



ST. JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWS & NOTES

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

St. Joseph's School Prayer

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin and Foster-Father of Jesus Christ; obtain for me and all the members of my family, a pure, humble, and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be my guide and model throughout life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Help us, Saint Joseph, in our earthly strife, to fulfill our responsibilities and ever to lead a pure and sinless life. Amen.

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From the Headmaster

End of School Greetings from St. Joseph's Catholic School!

On Friday evening, May 27, we bid adieu and commissioned the 107 members of the Class of 2022 to go make a positive difference wherever life takes them next. In the weeks leading up to Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation, the school holds a number of events to honor our seniors. These include the Red Door and Academic Awards Ceremony, the Senior Breakfast, and the Senior Send-Off on Team Day. And then there are, of course, the "unofficial" Senior Skip and Senior Prank Days, for which, in St. Joe's fashion, they actually ask permission. (Our kids are the best). Of all the year-end events this year, the one I enjoyed the most was the senior-parent dodgeball game. Turnout was good; and after all we've been through, it was great watching the seniors and their parents simply having fun together. Of course, the parents dominated all the games. Okay, that's not true. I think the students won every game, but that's not the point. I'll say it again, our kids (and parents) are the best. We've been richly blessed having these young women and men as our students and are proud to have them counted among our graduates.

I thought you might appreciate seeing the opportunities they have next year, so here's a "by the numbers" report from our College Counseling Office who did such a great job helping them get to this point.

- 100% College Acceptance
- 99% College Enrollment
- 97% of the senior class has reported being awarded at least one scholarship.... totaling just over 14 million dollars
- 96% of the class is currently on track to receive one of the three state scholarships (Palmetto, Life, or Hope) with more likely qualifying by the end of the year

College Matriculation

- 105 (98%) students are enrolling at a 4-year institution
- 1 (1%) student is enrolling at a 2-year institution (based upon Scoir's classification)
- 1 (1%) student is taking a gap year or joining the workforce

- The students will be attending 39 different colleges in 17 different states and Washington DC. 69% (74) will stay in-state, and 31% (33) will be going out-of-state (16 different states and Washington DC)
- 11 are enrolling into a Catholic university (9 different universities)
- 9 are enrolling into 8 different highly selective universities
- 4 students are enrolling in 4 different Honors Colleges/Programs

College Acceptances

- The students of the Class of 2022 were accepted to 130 different universities in 32 different states and Washington DC.
- 17 students were accepted to 17 different highly selective universities (this does not include Honors Colleges/Programs)
- 12 students were accepted into Honors Programs (13 different colleges/programs)

Top College Majors

- #1: Business
- #2: Sciences
- #3: Engineering
- #4: Undecided
- #5: Political Science

Student Surveys (Based upon 106 completed student surveys)

- 90% report being happy/very happy with their college acceptances/choices
- 75% report being accepted to their Top Choice college/university
- Of the 25% who were not accepted to their Top Choice college/university: 79% report being accepted into their second-choice college/university
- 94% (99/106) report being accepted into their first and/or second choice college/university

College Visits

Nearly 65 colleges visited our campus during the fall of this school year. The majority of these visits were held in person at school.

College Applications/Transcripts

- The Class of 2022 submitted 667 applications to nearly 180 different colleges/universities in 36 states (including DC)
- The College Counseling Office sent out nearly 5000 documents this year
- 27 students applied to 13 different Honors Colleges/Programs (a total of 45 applications). 12 students were accepted into at least one Honors Program. There was a total of 16 acceptances to 9 different programs. 4 students will be attending 4 different Honors Colleges/Programs.

