



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 Greetings from St. Joseph's Catholic School!

Please join me in extending hearty congratulations to the members of the Class of 2019!

It has been an honor, privilege, and a joy to educate these young men and women, 56 of whom have been students at St. Joseph's since sixth grade. Their impressive achievements, detailed in the following statistics, tell only part of the story of their impact on the St. Joseph's Catholic School community.

- 96% of the senior class has reported being awarded at least one scholarship, totaling just over 20 million dollars
- 95% of the class is currently on track to receive one of the three state scholarships (Palmetto, LIFE, or HOPE), with several more likely qualifying by the end of the year
- With 99% of the class reporting their college acceptances, all have been accepted to at least one college/university. They have been accepted to 123 different universities in 28 states (including DC). Three members of the class are matriculating to Cornell University
- 13 members of the senior class have signed and/or committed to play a college level sport
- 99% report being accepted into their first and/or second choice college/university

For the rest of the story and insight into the character of these young men and women, please click on the following links to hear from the students themselves. There is an article and video clips of the students talking about what the retreats and spiritual life of the school have meant to them found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). We also asked them to tell us about the experiences that they think they will remember 20 years from now found [HERE](#).

I had a memorable St. Joseph's moment of my own with a small group of students when we met for lunch at Twigs with Fr. Pat Tuttle, Gabe Lewis, and a few others a couple Saturdays ago to process and celebrate Student Council's success raising over \$40,000 during Spirit Week for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School. I was deeply moved by what I heard a few of the senior leaders say the experience meant to them. Specifically, they recounted the joy they experienced despite how demanding and difficult the week was for them, leading us to make the collective judgment that we feel the most fulfilled when we give of ourselves for the good of others. I am hopeful that all the members of the Class of 2019 will make that same judgment, for it is then that they will fulfill their destiny as SJCS graduates of changing the world for the better.

Knights Athletic Program Wins Best in Classification Fourth Year in a Row!

Members of the Class of 2019 played a major role in the St. Joseph's Knights winning our fourth 2A Carlisle Cup in a row, which is given to the best overall athletic program in the state of SC in in each of 5 classifications. Congratulations to all of our athletes and their coaches! Even more than winning, I love the class with which we compete. Athletic Director Eric Nash and our coaches do a great job emphasizing sportsmanship and the virtues that competitive sports can teach our athletes. Did you know that team prayer and service work is an important part of the experience for most of our teams? Pope Francis wrote about the value of sports in *Christus Vivit*, his recent apostolic letter to young people, saying that "the Church should not underestimate the potential of sports for education and formation...At the heart of the experience of sport is joy: the joy of exercising, of being together, of being alive and rejoicing in the gifts the Creator gives us each day." (CV 226)

New Parking Lot Construction to Begin Soon

As we transition to summer, I did want to let you know that we will once again be undertaking another building project on campus. The trustees approved a new entrance and parking lot to be built next to the new baseball complex and running to the top of the hill (where the office building used to be), culminating in a circle. The new parking lot will accommodate 120 spaces. Weather permitting, we expect the project will be completed by October 1. Until then, we will more than likely need to limit issuing parking passes to seniors and juniors only. I am letting you know this now, so that you can plan accordingly.

Summer Best Wishes and *The Case for the 24/6 Lifestyle*

Speaking of summer, I want to wish your family a blessed summer with plenty of family downtime together. I read recently that the average family spends no more than 30 minutes of time together each day. That seems a generous estimate to me. I recently listened to a podcast called *The Case for the 24/6 Lifestyle*. I'm including it [HERE](#) for your edification as you enter the summer months, where hopefully there's more space for family rest and relaxation. Warning, you might not think about your smartphone in the same way!

Finally, please join me in praying for the Clinkscales family on the death of Peggy's father and grandfather of SJCS graduates Christen (Class of 2006, Alumni board member) and Roger (Class of 2010).

With Love and Prayers,
Keith F. Kiser
Headmaster

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 and will be billed to your account.

