



**ST. JOSEPH'S**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
**NEWS & NOTES**

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

**From the Desk of the Headmaster**

Greetings from St. Joseph's Catholic School!

"Is it Lent yet?" I have been asked (and I've asked) that question several times in the last few weeks. After the warm feeling evoked by the Christmas season, the days of "Ordinary Time" in January and February can be challenging. The weather is not great; the Super Bowl was boring (my team didn't even make the playoffs); New Year's resolutions have been broken (not mine, of course, I didn't make any); and work and study can often feel like a grind for students and teachers alike.

In spite of all of these first world problems, we've had a good run at St. Joseph's over the last several weeks. Spirit Week was successful beyond our wildest dreams. The boys' and girls' basketball teams made the playoffs and wrestling had a good season. The words of wisdom from one of the state's legendary football coaches confirmed the school's approach to athletics (in hindsight, I wish every SJCS student and parent heard these great men share their stories). The Interfaith Panel was well attended and our guest priest, Father Dennis McManus from the US Catholic Conference of Bishops, was downright inspiring to those who spent time with him, as I had the privilege to do. Gala sponsorships are coming in at what looks like a record-setting pace. And we just recently posted two fantastic, one-minute promotional videos to Facebook. Please consider sharing these with friends, family, and colleagues as our final scheduled admissions testing date is approaching on Saturday, March 16. Lastly, I was overjoyed to personally witness 18 of our students participating enthusiastically in the NY Encounter, an annual Catholic cultural event in NYC, where they met other students, who in Gabe Lewis' words, "do what we do at Campus Ministry": look honestly at their experiences, discover their hearts, and pursue meaning under the guidance of Father Giussani.

And yet no matter how well things seem to be going, we still look for Lent, because we know we need Lent. We need time set aside in our busy lives for prayer, penance, and charity; and we need the opportunity to reflect on God's self-giving love through the gift and sacrifice of His son; and most of all, we need the opportunity to experience Christ's merciful gaze on our lives once again. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. There are several opportunities provided by the school to live this liturgical season with intentionality beginning with the Fish Fry on Friday, March 15, which is a great opportunity for fellowship over a good meal with Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM. Thanks to the creativity of some parent leaders, we've added the option of buying a ticket for an Oyster Roast for those who want to take the Fish Fry to a whole new level! Then on Tuesday, March 19, we will celebrate the feast of the school's patron, St. Joseph, Foster-Father of Jesus, by moving our All-School Mass to that day. All parents are welcome to join us, as you are for every school Mass. Please be sure to check the calendar for that week, for we have moved the 1:15 PM dismissal to this day (Tuesday) from the normal Wednesday. Rounding out the month of March, the school will hold Penance Services with Eucharistic Adoration for the middle and high school students and faculty on Wednesday, March 27, during which many local priests will be on hand to hear individual confessions. And then, Campus Ministry will close Lent by offering a retreat for HS students on the final weekend before Holy Week on April 12-14 for any students who want to delve deeper into the meaning of Easter for their lives.

I do hope that you and your students will take advantage of these opportunities, and please join us in praying for the following members of the SJCS family: for Everett and Miller Babcock on the loss of their grandfather; for Megan Lewis (wife of faculty member Gabe Lewis) on the loss of her grandmother.

With Love and Prayers,  
Keith F. Kiser  
Headmaster

## Things You Need To Know

### SJCS Spring Art Show, February 25-March 1

The 2019 Spring Art Show will be held in the SJCS Library from February 25-March 1. The Jubilate Arts Guild will host a reception in the library on Friday, March 1 from 7:00-8:00 PM.

### Seventh Grade Family Retreat Night, March 1

Please pray for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents who will be participating in the family retreat night, Friday, March 1, at St. Mary's. Information has already been communicated to 7<sup>th</sup> grade families regarding this event. Questions? Contact SJCS Campus Minister [Gabe Lewis](#).