Athletic Signings

These are the students who have signed/committed to play a sport in college:

Bryn Bissinger	Soccer at Washington and Lee University
Kendarius (KD) Boyd	Football at the University of Fort Lauderdale
Mary Kate Farrell	Swimming at Villanova University
Cannon Jackson	Football and Baseball at University of Northwestern (St. Paul)
Bailey Manfredi	Soccer at UNC Charlotte
Myah Mastrogiacono	Swimming at Virginia Wesleyan University
Patrick O'Connell	Lacrosse at Franciscan University of Steubenville
Mary Patterson	Volleyball at Clemson University
Brian Reese	Tennis at Saint Francis University
Salome Schmitt	Rugby at Queens University of Charlotte
Kimberly Thompson	Volleyball at the University of South Carolina
Matthew Wilson	Wrestling at Benedictine College
William Wolfe	Cycling at Belmont Abbey College

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New College Acceptances for SJCS This Year*

American International College
Beloit College
Colorado Mesa University
Dean College
Lindenwood University
Linfield University
Long Island University (Brooklyn)
Michigan State University
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
New England College
Otterbein University
Rocky Mountain College
Savannah State University
Towson University
Tuskegee University
University of Arkansas
University of Denver
University of Fort Lauderdale
University of Massachusetts (Boston)
University of New Hampshire
University of Oregon
Virginia Wesleyan University
*Based upon previous years' records

Class of 2022 College Matriculations

Anderson University
Arizona State University (Main Campus)
Auburn University
Ave Maria University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Boston College
Boston University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Greenville Technical College
North Carolina A & T State University
Presbyterian College
Queens University of Charlotte
Saint Francis University
Samford University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Tri-County Technical College

University of Fort Lauderdale
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Northwestern (St Paul)
University of South Carolina
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia Wesleyan University
Washington and Lee University
Wofford College
Xavier University

In closing, I wish you and your family a blessed summer. I hope it's filled with lots of downtime and much fun together as a family. Please join us in praying for the following members of the SJCS family: for Joseph Busby on the passing of his grandmother. Also please continue to keep faculty member Marj Malphrus in your prayers as she is undergoing cancer treatment.

With Love and Prayers,
Keith F. Kiser
Head of School

Things You Need To Know

First Day of Tryouts/Practice for Fall Sports Began May 17

- JV & Varsity Cheer: Tuesday, May 17 from 3:30-5:00 PM
- JV & Varsity Football: Friday July 29, Lock-In and Practice
- Boys & Girls Swimming: Monday, August 1 at Spaulding Farms Pool from 7:00-8:30 AM
- Boys & Girls Cross-Country: Monday, August 1 from 7:30-9:00 AM
- JV & Varsity Volleyball: Monday, August 1 from 1:00-3:00 PM
- JV & Varsity Girls Tennis: Monday, August 1 from 9:00-11:30 AM
- MS Football: Monday, August 1 from 3:30- 5:00 PM
- MS Cheer: August 8-10 from 4:00-5:30 PM
- MS Volleyball: Tuesday August 9-11 from 3:00-5:00 PM
- Girls Golf: Wednesday, August 17 & 24 at The Preserve at Verdae at 4:00 PM

Summerstock Auditions May 26 & 31

Join the SJCS Theatre Department in kicking off the beginning of a new school year with a reminder that the lessons learned in kindergarten are ones that last our whole lives! Auditions for *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* will be May 26 and 31 and are open to any rising 7th grader and older (parents, faculty, and alumni included). Rehearsals will begin at the end of July and **the performances will be August 12-14**. 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](#).

School Holiday, May 30

The school and school offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

Summer Office Hours begin May 31

Beginning May 31, SJCS summer office hours are 8:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday-Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays, as well as the week of July 4-8. Summer hours continue through August 5. **PLEASE NOTE:** During the summer months, the SJCS staff may be working remotely some days during the published office hours or taking vacation time off, so it's important for you to check with the person(s) you need to see first before making a trip to campus.

Athletic Summer Camps Begin June 6

Sign-ups for our Athletic Summer Camps can be found [HERE](#).

Fine Arts Summer Camps Begin June 6

Sign-ups for our Fine Arts Summer Camps can be found [HERE](#).

The Riches of our Faith Presentation by Scott Hahn, June 6

St. Joseph's Catholic School is excited to host Catholic biblical scholar and apologist Dr. Scott Hahn for a presentation entitled *The Riches of Our Faith* on Monday, June 6 at 7:00 PM in the JP II Center. This event is being co-sponsored by the Catholic Information Center, Heart Ridge Retreat & Cultural Center, and St. Joseph's Catholic School. This is a ticketed event. To register and see a schedule for the evening, click [HERE](#).