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 and will be billed to your account.

From the Catholic Community**Mercy & Mary Retreat**

The Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy are sponsoring a retreat at St. Joseph's Catholic School on Friday and Saturday, July 19-20. The retreat will offer five conferences and a book signing with featured guest speaker, Father Michael Gaitley. In addition, the retreat will include Mass, Adoration, and Benediction as well as personal testimonials and lunch. Cost is \$49.95 for the two-day conference. Register now [HERE](#). For more information, call 413-944-8500, ext. 10.

Things You Need To Know

School Holiday, May 27

The school and school offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

MS Final Week of School, May 28-31

All students will be dismissed at 12:15 PM on exam days from May 28-30. Sixth and seventh graders will have two extended classes each day matching the eighth grade and HS Exam schedule (see Exam Schedule included). Friday, May 31 will be the last day of school and the students will be dismissed at 10:00 AM after the 8th period exam. Eighth graders should go to morning Household on exam days and may need to stay later on Friday if they have a make-up exam.

Late Stay, May 28-30

We will have Late Stay on Tuesday through Thursday (May 28-30) after the 12:15 PM dismissal, but NO Late Stay on Friday, May 31, which is the last day of school, with a 10:00 AM dismissal.

MBS Textbook Buyback, May 28-31

The library will serve as a drop-off point for textbooks that can be shipped back to MBS for you at no cost. You may turn books in with a prepared quote any time during finals week, May 28-31. Drop-off times are 9:00 AM-1:00 PM on Tuesday through Thursday, May 28-30, and 9:00-11:00 AM on Friday, May 31. Our textbook vendor, MBS, will buy back textbooks that meet their condition requirements, and send the money directly to you. You do not have to purchase your books through MBS to participate. To participate, please follow the instructions on the MBS website to generate your buyback quote. The site can be found [HERE](#). You may also sell your books back to MBS directly through their website. They will cover shipping costs.

Charlotte's Web Auditions May 30 & 31

Join the SJCS Theatre Department in kicking off the beginning of a new school year with the classic story of a beautiful friendship! This summerstock production will hold auditions May 30 and 31, open to any rising 6th grader and older (parents, faculty, and alumni included). Rehearsals will begin at the end of July and the performances will be August 16-18. Audition information can be found [HERE](#) and ticket sales will be available on-line at the end of July. Questions? Contact Theatre Director [Teresa McGrath](#).

Graduation Practice, May 30

Graduation practice will begin promptly at 1:00 PM in the Gym. This is a required event for ALL seniors and they should plan to be at practice from 1:00–3:00 PM. All seniors must be present and arrive on time at this practice in order to walk at Commencement.

Used Textbook Sale, May 31

Although not a school-sponsored event, parents may purchase, swap, or sell used textbooks in the HS parking lot on Friday, May 31, beginning at 10:00 AM. Arrive early for best selection. Parents who choose to participate in this event should raise their car trunk lid. Display a red sign with the grade level(s) you wish to purchase, and/or a green sign with the grade level(s) you wish to sell. Check the book lists (under Academics/Bookstore) on the school website after May 24 to make sure you purchase books with the correct ISBN number. It is the sole responsibility of parents to verify that the correct used book is purchased - old ISBN numbers are not acceptable books for use. Workbooks may not be sold or purchased since workbooks need to be new and unused. NOTE: Schedules are not released until mid-summer. If you choose to purchase textbooks early, please be aware that you may need to purchase different books based on your student's final schedule.

Baccalaureate Mass, May 31

The Class of 2019 will have it's Baccalaureate Mass at 6:00 PM in the JPII Center.

Commencement, June 1

The Class of 2019 will graduate at 10:00 AM in the SJCS Gym. Doors will open to guests at 9:00 AM.

Calendar Change

Seniors eligible to receive cords and regalia for graduation will receive these items when they arrive the morning of graduation. There will not be a senior honor cord lunch.