### MS Schedule, March 4-6

On Monday through Wednesday, March 4-6, the MS will have regular school days with dismissal at 3:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday and 1:15 PM on Wednesday, while the HS students are taking part in their Minimester activities. Instead of a particular Minimester day, each MS grade has taken or will be taking a class field trip to correspond with a subject they are studying in school. MS students will attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:01 AM on March 6 followed by all classes with shortened periods. Parents are welcome to join us for Mass.

### Ash Wednesday, March 6

The imposition of ashes will be offered at Mass at 8:01 AM.

### Faculty/Staff Retreat, March 7-8

There will be no school on Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8 so that the faculty and staff may attend a retreat.

### MS Mother & Daughter Movie Night, March 9

SJCS Campus Ministry will sponsor a MS Mother & Daughter movie night on Saturday, March 9, for any 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and moms to attend together. The movie "All or Nothing: Sister Clare Crockett" will be shown and discussed. More information will be sent to MS girl families by email. Questions? Contact SJCS Campus Minister [Gabe Lewis](#).

### MS Father & Son Night, March 9

SJCS Campus Ministry will sponsor a MS Father & Son Night on Saturday, March 9, for any 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and dads to attend together. More information will be sent to MS boy families by email. Questions? Contact SJCS Campus Minister [Gabe Lewis](#).

### Third Quarter Ends, March 12

Grading for the third quarter ends on Tuesday, March 12.

### Sophomore Course Selection Meetings, March 13-25

Course scheduling conferences with the College Counseling office are required for current sophomores. Conferences for sophomores will be held March 13-25. It is recommended that the student and one parent attend the meeting, but students can attend the meeting without a parent present. Please sign up for a 15-minute session [HERE](#). If your student has a study hall period, email [Mrs. Butler](#) or [Ms. Najmabadi](#) to set up a scheduling meeting that is not offered on the link above.

### Freshman Course Selection Meetings, March 13-28

New this year: course scheduling conferences with the Dean of Student Support are required for all current freshmen. Conferences for freshmen will be held March 13-28. It is recommended that the student and one parent attend the meeting, but students can attend the meeting without a parent present. Please sign up for a 15-minute session [HERE](#).

### Annual Lenten Fish Fry & NEW! Oyster Roast-Friday, March 15

The SJCS Seventh Annual Fish Fry & NEW! Oyster Roast will be held on Friday, March 15 from 5:00-8:00 PM. Along with Stations of the Cross (which takes place at 5:30 PM), delicious food, and a friendly atmosphere, this year we are adding in some new elements to make a memorable evening, including: an on-site Oyster Roast, LIVE music from SJCS Alumni Parent Band *Tailspin*, and a location move outdoors to enjoy the athletic events planned for the evening. We will have dine-in and carry-out available. Click [HERE](#) to place your order. Once again, we will have SJCS Alumni Parent, Charles Sutter, frying up delicious fish, and will again feature, for separate purchase, Green Beer (for those 21 and over). 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.

**Final Admissions Testing, March 16**

The last scheduled admissions testing date for new students for Fall 2019 enrollment is Saturday, March 16. At this point, there are still openings for all grades. Please help us spread the word if you know someone who is considering St. Joseph's for fall 2019.

**Third Quarter Grades Emailed, March 18**

The link for third quarter report cards will be emailed on Monday, March 18, after 4:00 PM. Please remember to check your *junk mail*. If you **do not** receive the link or have problems viewing the report card, please email the Registrar, [Carol Curry](#). If you have any questions regarding your student's grade, however, please contact his/her teacher.

**Schedule Change on March 19 & 20**

The daily bell schedule for March 19 and March 20 have been switched. This means that students are dismissed at 1:15 PM on Tuesday, March 19 and at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 20. This change is made to celebrate the feast day of our school's patron saint, St. Joseph, on Tuesday, March 19, which will be a Mass day. Thursday, March 21 will follow a normal Thursday schedule.

**Presentation by Renowned Catholic Speaker Matt Fradd, March 21**

Renowned Catholic speaker, author, and podcaster Matt Fradd will be speaking at SJCS during Study Help on Thursday, March 21. Matt will be addressing the 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. More information will be sent to 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade families by e-mail. Questions? Contact SJCS Campus Minister [Gabe Lewis](#).