Final Report Cards, June 7

- Quarter 4/Final Report Cards will be emailed on June 7 after 4:00 PM. Please remember to check your *spam* email. If you do not receive a report card link, please email [Carol Curry](#). If you have any questions regarding your student's grade, please contact the teacher directly.
- The link to the report card will expire after 14 days. **Please print a copy or save as a pdf** for your records, car insurance discounts, and DMV as parents and students will not have access to the Report Cards in Family Portal during the summer.

Summer Government Class, June 13-24

All registered students and their parents should have received an email from Mrs. Carr in mid-May with the summer school contract attached. If you have not done so, please sign and return this to Mrs. Carr before the first day of summer school. The book for the course can be found in that email as well.

Band Program Instrument Fair, June 23 OR July 19

- Any incoming 6th grade students interested in joining the Band ensemble next year should drop by Musical Innovations Music Store on Thursday, June 23 between 11:30 AM-1:30 PM or Tuesday, July 19 between 3:30-5:30 PM. SJCS Strings Director, Jacob Martin, and other music professionals will be available to assist you in having a "hands on" experience with several band and strings 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 [Jacob Martin](#) or Musical Innovations (864-286-8742). The location is 150-G Tanner Rd., Greenville, SC 29607.

New Student Final Transcript/Final Report Cards Due June 30

Parents of new students are reminded to turn in the Final Transcript Request Form (found in the New Student Packet) to their child's current school office. It is imperative that we receive your child's final grades by the end of June in order for him/her to enter SJCS. The form may also be found [HERE](#).

Course Schedules Available Mid-July

HS students and parents will be notified via email in mid-July when schedules are available in FACTS Family Portal. Students will have an opportunity to make limited change requests once they receive their schedules. MS students will receive their schedules on Orientation Day. Eighth grade parents will be contacted via email concerning their child's world language placement when their schedules are complete in late July.

Rising Senior College Essay Workshop, July 18-21

There are currently a few spots remaining for our "bonus" Summer College Essay Writing Workshop. Students will be brainstorming, outlining, and writing their essays during the week and will complete one to two essays by the end of the week. Participants will receive feedback from college admissions counselors during the week and will also receive individual feedback on their completed essays from a college admissions counselor. Due to the format of the workshop, we are limiting it to the first 50 students who register.

Workshop Details:

When: July 18-21 (final essays will be sent in electronically on July 22)

Time: Afternoon (exact times TBD, but will likely be between 12:00-4:00 PM)

Where: St. Joseph's Catholic School (exact location TBD)

Cost: \$250

Registration and payment link: [HERE](#)

Vacation Bible School at St. Anthony, July 18-22

SJCS is partnering with St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church to provide a VBS at St. Anthony's for rising K-5th grade children, July 18-22 from 9:00 AM-Noon. This fun and fruity VBS will have us exploring 5 Catholic saints and how they lived the Fruits of the Spirit. (Can you name all 12 fruits of the Spirit?)

- How can you help?**
- Volunteer:** We will need lots of helpers, and yes, you can knock out your SJCS service hours.
- Donate supplies:** A sign-up for supplies will be emailed in June. Help us keep costs down since we will not be charging participants.
- Attend:** Encourage any children you know to register and attend. Registration forms will be available in June.

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact SJCS Theology Teacher [Beth Jones](#).

Textbook Purchasing, Free Shipping from July 25-31

Textbook lists for 2022-2023 are posted on St. Joseph's website. The school's official textbook vendor is BNC Services. Their online book store can be accessed [HERE](#). Summer reading titles may be purchased through BNC starting June 6 and all other textbooks will be available beginning July 11. In some instances, the textbook list will direct you to websites other than BNC. BNC Services carries the majority of our textbooks and is a straightforward and easy way to secure the books needed. They offer books in new and used condition as well as a chance to sell books back at the end of the year. If you choose to use another vendor, please make sure to order by ISBN

to ensure you have the correct edition and format. Also note that class schedules will not be finalized until mid-July and will be issued via email. If you choose to purchase books early, please note that you may be required to purchase additional books or different books based on your student's actual schedule. From July 25-31, BNC offers St. Joseph's discount shipping. Orders over \$99 qualify for free shipping that week only.