Summer Camps

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

Summer Reading

All students, all grades, have summer reading assignments. Both the Middle School list and the High School list are posted on the home page of the school website now.

Summer Office Hours Effective June 3

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 1-5. The office re-opens July 8 and summer hours continue through August 9.

Final Report Cards, June 5

Quarter 4/Semester II report cards will be emailed on June 5 after 4:00 PM. Please remember to check your *junk mail*. If you do not receive a report card link, please email [Carol Curry](#). If you have any questions regarding your child's grades, please contact the teacher directly. The link to the report card will expire after 14 days, so please print a copy for your records.

Theatre Summer Camps Begin June 10

- June 10-14: Rising Stars (Grades 3-8) from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Cost is \$125.
- June 10-13: HS Improvisation from 3:00-5:00 PM. Cost is \$75.

Click [HERE](#) to register for any of the Theatre camps listed above. Theatre Camp registration closes on Saturday, June 8.

Summer High School Campus Ministry Meetings Begin June 12

HS Campus Ministry will continue with weekly meetings on the following Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 PM: June 12, 19, 26, July 24, August 7, and 14. To join the texting list for times, locations, and other campus ministry updates, text this message "@a9e89a" to the following number: 81010. Questions? Contact SJCS Campus Minister [Gabe Lewis](#).

"One Foot in the Door: Getting Started on the College Admission Essay." June 17-20

Rising seniors should consider attending Mrs. Koon's summer essay camp being offered here at school to help students prepare for the college admission essay. Mrs. Koon will be offering the session during the week of June 17-20 and the cost is \$150. The sessions will focus on writing the college essay, writing your resume, and enhancing your interview skills. More details regarding the camp can be found [HERE](#). Any questions regarding this camp can be directed to [Mrs. Koon](#).

Band Program Instrument Fair, June 25 & July 25

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

Campus Ministry Summer Camping Retreat, June 28 - July 3

SJCS Campus Ministry is leading a trip to Table Rock State Park to participate in the GS Summer Vacation, a 5-night camping retreat and vacation for HS students. Groups from around the country will be participating. Registration deadline is June 19. For more information or to register, click [HERE](#). Questions? Contact SJCS Campus Minister [Gabe Lewis](#).

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

Parents of new students are reminded to turn in their child's Final Transcript Request Form to their current school office now...before this school year ends. This form can be found in your child's New Student Packet. 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.

Attention Summer School Government Students

Summer school Government students should be on the lookout for an email from Mrs. Carr at the end of June for Google Classroom setup of the class.

Homeworks Local Summer Mission, July 7-13

SJCS will be hosting Homeworks, an overnight session of local mission work where students spend a week helping impoverished homeowners. Registration is closed for this event, but parents may contact SJCS Campus Minister [Gabe Lewis](#) with any questions they might have.

MBS Direct Textbook Store Opens July 8

The school's online textbook vendor, MBS Direct, will open for business on July 8. (Select summer reading titles will also be available on MBS beginning June 3.) MBS provides free ground shipping for St. Joseph's on all orders over \$99 during the week of July 22-28. MBS carries the majority of our books, but it is 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 2019-2020 SJCS Textbook List found on our website under Academics/Bookstore.

Attention New Parents! Setup Your Parent Account Online Beginning July 9

Parents new to SJCS will need to set up their ParentsWeb account (the online tool for completing required forms, accessing a student directory, viewing your child's grades, etc.) this summer, and you may do so beginning Tuesday, July 9. The ParentsWeb Instructions were included in your New Student Packet or can be found under Students and Parents/Forms and Links on the home page (top right corner) of the school website. Questions? Contact [Jennifer DeForest](#) in the Admissions Office.

Attention All Parents! Update Your Family Demographic Form Online Beginning July 9

All SJCS parents are required to review and update this form through their ParentsWeb account beginning July 9. 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. Questions? Contact [Jennifer DeForest](#) in the Admissions Office.

