



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

Greetings from St. Joseph's Catholic School!

What a difference a year makes! I'm happy to report that we've recently enjoyed Kairos, Youth-In-Government, the Gala, and Prom all as in-person events, and we're looking forward to the Academic Awards and the Red Door Ceremony, 8th Grade Convocation, and Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation. I, for one, will not be taking any of these events for granted but rather will relish the opportunity to be together to celebrate the talents and gifts of our students.

Regarding the Gala, the 200-foot tent on the softball field proved to be a spectacular venue for a truly wonderful Bollywood Knights themed event. I'm always blown away by the generosity of our community at events like this and this year's Gala was no different. I love what Mary Salgado said in the Gala video. Mary mentioned how much she loves the Gala because she always experiences the mission of the school at work in a powerful way. That was certainly true last Friday night. To all those who attended and supported the event: thank you for believing in the transformative power of a St. Joseph's education and for sacrificing so others can have this experience too!

At the end of this month, all eyes will be on the 104 members of the Class of 2021 as we present them with their diplomas at graduation, an event that will be held once again on the football field. These are remarkable young women and men who in ways large and small, in the words of the school's founding board chair, will "change the world for the better." I was privileged to recently witness 10 members of this class lead the Kairos retreat. They were hardworking, dedicated, empathetic, vulnerable, self-effacing, and faith-filled, all qualities our teachers have used to describe the members of this class in general.

The Class of 2021's academic record speaks for itself as these preliminary statistics from the college guidance office confirms:

- 96% of the class have reported being awarded at least one scholarship
• 96% of the class is currently on track to receive one of the three state scholarships (Palmetto, Life or Hope).
• With 98% of the class reporting at least some of their college acceptances.... all have been accepted to at least one 4-year

university. They have been accepted to 110 different universities in 34 states (including DC) and 2 different countries.

You can find the details in this edition of *News & Notes* of how we will be celebrating and honoring the Class of 2021 in their final month of high school.

Finally, please join us in praying especially for all of our teachers who have experienced difficult health challenges during this school year, particularly Jennie Neighbors, Anne Meyer, and Jeanne McCoy. May God grant each of them and those not named a full and speedy recovery and the peace that comes from God's loving presence.

With Love and Prayers,
Keith F. Kiser
Headmaster

Things You Need To Know

St. Joseph the Worker Day, April 30

Traditionally St. Joseph the Worker Day is a day when all SJCS students go into the community to be of service. However, due to COVID circumstances this year, Friday, April 30 will be a regular school day with a 3:00 PM dismissal. We look forward to our traditional St. Joseph the Worker Day next year.

Exam Schedules for AP, Senior, & Final Exams

Please see the Exam section of this News & Notes for full details of exams.

Senior College T-Shirt Day, May 6

Seniors are invited to wear a college t-shirt from their chosen college on Thursday, May 6. Seniors should wear their t-shirt with uniform bottoms.

Theatre Spring Spectacle, On-Demand Streaming, May 8-9

In place of the spring musical, we have prepared two highly energetic one act plays! *How to Succeed in High School Without Really Trying* and *Bad Auditions by Bad Actors* will be available to stream at any time, on-demand May 8 & 9. In *How to Succeed...* a group of high school students has infiltrated an 8th Grade assembly in order to provide valuable knowledge about how to make it through their next four years of education. High school will never be the same! Meanwhile, in *Bad Auditions...*, a casting director has only one day to choose the lead actors for a local production of *Romeo and Juliet*. However, the variety of performers is endless and... quite interesting! Enjoy these action-packed performances for only \$10 for the weekend stream pass. Click [HERE](#) to purchase your viewing pass.

Attention Parents of New High School Students! Placement Testing is May 10 & May 11

Newly accepted and enrolled high school students who are entering grades 9-12 and who are currently completing high school courses in math and/or any level of world language for high school credit at their current school and wish to advance to the next level at St. Joseph's need to take SJCS Placement Tests. The tests will be held at SJCS on Monday, May 10 (Math) and Tuesday, May 11 (World Language) beginning at 3:30 PM. Information regarding these tests was sent home in all new high school student acceptance packets. Questions? Contact [Jenny Starks](#) in the Admissions Office.