- A short biography of Matt Fradd: "Matt Fradd speaks to tens of thousands of people every year. He is the best-selling author of several books, including *Does God Exist?: A Socratic Dialogue on the Five Ways of Thomas Aquinas* and *The Porn Myth: Exposing the Reality Behind the Fantasy of Pornography*. Matt earned his master's and undergraduate degrees in philosophy from Holy Apostles College. Matt's podcast "Pints With Aquinas" receives hundreds of thousands of downloads every month. Matt lives with his wife, Cameron, and their children in Georgia."

**NO SCHOOL, March 22 & 25 (Originally Planned as Snow Day Make-ups)**

Since both inclement weather days (October 11 and December 10) were covered by Virtual Days, we will not need to use March 22 or 25 as make-up days. This means that there will be **no school** on March 22 or March 25.

**Lenten Penance Service & Adoration, March 27**

On Wednesday, March 27, several priests from nearby Catholic Churches will come to St. Joseph's for our annual Lenten Penance Services, where all SJCS students are offered the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten Season. 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. There will not be all-school Mass this day.

**SJCS Spring Musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, April 4-7**

Be sure to mark your calendars for the spring musical, *The Wizard of Oz*! Based on the classic story, journey with Dorothy through the eye of a tornado into the Land of Oz. Along the way, she'll meet new friends and attempt to avoid the wrath of the Wicked Witch of the West as she travels to the Emerald City in the hopes of finding her way back to Kansas, learning that there truly is "no place like home." Performances will be April 4-7 and tickets will be available to purchase on the SJCS website in mid-March.

**Class Rings and Graduation Supplies Delivered, April 9**

Representatives from Herff Jones will be on campus during HS lunch on Tuesday, April 9 to deliver class rings and graduation supplies (e.g. announcements). You will receive a mailing from Herff Jones letting you know how to pay if you have a balance due. Please note that graduation caps & gowns will be distributed at the Senior Graduation Meeting on April 11.

**Campus Ministry HS Holy Week Retreat, April 12-14**

SJCS Campus Ministry will sponsor a HS Holy Week Retreat on April 12 through Palm Sunday, April 14 at Diakonia Retreat Center in Salem, SC. This retreat is open to any HS student. More information will be emailed to HS students and parents. Questions? Contact SJCS Campus Minister [Gabe Lewis](#).

**Easter Break, April 15-22**

Easter Break will begin on Monday, April 15. The school and school office will be closed through Easter Monday, April 22. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 23.

**Senior Luncheon Help Needed, May 24**

If you are interested in helping with the 2019 Senior Luncheon, please contact [Blair Bailey](#).

**Graduation Reception Help Needed, June 1**

Each spring, the Parents Guild hosts a simple reception following the graduation ceremony. We are in need of prep/set-up/clean-up assistance. Come help us celebrate our graduates! Contact [Jackie Zannino](#) to sign up.

**Semester Exams & Travel Reminder**

As we near the end of the year, please remember to book family travel plans for after your student's scheduled exams. Senior exams start the week of May 20, with 8<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> grade exams starting on Tuesday, May 28.

**From the Middle School Director**

*"The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love."*

~ **Saint Pope John Paul II**

I often tell parents I wish they could see what I see every day-in classrooms, hallways, even the cafeteria. In our pursuit of excellence, we often focus on what needs to be fixed or what is going wrong. It is important to celebrate what is going right, so that we don't run the risk of missing the beauty and blessing that God asks us to consider every day. I have to share with you an excellent experience I had last week with a group of SJCS sophomores.

Some student members of PFFDD (Pope Francis Forum on Dialogue and Diversity) approached their moderator, Mrs. Jennie Neighbors, about starting a program in our Sixth Grade Academy. The program will help break down stereotypes and preconceived understandings that we carry with us, as well as promote positive, healthy relationships so we can grow in faith, hope, and love. Mrs. Neighbors told them they would need to approach me as the Director of the Middle School. So, these students contacted me with a proposed meeting time, dropped off their written proposal a week in advance of our meeting, and then came prepared with notecards and their plan. During our meeting, they spoke to their experience as middle school students, and why they felt this type of positive community building program was necessary. They shared with me some sample exercises, the logistics of implementation, and how this program aligned with Catholic social teaching. My joy and excitement could hardly be contained!