Freshman Trip to St. Augustine, Florida, July 29-31

The rising freshman class will take it's annual trip to St. Augustine, Florida, from Monday, July 29 until Wednesday, July 31. Registration is closed for this trip, but parents may contact SJCS Campus Minister [Gabe Lewis](#) with any questions they might have.

Mandatory All-Sports Meeting, August 1

The mandatory all-sports meeting for parents and athletes will be Thursday, August 1 at 7:00 PM. The location is TBA.

First Annual SJCS Athletic Department Golf Tournament, August 2

We are excited to announce the 1st Annual St. Joseph's Catholic School Athletic Department Golf Tournament and Social will be held on Friday, August 2. Please join us at The Preserve at Verdae and for the social to follow for what promises to be a great day and evening.

- The Golf Tournament and Social will support the entire St. Joseph's Athletic Department and help fund equipment, uniforms and the many other needs that arise throughout the year. With 42 teams competing in 14 different sports there is no shortage of needs. The hope is that with a successful annual Golf Tournament, we can help eliminate the need for many smaller team fundraisers throughout the school year.
- Our goal for the 1st Annual Golf Tournament and Social is to raise \$50,000 to help support and grow our Athletic Department, so that we are able to continue offering an exceptional athletic experience for our deserving student athletes. You are able to designate (on your sponsorship form) which team you want to benefit from your contribution.
- We invite you today to partner with us on our inaugural Athletic Golf Tournament and Social. Your sponsorship dollars will directly impact the lives of our student-athletes, ensuring that they have an opportunity to learn the many life lessons that extend past the classroom and onto the playing field. Click [HERE](#) for information regarding registration and sponsorship opportunities. Questions? Contact [Kevin Meyer](#), Director of Development (864-234-9009, ext. 107) or [Eric Nash](#), Athletic Director (864-234-9009, ext. 113).

Pep Band Pre-season Camp, REVISED DATES, August 5-9

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! Please note: percussion tryouts will be held before school is out at the end of May.

- The camp will be held at SJCS on August 5-9 from 9:00-11:30 AM, with a catered lunch on the last day. The cost for pre-season is \$35 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 and to be prepared to play at the opening game on August 30. The "Band of Knights" Pep Band has established a tradition of spirit and school pride as it cheers on the team from the stands on Friday nights.
- When the school year begins, Pep Band will rehearse on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 PM. We will play for at least 5 of these Friday night home football games (8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 10/11, 10/18, and 11/1) and at the Fall Pep Rally. 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! Make-up Placement Testing, August 6

Most new high school students completed our placement testing in May. However, if your child is new to SJCS for the 2019-20 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 6. Questions? Contact [Jennifer DeForest](#) in the Admissions Office.

Rising Senior Application Boot Camp, August 7-8

The College Counseling Office will host a college application boot camp for rising seniors August 7-8 at SJCS. 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.

School Calendar for 2019-2020

The calendar on the website will be updated over the summer with various important dates throughout the year. Click [HERE](#) to get to the calendar.

Graduation 2020 Update

Due to various constraints, Graduation 2020 has been moved to Saturday, May 30. This is a week later than the originally published date. Based on this change, Baccalaureate Mass will take place on Friday, May 29.

Western US Trip During Spring Break 2020

Want to make plans for Spring Break 2020? Travel west and visit some of the country's most spectacular national parks, including the Grand Canyon. For the complete itinerary, pricing, and payment options, click [HERE](#). Questions? Contact [Mr. Swingle](#).

SJCS Trip to Japan, June 2021

In June of 2021, SJCS will take a summer trip to Japan. This once-in-a-lifetime trip will include Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara, and Hiroshima. It is currently open for sign up by current students in grades 8-10. We will ride the bullet train, visit Japanese castles and gardens, and sleep in a traditional Japanese house. To look at the itinerary, the cost, signup, and set up a payment plan, click [HERE](#) and the trip code is Carr-6839. Be sure to use the voucher code **2021earlybird** when it asks for a voucher to receive a discount, and if you have traveled with Explorica already, use your same log-in to receive an extra \$100 off. Signing up early means lower payments. There are a limited number of available spots, and signups have already begun. Questions? Contact [Mrs. Carr](#). In September, there will be an interest meeting at school for a presentation about the trip. At this time, only students may sign up. Parents who are interested will need to wait until next fall.