- New rising ninth grade students who have completed a high school level math course in their current middle school must take the St. Joseph's Math Placement Test in order to receive credit for their current class/classes as well as secure their correct placement at SJCS.
- New high school students (entering grades 9-12) who have completed a high school world language course in their current school must take the St. Joseph's World Language Placement Test in order to receive credit for their current class as well as secure their correct placement at SJCS.

New Student Nights, Monday, May 10 & Monday, May 17

All newly accepted and enrolled students (students new to SJCS for fall 2021) and their parents are required to attend one or both of these informative sessions. Monday, May 10 is a virtual event from 7:00-8:00 PM for ALL new students and their parents. Monday, May 17 is an on-campus Class Night. New middle school students should report to campus for a 5:30-6:30 PM program. All new rising freshmen should report to campus for a 7:30-8:30 PM program. Counselors will contact new 10-11-12 grade students individually to review course selections, etc. Information about these nights was included in all new student acceptance packets.

HS Academic Awards Ceremony & Class of 2021 Red Door Ceremony, May 12

The HS Academic Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 12 in the JPII Center at 12:15 PM. Only seniors and their parents will attend this ceremony. Grades 6-11 will be dismissed as normal at 12:05 PM. All seniors should wear their dress uniform that day. All parents are invited to attend and you will be notified, in advance, if your child is receiving an award. The Academic Awards Ceremony will conclude with the Class of 2021 processing out through the Red Door in the school's annual Red Door Farewell Ceremony. This program marks an end of one spiritual journey and the beginning of a new one for our seniors. Parents will need to RSVP for this event as seating will be assigned. Please look for an email at the beginning of May with RSVP information.

HS Coffeehouse, May 14

The final HS Coffeehouse of the school year, sponsored by the Fine Arts Department and the Jubilate Arts Guild, will be Friday, May 14 from 5:00–7:00 PM. All HS students are encouraged to participate in this event and we invite HS parents to also attend (any younger siblings must be accompanied by their parents). The event will take place on the "UKnight Patio/Stage", next to the Gym entrance. Students should plan to bring a blanket/chair to sit on, wear their masks, and be ready for some open-mic entertainment. Admission is \$5/person to be paid by cash/check at the entry table. Snacks and bottled water will be provided.

Eighth Grade Convocation Mass & Awards Ceremony, May 19

The 8th Grade Convocation Mass and Awards Ceremony will be held from 12:15-1:45 PM on Wednesday, May 19. Space is limited this year to 8th graders and their parents/step-parents. We are aware that some may not be able to make it since this is an after-school event. Please email [Melissa Broering](#) if you and your 8th grader are NOT able to attend.

Seniors vs Senior Parents Dodgeball, May 19

This highly anticipated event will take place on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 PM at the SJCS Tennis Courts. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP by May 12. Parents should come dressed in your high school graduation year fashions. Students should wear their college t-shirt or show your SJCS school spirit. Prizes will be awarded for: Best Outfit, Best Dodgeball Skills, Most Spirited, and Most Competitive. Dinner will be provided. Bring a lawn chair for seating. Questions? Contact [Blair Bailey](#).

Team Day, May 21

As previously communicated, there will be no classes on Friday, May 21. Students will have year-end celebrations and receive their yearbooks; a detailed schedule for the day will be emailed home in early May.

MS Final Week of School, May 24-27

All students will be dismissed at 12:15 PM on exam days May 24-26. Sixth and seventh graders will have two extended classes each day matching the 8th grade and HS Exam schedule (found in this edition of News & Notes). Thursday, May 27 will be the last day of school and the students will be dismissed at 10:00 AM after 8th period. Eighth graders may need to stay later on Thursday if they have a make-up exam.

Late Stay, May 24-26

We will have Late Stay on Monday through Wednesday (May 24-26) after the 12:15 PM dismissal, but NO Late Stay on Thursday, May 27, which is the last day of school, with a 10:00 AM dismissal.