BNC Textbook Buyback

Parents who wish to sell books back to BNC may do so online. BNC Services will buy back textbooks that meet their condition requirements and send the money directly to you even if you did not purchase through BNC Services. You may also sell your books back to BNC Services through their website. They will cover shipping costs. This short video (found [HERE](#)) will provide you with complete instructions.

Pep Band Pre-season Camp, July 27-29 & August 1-2

- 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. There are openings for all instruments!
- The camp will be held at SJCS July 27-29 and August 1-2 from 9:00-11:30 AM, with a catered lunch on the last day. The cost for pre-season is \$40 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 Varsity home Football games in the fall. 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 from 1:30-3:00 PM to prepare for playing at several of the Friday night home football games 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. Questions? Contact SJCS Band Director [Marjorie Malphrus](#).

All Sports Parent Meeting, July 28

If you have a son or daughter who plans to play on any of our sports teams during the 2022-2023 school year, you must attend the mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, July 28 at 7:00 PM in the school's JPII Center. Any student participating in a sport at SJCS must complete and upload to [Planet HS](#) all required forms prior to the first practice or pre-season conditioning session: SCHSL Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation History Form, Physical Examination Form, SJCS Concussion Consent Form, Parent's Permission & Acknowledgement for Risk Form, Steadman Hawkins Consent Form, and a copy of the athlete's birth certificate. This is a completely online process; no paper forms will be accepted.

Freshmen Class Trip, July 30-August 1

We apologize that the dates had to be altered due to lodging issues - our Freshmen Class Trip will now be Saturday, July 30 through Monday, August 1, and we hope all our rising freshmen will be able to attend. Our trip will begin on Saturday at St. Joseph's in the early afternoon for class bonding activities. Parents will be invited to campus for dinner and discussion. The students will then head up to Heartridge Retreat Center in Sunset, SC, and will return to SJCS the morning of Monday, August 1. There will be a bonfire, games, free time to swim, a dance, and much more! We hope all incoming ninth grade students will plan to join us during this time to get to know your high school classmates both old and new. Further information will be sent out in June. Questions? Contact Student Life Coordinator [Keitt Brace](#).

New High School Student Makeup Placement Testing, August 2

Most new high school students completed our placement testing in May. However, if your child is new to SJCS for the 2022-2023 school year and he/she 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 2. Questions? Contact [Jenny Starks](#) in the Admissions Office.

Rising Senior Application Boot Camp, August 3 & 4

The College Counseling Office will host a free college application boot camp for rising seniors on August 3 and 4 at SJCS. All rising seniors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Other details including the times, exact location, and registration link, will follow in an email later this summer.

Third Annual SJCS Athletic Department Golf Tournament, August 5

Save the date for the third annual SJCS Athletic Department Golf Tournament at The Preserve at Verdae Golf Course on August 5. The Athletic Department will be hosting this fundraiser for all sports teams. These funds will be used to support all the teams that make up St. Joseph's Athletics. This has replaced many of the individual fundraisers that each team has done in the past. We strongly encourage the whole St. Joseph's community to participate in the golf tournament. All alumni, families, and friends are welcome! The Knights Athletic Booster Club is the all-sport Booster Club for SJCS. Thank you for your generous support of all SJCS athletes.

Let's Travel in 2023!

- Travel to Japan, Summer 2023: See the itinerary, costs, and sign-up information [HERE](#).
- Travel to Italy, Spring Break 2023: See the itinerary, costs, and sign-up information [HERE](#).
- These trips are open to all current 8th-11th grade students. Questions? Contact [Mrs. Carr](#).

Summer Reading

All students, all grades, have summer reading assignments. Both the Middle School & High School Summer Reading Lists are posted on the school website under Academics/Bookstore.

School Supplies

A list of middle school supplies will be posted on the website in July. Middle school students should arrive the first full day of classes with their book bag, textbooks, and all supplies. Teachers will furnish high school students with a list of any particular supplies needed for their classes once school begins; however, high school students should plan to arrive the first day of classes with their textbooks, a book bag, paper and/or notebooks, and a supply of pens/pencils.