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.

From the High School Director

Right above my desk hangs one of my favorite prints. It's a satirical work created by William Hogarth in 1736, and it captures a lecture by an Oxford scholar given to his peers. Ignorance is the order of the day. Most of the audience isn't even looking in the right direction, and of the two people actually paying attention, one is clearly shocked at what he's hearing. What really gets me, though, is that the lecturer himself is oblivious to his audience. He is clearly not invested in their reception of his work.

Why does this print hang in my office? Because it reminds me of what we're trying NOT to do. The production of knowledge is important, of course, but how it gets disseminated matters too. The best teachers I know, at any level, spend as much time thinking about how their audience will hear what they're saying as they do in putting the presentation together in the first place.

In that spirit, I'm really proud of our faculty. Every day I hear conversations between teachers about what's working in their classrooms, and sometimes about what didn't work. We talk about how certain techniques worked for most of the class, but also about how that one student seemed to need something a little different. The best conversations come when a teacher discovers something that works for a given student that other teachers have been trying to reach as well. We share the good news about what works in the hopes that it can be adapted to other classrooms across the disciplines. That's one of the things that sets St. Joseph's apart. Each student is known here, and not just because of a yearbook photo. We're constantly talking about how we can best teach the individual students in our classroom. We celebrate what works, and we refine what doesn't, precisely because we want all of our students to succeed. The Class of 2019 gives further evidence that this approach works. More than 90% were accepted into one of their top two college choices, and so far they've generated more than \$20 million in scholarship offers. That's an incredible statistic, and it's a testament to the good relationships between the students and teachers in our school. It's not always smooth, but it works!

From the Development Office

Many Thanks To

- The incredible Parent Leaders of the 2018-2019 school year: Catherine Puckett, Mary Ellen Bradley, Gary Walajtys, Michael Pace, Michelle Mullins, Kiera Egan, Ann Canello, Kelly Donovan, Kiera Egan, and Mary Salgado. We are grateful for the many sacrifices you each make to further the mission at St. Joseph's.
- Additionally, we are beyond grateful for the many parents who served on committees and helped fill volunteer roles this year. Your selfless generosity in helping to further the mission of St. Joseph's is an incredible blessing to us.

Gala Wrap-Up

Thank you to all who made our 2019 Gala such an incredible success! You can view the Video [HERE](#) and the photos [HERE](#). The case sensitive password is sjcsimages.

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 2020 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!

Annual Fund

- Our goal this fiscal year (July 2018 – June 2019) was 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 61% of our school families have contributed. Congratulations to the 6th grade, which is leading with a grade level participation of 69%!
- 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. As of mid-May, the Annual Fund contributions for the fiscal year had surpassed \$480,000! 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.

From the Academic Support Services & College Counseling Office

PSAT, SAT, and ACT Test Prep

Summer is the perfect time for rising sophomores and juniors to start preparing for upcoming fall PSAT testing and for rising seniors to brush up for the SAT and ACT tests. There are many free online test prep opportunities, including [SAT](#), [ACT](#), and [Khan Academy](#). [Princeton Review](#) and [Kaplan Test Prep](#) both have free resources, as well as other online prep courses for a fee. [SC Test Prep](#), a local company, also offers live prep courses for a fee.

Final Senior Transcripts

Graduating Senior transcripts with final grades and CWA will be sent out to each college the first and second weeks 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 Seniors 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 in July via email when the high school schedules are available this summer on ParentsWeb. Middle school schedules will be distributed to students during orientation in August.

From the Technology Services Director

Chromebook Pick-Up for 2019-2020 School Year

Students receiving Chromebooks for the 2019-2020 school year (grades 8-12) will be sent information over the summer regarding Chromebook pick-up.