Graduation Practice, May 27

Graduation practice will begin promptly at 5:00 PM in the Stadium. This is a required event for ALL seniors and they should plan to be at practice from 5:00–7:00 PM. All seniors must be present and arrive on time at this practice in order to walk at Commencement.

Baccalaureate Mass & Commencement, May 28

The Class of 2021 will have their Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement at 7:00 PM in the Stadium.

School Office Closed, May 31 & June 1

The school and school offices will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. They will also be closed on Tuesday, June 1 for an off-site faculty/staff year-end meeting.

Summer Office Hours Begin June 2

Beginning Wednesday, June 2, 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 5-9. The office re-opens July 12 and summer hours continue until early August.

Textbook Purchasing Begins June 7

Textbook lists for 2021-2022 will be posted on the SJCS website by May 21. 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 Services starting June 7 and all other textbooks will be available beginning July 12. 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. BNC offers SJCS discount shipping from July 26-August 2. Orders over \$99 qualify for free shipping that week only.

BNC Textbook Buyback

In lieu of the traditional textbook buyback provided in the library, we are encouraging parents who wish to sell books back to BNC to do so online. BNC Services will buy back textbooks that meet their condition requirements, and send the money directly to you. You do not have to have purchased your books through BNC Services to participate. You may also sell your books back to BNC Services through their website. They will cover shipping costs. The Virtual Online Buyback Instructions can be found [HERE](#). The Online Buyback Video Instructions can be found [HERE](#).

Final Report Cards, June 8

Quarter 4/Final Report Cards will be emailed on June 8 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 student's grade, please contact the teacher directly.

Rising Senior College Essay Workshop, June 21-24

The College Counseling Office will hold a college application essay workshop for rising seniors June 21-24. College Admission Counselors will be present throughout the week to lead and assist students through the brainstorming and revision process. The times, cost, registration link, and other important information will be sent to all rising seniors before the end of the school year.

Band Program Instrument Fair, June 29 or July 22

Any incoming 6th grade students interested in joining the Band ensemble next year should drop by the Musical Innovations Music Store on Tuesday, June 29 (11:30 AM-2:00 PM) or Thursday, July 22 (3:30-6:00 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). The location is 150-G Tanner Rd., Greenville, SC 29607.

All Sports Parent Meeting, July 29

If you have a son or daughter who plans to play on any of our sports teams during the 2021-2022 school year, you must attend the mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 PM in the school's JPll Center.

Rising Senior Application Boot Camp, Week of August 2

The College Counseling Office will host a college application boot camp for rising seniors the week of August 2 at SJCS. All rising seniors are welcome. More details, including the specific dates, times, and registration link, will follow in an email later this summer.

Pep Band Pre-Season Camp, August 2-6

- 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 on August 2-6, 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, the Pep Band will rehearse on Wednesday afternoons, 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. Contact SJCS Band Director, [Marjorie Malphrus](#), for more information.

Third Annual SJCS Athletic Department Golf Tournament, August 6

Save the date for the third annual SJCS Athletic Department Golf Tournament at The Preserve at Verdae golf course on August 6. The Athletic Department will be hosting this fundraiser to support all 49 teams that make up St. Joseph's athletics. This has replaced many of the individual fundraisers that each team has done in the past. Last year was sold out with a waiting list to participate, so don't delay! Click [HERE](#) for sponsorship levels and team/individual entries.

Important Dates for 2020-2021

Please click [HERE](#) to view the Important Dates for 2021-2022 that were posted to the SJCS website.

Outerwear Policy for 2021-2022 School Year

A new policy on outerwear, first announced in the summer of 2020, will go into effect for the upcoming school year. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, only Lands' End outerwear will be allowed on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (ie casual uniform). Lands' End has several high-quality options available through their [online store](#). Wednesdays will still be Dress Uniform days for the all-school Mass (with a few exceptions throughout the year). Fridays will still be spirit wear days, and students may wear any SJCS outerwear (athletic teams, clubs, etc.) on those days, including hoodies.