Student IDs for 2022-2023

IDs are used to purchase lunch and items at the School Store as well as check-in/out for Late Stay. Students are issued one ID free of charge when they enter the school as a new student. Students who attend middle school at SJCS are also given a new (free) ID when they enter the high school as freshmen. Outside of these times, ID replacements cost \$5.00. Students should keep their IDs from year to year, and returning students should show up on the first day of school with their ID. New IDs for the 2022-2023 school year will be issued to all new students and all freshmen about a week or two after Yearbook Photo Day. Contact [Mary Cummings](#) for questions or to request a replacement ID.

Updating Contact Information

Use the Contact Information Update Form found at the bottom of the school website home page under "Contact Us" to update and change your contact information throughout the school year.

Important Dates for 2022 - 2023

Please click [HERE](#) to view the Important Dates for 2022 - 2023 that were posted to the SJCS website.

From the Middle School Director

A Tribute to the Class of 2026

All I have is what You gave
Watching seconds turn to days
I was made for more than just to watch it fly
A few more turns around the sun
Could be hundreds, could be one
Show me how to spend the treasure of my time
Show me how to spend a life

Lyrics from ***Spend a Life*** by David Dunn

Every school year, Mr. Kiser and I meet with the 8th graders to get feedback on their middle school experience. This year we had four meetings and met with the 8th graders by house - Romero, Molla, Bakhita, and Drexel. We start these meetings by asking what they most love about St. Joseph's. Overwhelmingly, the students say they love their friends, their teachers, and the community. While no one specifically mentions homework (I was shocked!), they do appreciate the strong academic preparation they receive.

After we talk about the things they love, we move to their biggest disappointments ... and we brace ourselves for what we'll hear. One of the 8th grade girls said her biggest disappointment was having to go virtual in March of her 6th grade year. And I thought, "Wow ... yes ... " That comment helped us realize that for the Class of 2026, most of their middle school experience has been in a pandemic ... and yet, despite that unprecedented experience, they've been able to show us how to *spend a life*.

Each and every one of them brought something to us, their classmates, and this school community. Each had their own path to the same place ... this place ... ready to move on to high school. Whether it was how they studied or how they prayed; the way they wrote, or what they wrote about; their favorite activity at recess - Spikeball, football or just talking in a big circle; how they wore their hair, or tried to get away with wearing their hoodie; their personalities and their presence. Each of them brought something to us that we will remember.

The Class of 2026 helped us see that there are multiple paths to accomplishing a goal. And while there are multiple paths to accomplishing a goal, and a variety of ways to *spend a life*, the only way that will lead to true and lasting joy is to choose the way of Christ. Multiple paths .. one way. He was the One who truly showed us how to spend a life.

So, Class of 2026, live the way He did. Love the way He did. Continue to show us, and the world, how to *spend a life*.

From the High School Director

As we head into the summer of 2022, I can only say thank you for once again entrusting us with the education and formation of your children. I am very grateful for this community, and never more so than when I watched our students become the very presence of Christ to one another this year. There were thousands of little moments of grace that helped bring us through a challenging time. I saw our students pray with one another, encourage one another, embrace one another, and forgive one another. The faces and voices may change, but over and over again, it's the same grace, and it's that grace that got us through this year. Thank you again for your investment in our community.

From the Athletic Department

Requirements for Students Participating in Sports

Please keep in mind that any student participating in a sport for the 2022-2023 school year at SJCS must have a physical dated after April 1, 2022, and complete the required forms online [HERE](#) prior to the first tryout or practice. No paper forms will be accepted, no exceptions. If you were an athlete in 2021-2022, please use your existing login. The required forms that must be filled out online prior to the first practice are: Pre-Participation History and PreParticipation 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 PlanetHS (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 [HERE](#). Please note that you must login to the SJCS website first. Be sure to type St. Joseph's Catholic School in the search line when looking for our school.