Student Email Accounts & Google Drive

- Students new to SJCS for the 2019-2020 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 and Audiobooks from the Library

St. Joseph's Library/Media Center can be accessed from home via the school's website, and eBooks as well as audiobooks can be checked out over the summer. Some of the required and optional summer reading titles can even be checked out through the MISBO Digital Library, located [HERE](#). MISBO encourages users to use either the OverDrive or Sora apps. To use MISBO, 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. If you need to be reminded of your user ID or password, contact [Mr. McClendon](#) or [Mrs. Cummings](#).

From the Business Office

Tuition Billing 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 25, 2019 in order to receive schedules for the 2019- 2020 school year.
- Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, St. Joseph's will be using FACTS to process all of our student billing. This new system will allow families to have more flexibility in payment options and dates. Please contact [Lisa Lawrence](#) if you need instructions for setting up your FACTS account. Your account needs to be established and a payment plan selected no later than May 31, 2019.

From the Parents Guild

Thank You!

Thank you to Blair Bailey and Betsy Poole for organizing our senior and junior luncheons and all those that helped to support these events.

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! Questions? Contact [Macie Lawton](#).

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! We're looking for some volunteers to help us with this sale (one of a largest fundraisers of the year). If you're interested, please contact [Jackie Zannino](#).

Help SJCS Earn Money Over the Summer!

- **Publix:** Don't forget to add SJCS with your phone number. At checkout, simply enter your phone number and Publix will donate money to our school with every purchase (at no cost to you).
- **Harris Teeter:** If you already have a VIC card, great! Just re-link your VIC card. The code for SJCS is 5284. Please note that this does have to be done every year, as the programs runs from October to May.
- **AmazonSmile:** AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, select St. Joseph's to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. SJCS is listed as St. Joseph's Catholic School Inc Greenville SC in the Vocational Technical category.
- **Box Tops:** Keep saving those box tops over the summer. This is a great money maker for the school.

Your Donations for 2018-2019

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 lunches, Grandparents Day, support for the Sunshine Committee, gifts of appreciation for the faculty and staff, Catholic Schools Week, and much more. This year, the Parents Guild was able to donate two SMARTBOARDS, \$1,000 to the library, and over \$9,000 to facilities which will provide our students with four new water bottle stations (removing old water fountains). Congratulations to the St. Joseph's Family!

Get Involved Next Year

The mission of the Parents Guild is to promote and foster parent support for the mission of the school and to coordinate the involvement of parents in the daily life of the school. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact [Mary Ellen Bradley](#). We have several open positions and need help in making the 2019-2020 school year a success!

From Catherine Puckett, Parents Guild President

To the community of parents of SJCS, what an incredible year it's been for St. Joseph's! This community is one of a kind and it's amazing to see all the hands at work. Together, we've accomplished a lot! Thank you to all of the parents who have contributed their time, sent in gift cards and donations, and made meals and participated in events. A special thank you to the ladies who served on the 2018-2019 Parents Guild Board: Mary Ellen Bradley, Jackie Zannino, Rita Taylor, Anne Stein, Aimee Lonergan and Kimberly Masters. Your leadership, enthusiasm, innovation, and willingness to serve have been a blessing to us all. And, perhaps most importantly, it was incredibly fun to serve alongside you! Each of these ladies has a true servant's heart and has volunteered her time and efforts to the mission of our school again next year! Thank you for continuing to say 'yes'. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Rebecca Feldman who has agreed to serve on the board next year as well. When members of the community pitch in and say 'yes' to a job, 'yes' to being on a team, big things happen — here's to 2019-2020!