Want to Travel? Student Travel Offerings

- England and Scotland 2022: Come travel with Mrs. Neighbors and Mrs. Carr to England and Scotland during Spring Break of 2022. High tea in an English manor house, Edinburgh Castle, boat tour on Loch Ness to look for Nessie, and a train trip into Scotland are all included. Click [HERE](#) to see the itinerary, pricing, payment plans, and to sign up! Questions? Contact [Mrs. Carr](#).
- Japan 2022: The SJCS school trip to Japan has been postponed until June of 2022. If you are interested in experiencing an amazing culture, immersing yourself in a very different history, and trying new and exciting foods and activities, come travel with us to Japan in 2022. Click [HERE](#) to see the itinerary, sign up, set up a payment plan, and review all the activities. Questions? Contact [Mrs. Carr](#).

From the Middle School Director

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."
Philippians 1: 3 - 4

Providing opportunities for our students to grow in faith and friendship is a significant element of the St. Joseph's experience. One such opportunity, the Kairos retreat, is offered to our students their junior year. I have never attended one myself, but I have heard some really amazing stories about its impact on the lives of our students. Well, last month, two seniors from the Kairos student leadership team - Essence Thompson and Mark Lyons - asked if I would be one of the chaperones for this year's Kairos retreat. I asked, "Are you sure you want me there? You know, I can be pretty strict!" And they replied, "Yes, Mrs. J. We still want you there." So, I went. And I'm really, really glad I did.

This has been a rough year, and I needed that retreat time - even if for just one overnight - to remind me of all the ways God has been good to us. I told myself that the next time I wrote for *News & Notes*, I would list the things I'm thankful for. So here it goes ...

I'm thankful for ...

- Students who are kind, generous, curious, courageous, thoughtful, powerful, talented, strong, endearing - despite the fears, anxieties, and uncertainties that crowd their hearts and minds.
- Parents who love their children so deeply that they sacrifice until it hurts. And they do this over and over again.
- Teachers and staff who give so completely of themselves that there is not much left to give. They offer their imperfect lives as an example of faithful, Christian living.
- All of us in the SJCS community - near and far - who bear witness to the power and presence of Christ. There is truth, beauty, and goodness in this world, and our St. Joseph's family is a living, breathing witness to this.

While this school year brought incredible challenges, it also revealed the depth of our community's commitment to each other and the mission of this school. Thank you for all the ways - seen and unseen - that you sustained us during this year. Be assured of my prayers for you today and all days.

In gratitude,
Wanda Jaraczewski

From the High School Director

I know many of us won't miss the 2020-2021 academic year. Millions of students have barely been in physical classrooms, teachers have had to adapt on the run to changing conditions every day, and of course we've been masked and distant for most of the year. I won't miss most of these things, but there are some positive learnings this year as well. Teachers and students have found new "back channels" to engage with one another. Chat rooms and on-demand videos can facilitate more touch points, and can promote a more responsive time frame for students. One of the most promising "discoveries" from the year is the value of a mindful break. It can sound counterintuitive, but occasionally disengaging actually promotes better engagement and that's something we want to take forward with us.

Most of all, though, this year has reminded me of how much our community needs our mission. There is no real substitute for worshipping and praying together. As the students have heard me say many times, my favorite part of the week is saying the school prayer together at the end of Mass every week. In particular, I ask St. Joseph to pray for us to have "pure, humble, and charitable minds." That's my prayer for all of us, all the time. I covet your prayers for us as we prepare for next year!

Exam Schedule

AP Exam Schedule

Monday, May 3	7:30 AM – US Government and Politics
Tuesday, May 4	7:30 AM – Calculus AB/Calculus BC
Wednesday, May 5	7:30 AM – English Literature and Composition 11:30 AM – Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 6	7:30 AM – United States History 11:30 AM – Art History
Friday, May 7	7:30 AM – Chemistry 11:30 AM – European History
Monday, May 10	7:30 AM – French Language and Culture
Tuesday, May 11	7:30 AM – Spanish Language and Culture
Wednesday, May 12	7:30 AM – English Language and Composition
Friday, May 14	7:30 AM – Biology
Monday, May 17	11:30 AM – Statistics

Students must report to the Achievement Center (former Meeting Room) at the times listed above for most AP exams. Biology and Statistics exams will be held in the Gym. AP students are excused from all of their classes on any day they have an AP exam and they may arrive later or leave campus early. However, if it is beneficial to attend other classes on that day, they should do so. If they stay on campus after an exam, they must check in at the front office before reporting to class. They may not leave campus after a morning exam and return to school for a later class.

