media Center can be accessed from home via the school's website, and eBooks can be checked out over the summer. Some of the required and optional summer reading titles can even be checked out as eBooks.
- The library's eBooks are located at <https://misbo.libraryreserve.com>. You'll need to search for St. Joseph's Catholic School from the drop-down menu and have a user ID in order to use the service.
- Contact [Mr. McClendon](#) or [Mrs. Cummings](#) for help with a password or user ID.

From the Academic Support Services & College Counseling Office

Final Senior Transcripts

Graduating senior transcripts with final grades and CWA will be sent out to each college the first and second week of June. If your college requires a form to be included with the transcript, please make sure the College Counseling Office has this form. Please note that this does not include the Final Report Form for Common App schools as we already have these forms.

Student-Athletes: NCAA Eligibility Center

- Graduating seniors who have committed to play a sport in college or are planning to try out must register with the NCAA and request that their final transcripts be sent to them.
- Rising juniors who are going through the recruitment process and are thinking about playing at the collegiate level must also register with the NCAA and request that their end of year transcripts be sent to the NCAA.

Course Schedules

High school families will be notified via email in July when the high school schedules are available this summer on ParentsWeb. Middle school schedules will be distributed to students on the first day of school.

From the Athletic Department

Summer Sports Camps

The 2018 Summer Sports Camps dates and sessions are posted on the SJCS website. Please click on the following link for more information: [SJCS 2018 Summer Camps](#).

Summer Volleyball Practice

Summer volleyball practices will be offered. For more information contact [Coach Jan Carino](#).

From the Fine Arts Department

Another Successful Jubilate Knight

On behalf of the Fine Arts Department, many thanks to all who shared their artistic talents on and off the stage that night! We also thank the members of the Jubilate Knight Planning Committee, led by Jubilate Arts Guild President, Amy Poinsette, who worked enthusiastically throughout the school year to plan this event: Kim Adams, Christine Balts, Mary Ellen Bradley, Ann Canello, Maureen Coburn, Ann Gushue, Amy Henderson, Kathy Malone, Sonja Miller, Michelle Mullins, and Catherine Puckett.

From the Jubilate Arts Guild

- Thank you to all who have patronized the Jubilate Arts Guild and Fine Arts programs this year. Your support enables the Guild to assist our students and faculty in their creative efforts in music, art, drama, and dance and in doing so, reflect God's beauty and goodness. Our school year began with the HS Coffeehouse and drew to a close with our successful talent competition, *Jubilate Knight for the Arts*, spring concerts, and Improvisation Knight! As our Fine Arts programming has grown and our students have enjoyed classroom instruction throughout middle school and into high school, it is amazing to see the progress of our talented students throughout the school year.
- A sincere thanks to all the Board Members: Amy Poinsette, Kim Adams, Ann Canello, Kathy Malone, Michelle Mullins, Catherine Puckett, and Kathleen Stapleton.
- Lastly, if you've thought of becoming more involved but were uncertain of possible roles, responsibilities, and commitments, now is the time to ask questions. We would love to know how your gifts of talent, ideas, enthusiasm, and time might benefit the arts programs by helping you to find a role that best meets your schedule and commitment level. There are a variety of ways to begin your involvement for next year. We are currently searching for a Vice President for the Jubilate Arts Guild Board. Contact [Ann Canello](#) for details and more information.

From the Parents Guild

Spirit Wear

Two t-shirt designs and one sweatshirt design are available for purchase through the school store. Please let us know if you need something over the summer. We'll also have these items available at Orientation and when students return in the fall. Be on the lookout for our fall spirit wear sale with new designs!

Attractions Book Sale in August

Get ready for the fall sale right after school begins! Books typically pay for themselves after using 2 or 3 coupons and we receive \$10 for every book sold! Books will be distributed by Household Deans. We're looking for some volunteers to help us with this sale (one of a largest fundraisers of the year). If you're interested in working a few short shifts when school gets back in session, please contact [Jackie Zannino](#).

Help SJCS Earn Money From Publix

Will you be shopping at Publix over the summer? Don't forget to scan your SJCS tags. Publix donates money to our school with every purchase (at no cost to you). Tags are available at the front office desk.

A Big Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated time, talent, and financial support to the Parents Guild this year. Your generosity has provided funds for teacher luncheons, senior and junior brunches, Grandparents Day, support for the Sunshine Committee, gifts of appreciation for the faculty and staff, graduation reception and much more. This year, the Parents Guild was able to donate \$2,000 to a billboard campaign, \$2,000 to the library, \$6,000 to purchase a mobile SMARTBOARD, and over \$7,500 for classroom storage and organization needs. Kudos to the St. Joseph's Family!

From the Business Office

Tuition Statements

- All families should carefully review their family statement, school store balances, and lunch account balances.
- All balances (tuition, fees, and lunch) must be paid in full by June 22, 2018 in order to receive schedules for the 2018-2019 school year.
- If you have any questions concerning your statement, please contact [Melody Thompson](#).
- Monthly billing statements for the 2018-2019 school year will be posted on July 10, 2018.
- Plan C and Plan D payments will draft on the 10th of every month or the following business day starting with July 10. An email will be sent in late June verifying your total monthly draft amount for the 2018-2019 school year. Plan A and Plan B payments will be due by July 31, 2018.

From the Development Office

Many Thanks To...

- Mary Margaret Knight, Devon Pace, and their amazing team of parents who helped organize and serve the Junior and Senior Breakfasts.
- Catherine and Matt Puckett and family who organized and ran our Graduation Reception.
- ALL the parents who have generously given of their time to help volunteer at St. Joseph's. We are blessed by your Christ-like witness.

Gearing Up For Gala 2019!

Thank you to all who made our 2018 Gala such an incredible success! You can view the video and photos from the evening [HERE](#).

Extra Weekends at your Timeshare or Vacation Home?

We are looking for any family willing to donate 'a stay' at your vacation home or timeshare to be auctioned off at our 2019 Annual Auction Gala. If you have one or know of someone who would be willing to donate, please contact [Kevin Meyer](#) or [Rachel Neubauer](#) in the Development Office. Remember this donation is tax deductible!

Attention All Basket Decorators!

The Gala Committee is looking for someone to shadow our Basket Design Chair for the past number of years, to take over the decorating of all silent auction baskets. If you have a knack for putting things together and would like to join our Gala Committee, please email [Rachel Neubauer](#) in our Development Office.

Annual Fund

- Our goal this fiscal year (July 2017–June 2018) is to engage the financial support of all of our school families, faculty, and staff in giving to the Annual Fund. As of mid-May an impressive 65% of our school families have contributed. Congratulations to the **6th grade** which is leading with a **grade level participation of 78%!**
- The Annual Fund provides approximately 7% of the school's budget that is not covered by tuition. These dollars are raised every year through the generosity of our community, and provide tuition assistance, support for academic programs, athletics, fine arts, campus ministry, and enrich student life. Our Annual Fund goal for this year, which includes proceeds from the Gala, is \$450,000. As of mid-May, the **Annual Fund contributions for the fiscal year had surpassed \$500,000!** Thank you for your generous support of our students!
- Not sure if you have been included in the Annual Fund giving this year? Please contact [Kevin Meyer](#) with any questions. You can also give online [HERE](#) or download your [Annual Fund Donation Form](#) today!