As we sat on the floor of my office that morning, I was overwhelmed with God's beauty and blessing ... right there in front of my eyes. These young men and women expressed a genuine desire to affect positive change in our school community. They saw a need, and they are responding to this need with incredible conviction, determination, and drive. I thought to myself ... now shared with you ... that there are amazing young people who walk the halls of this building every day. They have been shaped and nurtured by faculty and staff that are devoted to their holistic formation-in body, mind, and spirit. They have parents and family that support their never-ending growth and achievement. And-while perfection is not possible-these young people seek and desire a life of excellence that is marked with meaning and purpose. I can't imagine wanting anything more for each of them.

God is working here. Please pray that we continue to celebrate the beauty and blessings He shows us every day.

## From the Academic Support Services & College Counseling Office

### Senior College Acceptances/Scholarships

Please continue to share your good news and advise the college counseling office of college acceptances and scholarship awards. With over 90% of the senior class reporting acceptances so far, they've been offered over \$13 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 available beginning last October and many schools have February and March deadlines. The federal government, along with the colleges to which you applied, require you to fill out the FAFSA form in order to receive federal aid and financial aid packages.

### SAT & ACT Testing

- Juniors make sure you register to take both the ACT and SAT at least once before the end of your junior year. Click [HERE](#) for SAT test dates and [HERE](#) for ACT test dates. Most colleges do not require the writing section. Please check with your college counselor if you are not sure if you need to take the writing section.
- 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.

### Juniors: Individual College Planning Meetings

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 of April. Students should complete the Game Plan survey prior to this meeting and parents should complete the Parent Survey (link 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 juniors. It is important that the students know their Naviance log-in 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 16 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 12:30-2:30 PM shift as that will allow them plenty of time to still 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 the [Front Office](#) with the 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 the Front Office ([College Visit Record Form](#) with required signatures and official documentation—see form for details).

### High School Course Scheduling

The College Counseling staff will meet with students at grade-level meetings during lunch to distribute scheduling packets and explain the scheduling process for the following academic year. The grade-level meetings and due dates to return completed and signed scheduling packets, including any Course Appeal Requests, are as follows:

- Junior Meeting: February 25, forms due March 12
- Sophomore Meeting: March 11, forms due March 26
- Freshmen Meeting: March 12, forms due March 29
- Eighth Grade Meeting: March 20, forms due April 3

An email alert will be sent to parents when the scheduling packets are distributed to students. Parents should review the graduation requirements, student transcripts, teacher recommendations, and the instructions included with the packet with their students. All Course Appeal Requests must be submitted with the Course Selection packet to the College Counseling Office. Once the master schedule is set, course changes will be limited; it is important to give your courses careful consideration at this time.

### From the Catholic Community

#### Teen Volunteers Needed at St. Mary Magdalene

Be a teacher assistant or office aid during the school year at St. Mary Magdalene in their Christian Formation Program. A schedule can be worked out if you are unable to commit to the entire year. Days and hours are listed below. This is a great way to give back to the parish by helping educate younger kids in the Catholic faith. Contact Cindy Roth at St. Mary Magdalene if interested (864-288-4884, ext. 205). Help is needed at the following times: Sundays from 11:20 AM-12:50 PM (older teens needed), Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 PM or 6:30-8:00 PM (older teens for the later session), Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 PM or 6:30-8:00 PM, and Thursdays from 5:00-6:30 PM.

### From the Business Office

#### Re-enrollment for the 2019-2020 School Year

In order to provide our families with a re-enrollment process that is both seamless and paperless, SJCS uses a continuous re-enrollment process. Under the continuous re-enrollment process, students are continually re-enrolled from their initial admission into the school until they graduate from SJCS. A \$300 yearly re-enrollment fee will be billed to all returning student accounts on March 1. Should a parent desire that their child not to return to SJCS for a subsequent year, written notice must be presented to the school's Admissions Office by the end of February. Parents will receive a link in May with instructions on how to select their payment plan.