From the Knights Booster Club

The Knights Athletic Booster Club wrapped up a tremendously successful year. Membership funds have purchased multiple enhancements to SJCS athletics from bleachers to field painting equipment to streaming services and enhanced social media graphics. Football tailgates made a comeback, so plan on coming out for Friday night home games again this fall! The Booster Club fully funded the Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and interactive touch screen display in the gym lobby. Please mark your calendars for the Fourth Annual Athletic Department Golf Tournament on Friday, August 5. Thank you and Go Knights!

From the Business Office

Tuition Accounts

All student's tuition and fees account must be paid in full before they will receive their 2022-2023 class schedule. If you have questions about your tuition account, please contact [Ann Gushue](#).

Used Textbooks

As the school year comes to a close, please consider donating any unwanted used textbooks to St. Joseph's. These textbooks are distributed to our scholarship students.

From the 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

Senior transcripts with final grades and GPA will be sent out to each college the first and second week of June to the college you indicated in your Graduation Survey. 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:

- Seniors who have committed to play a sport in college or are planning to try out must register with the NCAA (Division I and II) or NAIA and request that their final transcripts be sent to them.
- 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.

Rising Senior Families

If you would like to have a follow-up meeting, please contact the College Counseling Office to set one up. Please note that Jenn Albright is scheduled to return from her maternity leave in June. All students should try to meet with their College Counselor at least one time during the summer.

Rising Seniors: Questionnaire for Counselor Recommendation

All rising seniors (Class of 2023) must complete a questionnaire for their college counselor. This information is extremely important as your counselor begins to write your recommendation letter so, please complete it as soon as possible, but no later than the beginning of July. We strongly encourage you to take your time and be as detailed as possible in your responses. The link to the survey is [HERE](#).

From the Development Office

Many Thanks To

- The incredible Parent Leaders of the 2021-2022 school year: Kimberly Masters, Rebecca Feldman, Kelly Gillespie, Adam Grace, Christine Balts, Cindy Davis, Amy Cassidy, and Amy Lonergan. 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 2022 Gala such an incredible success! You can view the video [HERE](#) and the photos [HERE](#). The photo password is case sensitive and is sjcsimages.

Extra Weekends at your Timeshare or Vacation Home?

It's never too soon to be thinking about our 2023 Annual Auction Gala! We are looking for any family willing to donate 'a stay' at your vacation home or timeshare to be auctioned off at our 2023 Gala. If you have one or know of someone who would be willing to donate, please contact [Kevin Meyer](#) or [Katie Orbon](#) in the Development Office. Remember, this donation is tax-deductible!

Annual Fund

- Our goal this fiscal year (July 2021– June 2022) is to engage the financial support of 100% of our school families, faculty, and staff in giving to the Annual Fund. As of the middle of May an impressive 60% of our school families have contributed. Congratulations to the **9th and 10th grades** which are leading with a **grade level participation of 66%**! Have you been counted in this year's Annual Fund? Please contact [Kevin Meyer](#) with any questions, download your [Annual Fund Donation Form](#) today or make an [online donation](#)!
- Helping families afford a St. Joseph's education is a foundational principle to our identity as a Catholic school. The Annual Fund fulfills this responsibility by providing approximately 6% of the school's overall budget. It accounts for 75% of the funding that is not covered by tuition. These dollars are raised every year through the generosity of our community. Our Annual Fund goal for this year, which includes proceeds from the Gala, is \$525,000. **The Annual Fund total through mid-May was \$620,000!** Thank you for your incredible generosity throughout the year!

From the Fine Arts Department

From the Jubilate Arts Guild

What a great year it has been. The Jubilate Arts Guild is very grateful to have been able to share the many talents of our fine arts students and teachers in-person with our school community. We hope that you were able to perhaps enjoy the Fall play or Spring Musical, perhaps you got in the holiday spirit at one of our concerts or took in the Spring Art Show, maybe you even figured out what Jubilate Knight is by participating in our Annual Talent Show and Fundraiser. No matter the role you played, the Jubilate Arts Guild appreciates all of the support

attending our events, purchasing our ornaments, and buying Christmas wreaths. All of the many things we have done this year would not have happened without the dedicated members of our JAG Board so a BIG "Thank You" to Cindy Davis, our Vice President and Jubilate Knight Chair, Marjorie Ferguson, our Treasurer, Nikki Hamby, our Secretary, Erin Brasington, the Ways & Means Chair, Brandon Cabiness, the Sponsorship Chair, Sue Bannio, the Tech Week Meals & Concessions Coordinator, as well as our dedicated Development Office team, especially Katie Orbon. Many thanks again, and we look forward to bringing you another new ornament while continuing to showcase the many talents of our Fine Arts students next year.