Senior Exam Schedule

Monday, May 17	8:05–10:00 AM: History 10:20 AM–12:15 PM: Math
Tuesday, May 18	8:05–10:00 AM: World Language/Electives 10:20 AM–12:15 PM: Science
Wednesday, May 19	8:05–10:00 AM: Theology 10:20 AM–12:15 PM: English
Thursday, May 20	Make-ups as needed

Final Exam Schedule, Grades 8-11 for Non-AP Courses

Monday, May 24	8:05–10:00 AM Period 1 Exam 10:20 AM–12:15 PM Period 2 Exam
Tuesday, May 25	8:05–10:00 AM Period 3 Exam 10:20 AM–12:15 PM Period 4/5 Exam
Wednesday, May 26	8:05–10:00 AM Period 6 Exam 10:20 AM–12:15 PM Period 7 Exam
Thursday, May 27	8:05–10:00 AM Period 8 Exam 10:20 AM–12:15 PM Make up Exams

Exam Guidelines

- **Students are not allowed to test early.**
- SJCS Exemption Policy: Excepting math courses, juniors and seniors can exempt exams in year-long courses if they have a 90 average in the course by the Friday before final exams are scheduled to begin. Exemption averages are calculated by averaging the fall semester grade with the third and fourth quarter grades. Students on probation or those who have certain disciplinary actions may not be eligible.
- Eighth grade students should go to morning Household on exam days.
- High school students should report directly to their exam room and must be seated by 8:00 AM. Anyone not in attendance after 8:00 AM will be considered tardy. No students are to be admitted to the exam once the exam has been distributed. Likewise, for the second exam, students should be seated and attendance taken by 10:15 AM and no student will be admitted after the exam has been distributed.
- Students should bring review materials for other exams and study quietly if they finish an exam before the end of the exam period. Silence should be maintained from the moment exams are distributed until all exams are collected at the end of the exam period. Students with questions should raise their hands quietly.
- Once an exam begins, students are not permitted to leave the room. Restroom trips should be for emergencies only and then only after the student has turned in their exam.
- Students with only one exam on a given day need be present only for that exam. If they do not have a 10:20 AM exam they may leave at the end of the 8:00 AM exam period. Similarly, if a student does not have an 8:00 AM exam, they do not need to report until the 10:20 AM exam period (by 10:15 AM). All students leaving or arriving between the exam times should enter/exit through the front office.
- Exemptions apply only to end-of-year tests. Papers and projects are not part of the exemption policy.

From the Academic Support Services & College Counseling Office

Course Schedules Available Mid-July

HS students and parents will be notified, via email, when the course schedules are available in FACTS Family Portal in mid-July. Students will have an opportunity to make limited change requests once they receive their schedules. MS students will receive their schedules at the beginning of school in August.

Senior Graduation Surveys Due by May 7

All seniors must complete their Graduation Survey in Scoir as soon as possible, but no later than May 7, 2021. Completing this survey is essential in your college receiving your final transcript.

Senior Final Transcripts

We will send final transcripts to the college(s) that you indicate on your Graduation Survey. Please note that this also includes the NCAA. Final transcripts will be sent out the first and second week of June. If your college requires a form to be included with the transcript, please make sure the College Counseling Office has this form. Please continue to bring in all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to us.

Rising Senior/Current Junior Families

If you would like to have a follow-up meeting, please contact [Heather Driscoll](#) or [Emily Butler](#) to set one up. All students should try to meet with their college counselor at least one more time before the end of the school year. Parents who have not yet filled out the [Junior Parent Questionnaire](#) should do so before the end of May.