#### Tuition Assistance

The Tuition Assistance application priority deadline for the 2019-2020 school year was February 15. If you have not completed your application, do so as soon as possible. Please note that you must use your 2017 tax return and your 2018 W-2 to complete the tuition assistance forms. To get to the FACTS application website, click [HERE](#).

#### Tuition Statements

Tuition account details can be viewed at any time via your family My Backpack portal. You can find the link [HERE](#). Contact [Lisa Lawrence](#) if you need help with your user ID or password.

### Chaperone/Driving Policy

Please see the procedure below for chaperoning and/or driving for an SJCS event. Per our insurance company, this is the SJCS procedure and must be followed for all SJCS events (field trip, retreats, etc).

#### **If a parent would like to chaperone an event (field trip, retreat, etc) they must do the following:**

- Fill out the SJCS [background check form](#) and return it to [Jennifer Church](#)
  - Once that form is processed, you will receive instructions from [Jennifer Church](#) on how to complete Armatus training
- The cost for this is \$30.

#### **If a parent would like to drive for an event (field trip, retreat, etc), they must do the following:**

- Complete the [background check](#) and Armatus training
  - Complete the [Driver Permission Form](#) and return it along with required documents listed on form to [Jennifer Church](#)
- The cost for the driver's check is \$5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### From the Parents Guild

#### Many Thanks To...

Debbie Cruz for organizing another successful Used Uniform Sale.

#### After-Prom Donations Needed

After dancing the night away at Prom on April 27, students can head over to Spare Time, 822 Congaree Rd, for games, lanes, food, fun, and prizes. We are already accepting donations. Some ideas are \$10 gifts cards (think food and gas cards) or larger prizes for our senior raffle (think college dorm gifts: Keurig, bluetooth speakers, TV, ENO, etc). If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please contact [Devon Pace](#) (864-630-9196).

#### Looking Ahead to the 2019-2020 School Year

Are you interested in getting involved? We are now making plans for next year and would love your input. We have many opportunities to serve on the Parents Guild Board, as committee chairs and much more. Contact [Mary Ellen Bradley](#) for more information.

### From the Athletic Department

#### Summer Sports Camps 2019

Summer Sports Camps dates and sessions are posted on the SJCS website. Please click on the following link for more information: [SJCS 2019 Summer Camps](#).

#### From the Booster Club

As spring sports begin to heat up, the St. Joseph's Athletic Booster Club is gearing up and looking forward to next year. If you are interested in becoming involved with a group of great parents supporting our athletic programs, consider joining the Athletic Booster Board. We are a working board and meet monthly. Questions? Interested? Contact [Michael Pace](#) or [Gary Walajtys](#) for information.

#### Clear Bag Policy for Away Games

Greenville County has gone to clear bag policy for all sporting events. The details of this policy can be found [HERE](#). If we are competing at an away game at a Greenville County School, this policy will be enforced. Clear SJCS bags are available for purchase from the cheerleading team. Athletes and Coaches may carry their sports bags.

### From the Development Office

#### Gala Update 2019

By now, you should have received your Save the Date for our 2019 SJCS Annual Auction Gala. It's hard to believe we are less than two months away. A huge thanks to Sharman Armstrong, our Gala Committee Graphic Designer, who did a fabulous job creating our beautiful Save the Date card and forthcoming Invitation. Our parents, students, faculty, and staff are diligently preparing for Friday, April 26 by assembling silent and live auction items and preparing to wondrously transform our gym into the cool shores of *Seaside Soiree: A Knight on the Coast*. Come mingle with friends, enjoy the entertainment, dine on the delicacies of Table 301, and dance the night away. The evening will also include live and silent auctions. Tickets will be available for purchase the week of March 18. Be sure to get yours right away... there are only 500 available!

**Where Does The Money Go?** The Annual Auction Gala is the keystone event supporting the St. Joseph's Annual Fund. The Annual Fund provides for the necessary budgeted expenses not covered by tuition – approximately 6% of this year's budget. These dollars directly help support every student through tuition assistance, academic programming, campus ministry, fine arts, athletics, and student life enrichment. Together, these create the rich educational and formative experience that has earned St. Joseph's Catholic School national recognition for excellence and established us as a pillar in the Greenville community.