Looking to Next Year...

Have you been wondering what the Jubilate Arts Guild is? Have you been wondering how you can get involved in an organization that impacts all the students here at SJCS? JAG is the place for you! We are the Fine Arts Booster Club and we have a position for you, no matter how much or how little time you have to invest. We meet once a month, before school for those with busy work schedules. ALL middle school students take classes in the Fine Arts programs, and the majority of our high school students participate in Band, Strings, Chorus, Dance, Theatre, and/or the Visual Arts. We are also looking for people to be on our Jubilate Knight committee to help put together and promote our amazing annual talent show and fundraiser. If you would like to join a fun group of parents who support the Fine Arts here at SJCS, JAG is where you need to be! Questions? Contact [Cindy Davis](#).

From the Parents Guild

Thank You To...

- Blair Bailey for organizing our very fun and exciting After Prom at Spare Time! And, a special thanks to the parents who generously donated gift cards and prizes.
- Kelly Gillespie and Jill Murphy for organizing the Senior/parent DodgeBall tournament. We had a great turn-out and lots of fun!
- Blair Bailey for hosting the Senior Breakfast and Jenna Howard for hosting the Junior Breakfast. They really made our students feel special!
- Kristen Armaly for another successful Spirit Wear Sale!!

Help SJCS Earn Money Over the Summer

Did you know that SJCS receives a check every month from Amazon? Plus, we receive funds from Publix, Harris Teeter, and Lowe's Foods. We need these funds to continue our efforts in improving the school. In just a few minutes, you can set up your account and help us start gaining rewards. To find out more details and sign up, click [HERE](#).

Attractions Book Sales in August

Get ready for the fall sale right after school begins. Books typically pay for themselves after using 2-3 coupons, and we receive \$10 for every book sold.

Get Involved Next Year

The mission of the Parent's 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 [Rebecca Feldman](#). We have several open positions and need help in making the 2022-2023 school year a success!

From Kimberly Masters, Parent's Guild President

Summer is here, and the 2021-2022 school year has quickly gone by! It was an honor to serve as SJCS Parent's Guild President this year. I want to thank my Board: Rebecca Feldman, Monica Dodge, Jessica Clements, Lisa Ireland, and Elaine Barnhill, and all of the committee leaders for their time and talent as they unselfishly served the school community. The transition back to a more normal school year was wonderful! Our sponsored activities like the Back-to-School Tailgate, Grandparents Day, Ladies Knight Out, and the Fish Fry were well attended and enjoyed by all. We continued to spoil the faculty/staff with a Welcome Back breakfast at the beginning of the year, Pumpkin Bread and homemade cookies around the holidays, a yummy soup/salad lunch during Catholic

Schools Week, and gifts of wrapping paper and a beach towel! Parent's Guild plans to give back to the school by making a donation to the library for eBooks and to the Computer Lab for technology-related items. We are also planning to spruce up our entrances a bit. Lastly, parents, I encourage you to continue to stay involved with your student's school! It is the best way to meet your child's teachers and their friends, to learn more about the school, and to fall in love with the community we call St. Joseph's.

From the Technology Services Department

Volunteer Summer Opportunities for Students

There will be volunteer service opportunities available this summer to assist the Technology Department in preparing for the 2022-2023 year. Interested? Email [Mary Cummings](#).

Chromebook Pick-Up for the 2022-2023 School Year

Students will be able to pick up their Chromebooks in their Households during student orientation, locker setup, or the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year (grades 7-12).

Student Email Accounts & Google Drive

Students new to SJCS for the 2022-2023 school year will receive information regarding their email addresses 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

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 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 [Rod McClendon](#) or [Mary Cummings](#).