From the Athletic Department

Athletics Summer Camp Schedule

BOYS/GIRLS FOOTBALL CAMP

DATE: JUNE 7-JUNE 11
TIME: 9:00 AM-Noon
AGES: Rising 1st thru 8th Grade
COST: \$150

BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

DATE: JUNE 14-JUNE 18
TIME: 9:00 AM-Noon
AGES: Rising 4th thru 9th Grade
COST: \$150

GIRLS SOFTBALL CAMP

DATE: JUNE 14-JUNE 18
TIME: 4:00-6:00 PM
AGES: Rising 3rd thru 11th Grade
COST: \$150

BOYS BASEBALL CAMP

DATE: JUNE 21-JUNE 25
TIME: 9:00 AM-Noon
AGES: Rising 2nd thru 7th Grade
COST: \$150

BOYS/GIRLS SOCCER CAMP

DATE: JULY 12-JULY 16
TIME: 9:00 AM-Noon
AGES: Rising 3rd thru 12th Grade
COST: \$150

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

DATE: AUGUST 2-AUGUST 6
TIME: 9:00 AM-Noon
AGES: Rising 3rd thru 9th Grade
COST: \$150

GIRLS CHEER CAMP

DATE: AUGUST 2-AUGUST 6
TIME: 9:00 AM-Noon
AGES: Rising 2nd thru 5th Grade
COST: \$150

Athletics Summer Camp Schedule

To sign up for a Summer Athletic Camp, click [HERE](#).

Fall Tryouts

Detailed fall tryout dates will be posted to the St. Joseph's website under Athletics as soon as the South Carolina High School League finalizes start dates for Fall 2021 Sports. Families of fall sport athletes (football, swimming, volleyball, girls tennis, girls golf, cross country and cheerleading) should tentatively plan for tryouts to begin the week of August 1.

Sports Participation Requirements for 2021-2022

Any student participating in a sport for the 2021-2022 school year at SJCS must have a physical dated after April 1, 2021 and complete the required forms ONLINE at [Planet HS](#) prior to the first practice. NO PAPER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS! If you were an athlete in 2020-2021 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). 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. Be sure to type St. Joseph's Catholic School in the search line when looking for our school.

Knights Athletic Booster Club

The Knights Athletic Booster Club would like to thank each and every parent and student who has participated in athletics this year and joined the Booster Club! Your participation as an athletic supporter goes a long way in helping SJCS build a legacy of excellence. The Booster Club Board will hold its last meetings in May and June for the current year. If you have an interest in sports and in becoming involved with a great parent group, the Athletic Booster Club Board is for you! Interested? Email [Blair Bailey](#) or [Ben Renfrow](#) for more information.

From the Business Office

Tuition Accounts

In order to participate in Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation, all senior tuition and fees must be paid in full, except for June tuition, by May 20. All other students' tuition and fees accounts must be paid in full before they will receive their 2021-2022 class schedule.

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 Development Office

Annual Auction Gala, Bollywood Knights: Though Many, We Are One in Christ

The 2021 Annual Auction Gala, Bollywood Knights, was held on Friday, April 23. It was a bright, colorful, breezy evening filled with fun, generosity, love, delicious food from Table 301, and a joyful spirit of togetherness as we came together as a community to support tuition assistance at St. Joseph's. We are grateful for our sponsors, vendors, our **incredible parent volunteers**, faculty/staff, Prom Committee, and our Advancement Representatives who worked so selflessly to make St. Joseph's light shine even brighter.

A Special Thank You

A special thanks to our dedicated Gala Committee members who put in many hours behind the scenes to organize the wonderful event: Amy Cassidy (Gala Co-Chair), Aimee Lonergan, Tara Ann Garrett, Susanne Norwood, Shannon Cole, Katie Winburn, Donna Frank, and Mary Salgado. A very special thanks to the very gracious and generous Megha Lal, who finishes her Gala Chair-ship and has continued to lead our Gala committee with joy, gratitude, heartfelt passion, and vision.