From the Athletic Department

Summer Sports Camps 2019

Sports Camps dates and sessions are posted on the SJCS website. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Sports Participation Requirements for 2019-2020 & All Summer Practices and Fall Sports

Any student participating in a sport for the 2019-2020 school year at SJCS must have a physical dated after **April 1, 2019** and complete the required forms ONLINE at www.planeths.com prior to the first practice. **NO PAPER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS! If you were an athlete in 2018-2019 please use your existing login.** The required forms that must be filled out online prior to the first practice are: Pre-Participation History and Pre-Participation Sports Physical Exam (please print and take with you to your doctor and then upload), Parent Consent Form, Concussion Form, a copy of your athlete's birth certificate, and Steadman Hawkins form. All required athletic forms must be submitted through Planet HS (formerly Arbiter Athlete) found [HERE](#). Information for new athletes on how to create the parent and student login at Planet HS will be 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. Be sure to type St. Joseph's Catholic School in the search line when looking for our school. If you have any issues with the www.planeths.com website, please call 1-888-668-7452, ext. 5, for support.

Fall Sports First Day of Tryouts/Practice

- Cheerleading: April 29-May 2 for rising 7-12th Graders
- Girls & Boys Cross-Country: Friday, August 2 from 7:30-9:00 AM
- JV & Varsity Football: Friday, August 2 from 8:00-10:00 AM
- Boys & Girls Swimming: Friday, August 2 from 8:00-9:30 AM at Spaulding Farms Pool
- JV & Varsity Girls Tennis: Friday, August 2 from 9:00-11:00 AM
- JV & Varsity Volleyball: Monday, August 5 from 1:30-3:30 PM
- Girls Golf: Monday, August 5 at 9:30 AM at The Preserve at Verdae
- Middle School Football: Monday, August 12 from 8:00-10:00 AM
- Middle School Volleyball: Monday, August 12 from 3:30-5:30 PM
- 6th Grade Cheer: Monday, August 12 from 8:00-10:00 AM

From the Booster Club

- The Knights Booster Board would like to thank all the booster members for their service who will be rolling off the board this year: John and Stacy Covington, Jill Berning, and Gidge Marchant. As the chair of the Knights Booster Club memberships, Gidge set a record this year with memberships in 2018-2019, setting the bar high for 2019-2020. The board would also like to thank Gary Walajtys, who has served as the president for the past two years. There were very few athletic events that you could not find Gary working in some capacity. In his tenure, the Knights Booster Club helped purchase new flooring for the weight room, a new baseball scoreboard, a new football scoreboard, implemented the selling of ads for the scoreboard, new uniform storage cabinets, and most recently approved the purchase of new weights for Coach Josh Reynolds for all the athletes to take advantage of starting this summer. Thank you Gary for your personal time commitment in an effort to make our school community even better.
- We would also like to welcome our new 2019-2020 members who are stepping up to give their time and talents: Jill Murphy, Jason Okuley, Amy McCauley, Joe Eilers, Jonathan Norwood, and Kelly Gillespie. We always welcome new volunteers to the board since our preference is to have 2 people per position to help lighten the load and provide year over year continuity. Please consider joining. If you are interested, please contact Michael Pace (864-630-1530).
- Lastly, we will be having our first annual SJCS Athletic Department Golf Tournament at The Preserve at Verdae golf course on August 2. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the planning and for activities the day of the event.

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 Christine Balts and Ann Gushue, who worked enthusiastically throughout the school year to plan this event: Mary Ellen Bradley, Ann Canello, Kelly Donovan, Ann and Greg Harris, Michele Houmis, Davie Marchant (SJCS'17), Rod McClendon, Kevin Meyer, Amy Henderson, Kathy Malone, Desiree Spikings, Michelle Mullins, Rachel Neubauer, Sarah Zastrow, Amy Poinsette, Kathy Stapleton, and all the SJCS faculty/staff and parent/student volunteers.

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 "24 Hour Theatre Extravaganza" 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: Christine Balts, Ann Canello, Kelly Donovan, Ann Gushue, Kathy Malone, Michelle Mullins, Amy Poinsette, 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 and a Publicity Coordinator for the Jubilate Arts Guild Board. Contact [Ann Canello](#) or [Kelly Donovan](#) for details and more information.