#### **Wondering how to get involved?**

**Silent Auction Donations:** If you are interested in donating a basket or silent auction item, please contact [Donna Frank](#) to donate or simply drop your donation off to [Rachel Neubauer](#) in the Development Office.

**Live Auction Donations:** Our HS classes will again be contributing towards a specific Class Experience. If you have an experience that would benefit one of our other grade levels, please email Live Auction Co-Chairs: [Tara Ann Garrett](#) or [Shannon Cole](#).

**Wine Donations:** If you have any bottles of wine you would like to donate to the Gala Wine Pull, please contact [Kris](#)

[Miller](#) or drop off in the Development Office.

**Volunteer:** Consider volunteering for fun and fellowship! This is a great way to meet new people and to support this wonderful event. To volunteer, please email [Michelle Dumit](#).

**Sponsorship:** Multiple levels of sponsorships are still available ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Contact [Kevin Meyer](#) in the Development Office for more information

### **Annual Fund**

- Our goal this fiscal year (July 2018-June 2019) is to engage the financial support of 100% of our school families, faculty, and staff in giving to the Annual Fund. As of February an impressive 96% of faculty and staff, 100% of the Board of Trustees, and 32% of our school families have contributed. Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade which is leading with a grade level participation of 40%! We will continue to track these participation numbers through the Gala in the spring.
- The Annual Fund provides approximately 6% 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 \$475,000. Please contact [Kevin Meyer](#) with any questions, download your [Annual Fund Donation Form](#), or give [online](#) today!

## **From the Fine Arts Department**

### **Jubilate Knight for the Arts Talent Competition, Saturday, May 11**

**The Event:** The Fine Arts Department's annual "Jubilate Knight for the Arts Talent Competition" is a family-friendly event, highlighting our artistically-gifted school community. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and the Talent Competition will begin at 7:00 PM. Patrons will enjoy an evening of fabulous entertainment and can vote on their favorite acts to benefit our theatre, choral, dance, strings, band, and visual arts programs. Visit the school website in April for event and ticketing information.

**To Audition:** Auditions will be in April. 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. Audition information and form can be found [HERE](#). Sign up for your audition time [HERE](#). Questions? Contact [Teresa McGrath](#).

**To Volunteer:** Lend your talents and time to the Jubilate Knight planning committee. Our upcoming planning meetings will be February 27 and March 27 at 7:30 AM in the Boardroom. Questions? Contact [Christine Balts](#) or [Ann Gushue](#).

### **Youth Art Month**

Two MS pieces and three HS pieces of student artwork will be part of the 2019 Youth Art Month, sponsored by the South Carolina Art Education Association. The reception will be held on March 10 at the Governor's School for the Arts in the Lipscomb Gallery.

### **Twenty-Ninth Annual Upstate High School Art Exhibit**

Nine pieces of student artwork will be part of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Art Exhibit hosted by Greenville Technical College at the Benson Campus in Greer. The exhibit runs from March 21-April 19 and is open to the public.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Please contact [Teresa McGrath](#) for more information on how to volunteer for either of the opportunities below:

- Any parents or students willing to donate their time and talents to the Fine Arts Department through their sewing skills
- Any parents willing to assist in the Scene Shop during after-school and Saturday crew sessions

### **Jubilate Arts Guild Officers Needed for 2019-2020**

We are looking to fill several positions for the next school year. The Jubilate Arts Guild is our Fine Arts booster organization and provides support for all the SJCS Fine Arts programming. 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. Questions/interested? Contact [Ann Canello](#).

### **Red Door & St. John Paul II Chapel Ornaments**

There are a limited number of St. John Paul II and Red Door ornaments left. Order yours before they run out. What a great way to commemorate your student's years at St. Joseph's. Order forms are available in the lobby of the school. Questions? Contact [Ann Canello](#).

### **Fine Arts Summer Camps**

Be on the lookout for more information for the Fine Arts summer camps in the April News & Notes!