Annual Fund

- Our goal this fiscal year (July 2020– June 2021) is to engage the financial support of 100% of our school families, faculty, and staff in giving to the Annual Fund. Through the month of March, an impressive 47% of our school families have contributed. We will update these participation numbers through the Gala and include that in the next *News and Notes*.
- 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 \$500,000. The **Annual Fund total through March was \$384,509!** Please contact [Kevin Meyer](#) with any questions, download your [Annual Fund Donation Form](#) or give [online](#) today!

From the Fine Arts Department

Spring Concerts

While we are not able to host full ensemble concerts this spring, the Fine Arts Department is excited to announce that all music ensembles will have their spring concerts professionally recorded. These performances will be available on the SJCS Fine Art YouTube page (found [HERE](#)) in late May. We hope that you'll enjoy the hard work of our talented students as you enjoy these performances with your family in celebration of the end of the school year!

Fine Arts Summer Camps

- Rising Stars (Grades 3-8) Theatre Camp: June 7-11 from 9:00 AM-12:30PM, Cost \$130
- Improvisation (Grades 8-12) Theatre Camp: June 7-10 from 2:00-4:00 PM, Cost \$80

Click [HERE](#) to register for any of the Theatre Camps listed above. Theatre Camp registration closes on Saturday, June 5.

- Art in Motion Visual Art Camp (Grades 3-5): July 12-16 from 1:00-4:00 PM, Cost \$180
- Art En Plein Air Visual Art Camp (Grades 6-8): July 26-30 from 1:00-4:00 PM, Cost \$180

Click [HERE](#) to register for any of the Visual Arts Camps listed above. Theatre Camp registration closes on Saturday, June 5.

Ornament Design Contest

Pope Francis has declared this to be "*The Year of St. Joseph*". To mark this special year and connection to our school community, the Jubilate Arts Guild will be sponsoring an **Art Contest** to create a unique ornament that will be available in the Fall. This contest will be open to all students as well as alumni. Details regarding the specifications for the artwork will be posted on the school's website with the submission deadline of May 21. We look forward to seeing the creative submissions as well as sharing the final St. Joseph ornament with our St. Joseph's family!

Jubilate Arts Guild

Looking to get more involved next year? The Jubilate Arts Guild is looking to fill a few positions on next year's board. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining us in one of these roles: Secretary, Membership, Ways and Means, and Tech Week/Concessions Coordinator. Please feel free to contact [Christine Balts](#) to chat about where your talents might best fit in to help support and promote the St. Joseph's Fine Arts Department.

From the Parents Guild

Thank You!

- Thank you to **Mary Salgado** and **Devon Pace** for organizing an incredible prom for our seniors. Also, a warm thank you to all the parents who generously donated gift cards and prizes.
- Thank you to **Kimberly Masters** for an outstanding week of Seatbelt Awareness for our students.
- Thank you to **Anne Stein** for organizing senior graduation sign orders and delivery.
- A big thank you to **Debbie Cruz** for her years in chairing our Used Uniform Sales. Thank you, Debbie, for all of your support over the years. And welcome to **Patricia Hanson**, who will be taking on this enormous task for SJCS.

Used Uniform Sale

The used uniform sale has moved to August 2021. Look for details at a later date.

Technology Services Director

Senior Chromebook Return Information

- All seniors are required to return their Chromebooks to the Library on May 20, immediately following the end of the last senior exam.
- Chromebooks may be returned to the library earlier than May 20 if it is no longer needed for classes or exams.
- Chromebooks are to be returned with the charger and case. The case should be emptied of all items except the Chromebook and charger.
- Your student account will be charged for any items not returned or for any damages.
- The charges for non-returned items are: Chromebook \$300, Charger \$15, and Case \$25. The damage charge is \$25.
- All students will be given a receipt at turn-in and if damages are found, they will be noted and the appropriate fee will be billed to your student account.

Grades 6-11 Chromebook Return Information

- All students in grades 6-11 are required to return their Chromebooks to the Library on May 27, immediately following the end of the last exam at 10:00 AM.
- Chromebooks may be returned to the library earlier than May 27 if no longer needed for classes or exams.

- Chromebooks are to be returned with the charger and case. The case should be emptied of all items except the Chromebook and charger.
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