



ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWS & NOTES

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

From the Headmaster

Greetings from St. Joseph's Catholic School!

Heartfelt congratulations to the members of the Class of 2021! These young men and women are intelligent, kind-hearted, and faith-filled. It's a blessing to be able to claim them as SJCS alumni forever. It will be fun watching how they grow and develop over the next few years into people who will change the world for the better as our founding board chair envisioned our graduates would do.

After a year filled with challenges, the final few weeks of the school year were quite enjoyable. I was privileged to witness the girls' soccer team win the school's first ever SCHSL state championship in soccer. The girls beat Southside Christian 3-0 in a game that was much more lopsided than the score indicates. Congratulations to Coach Rick Morris and the girls on the team! With all the young talent on this team, it looks like this could be the first of a run.

Then, after school on the last day of regular classes, we had a simple outdoor event for freshmen and sophomores. Yearbooks were distributed and shaved ice was served (Tiger Blood was the most popular flavor by far). Many of the students had fun enjoying a game of kickball together. That evening the school's coaches and their spouses gathered at Brewery 85 for a year-end celebration to express the school's appreciation for all the coaches do for our athletes. The following morning, the campus was abuzz with happy middle school students dressed in their House shirts enjoying Team Day while the juniors and seniors enjoyed a Sully's Steamers breakfast sandwich. Honor cords were distributed to the seniors along with congratulations and some last-minute instructions for graduation, while the juniors were encouraged to step up into a leadership role during the next school year. Both groups received their yearbooks, which they enjoyed passing around for signatures. The following week the seniors had graduation practice and enjoyed tailgating on campus as we made final preparations for commencement.

All this is to say, the final few weeks of school felt like St. Joseph's again. It was wonderful being together again in person for these social events. It was great seeing each other's mask-less, smiling faces again! I will never take this for granted again. I saw in these weeks a promise of what's to come in the new school year ahead.

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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As we close out this school year, all of us at St. Joseph's want to wish you and your family a wonderful summer. We hope it's a restorative and restful couple of months. Thank you for your cooperation during the pandemic. God willing, the start of next school year will feel much different than the way this year started.

In closing, please join us in praying for the following members of the SJCS family: for Siena and Jayden Smallidge on the passing of their grandfather; and for Michele Houmis on the passing of her sister. You might recall that Michele's mother died just a few months ago.

With Love and Prayers,
Keith F. Kiser
Headmaster

Summer Camps

Please join us this year for summer camps! Summer Camps are an excellent way for new students to meet other students and staff, as well as get comfortable on campus before the school year begins.

- Athletic, College Counseling, Theatre, Visual Arts and other day camps can be found [HERE](#). Registration for the DAY camps will close one week before the camp starts.
- Information/registration regarding on-campus Academic Camps can be found [HERE](#).

Things You Need To Know

School Office Closed, May 31 & June 1

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

New High School Student Course Selection Forms, Due June 1

The deadline has been extended to June 1 for new high school students to turn in their Course Selection Form (found in the New Student Packet). If you are planning to drop this form off in the school office, please note that the building will be closed on Tuesday, June 1.

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 can be found [HERE](#). 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.

Homeworks, June 14-18

- Homeworks of America is an organization that was started a few decades ago by a Catholic man who was challenged by his teenage daughter to do something about the inhumane living conditions that she witnessed for some people in the low country whose homes became dilapidated because they were too poor to fix/maintain their homes. Last year Homeworks was not able to serve any residents because of the pandemic, but this summer, Homeworks is back in business and is in serious need of adult volunteers to assist in working with the youth who will be doing home repairs.
- If you can give one day, or five days, out of your time to assist in working with these youth, it would go a long way to helping meet the backlog of work that needs to be done. You don't have to have any special building or repair skills, just a willingness to work with the youth. But if you do have any skills, even basic skills in doing home repairs, you're *really* needed.
- This year's event will run from June 14-18. You can also learn more about Homeworks and what they do [HERE](#).

JAG Ornament Design Contest Ends June 18

As 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 for purchase in the Fall. This contest will be open to all students, parents, faculty, and alumni! Click [HERE](#) for details regarding artwork. The submission deadline is Friday, June 18. We look forward to seeing the creative submissions, as well as sharing the final St. Joseph ornament with our St. Joseph's family!

New Bike Club Pre-Season Ride, June 19

Recruiting for next year's SJCS NICA team is beginning. The SJCS club team will hold practices with the Upstate Shredders. The next pre-season try-it-out ride is June 19. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Practices start July 7. Click [HERE](#) to view a 3-minute video on getting [#moregirlsonbikes](#). Questions? Contact Club Liaison [Carin Slader](#) for more information.

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.

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, 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 final schedules on Orientation Day. Eighth grade parents will be contacted via email concerning their world language placement when their schedules are complete in late July.

Freshman Class Trip, July 26-28

Since students enter the high school from many different schools and backgrounds, each year we host a freshman class trip so the students can begin to get to know one another as well as meet some teachers and upperclassmen leaders. The incoming 9th grade class is invited to attend the 2021 Freshman Class Trip to Heartridge Retreat Center in Sunset, SC, from July 26-28. More information will be sent to families in June. Questions? Contact SJCS Campus Minister and 9th Grade Theology Teacher [Gabe Lewis](#).

Used Uniform Sale, July 29

There will be a Used Uniform Sale on Thursday, July 29. More details will be available prior to the event.

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 JPII Center.

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.

New High School Student Makeup Placement Testing, August 3

Most new high school students completed our placement testing in May. However, if your child is new to SJCS for the 2021-22 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 3. Questions? Contact [Jenny Starks](#) in the Admissions Office.

Third Annual SJCS Athletic Department Golf Tournament, August 6

Registration is well underway 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. We strongly encourage the whole St. Joseph's community to participate in the golf tournament. All alumni, families, and friends are welcome! **Last year was sold out with a waiting list to participate, so don't delay!** Click [HERE](#) for sponsorship levels and team/individual entries. If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please contact [Kristen Armaly](#).

Attention Summer Class Government Students

Please be sure you have the correct textbook. It should be We The People, 11th Essential Edition. It's yellow and the ISBN is 978-0-393-28364-8.

Summer Reading

All students in all grades have summer reading assignments. The Middle School Summer Reading List can be found [HERE](#). The High School Summer Reading List can be found [HERE](#).

Important Dates for 2021-2022

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: 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 from June 23-July 2, 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

Several years ago, I delivered the commencement address for my high school graduation. Of course, I wanted something different, something memorable. So, I decided to speak from the heart. The basis for my remarks came from reflection on a book called LOVE by Leo Buscaglia. I was given this book by one of my favorite high school instructors, a Theology teacher I admired and appreciated so much for his care and love for his students.

Dr. Buscaglia, now deceased, was best known for his engaging and dynamic presentations and writings ... all centered on the importance of relationships and love. He was affectionately known as Dr. Love, and he even offered a class called LOVE 1A at the University of Southern California, where he was a professor. At one time, five of his books were on the NY Times bestseller list at once.

While wildly popular, Buscaglia also had critics of his seemingly simplistic approach. And that is what fascinated me. I can remember thinking back then how simple it seemed. If we just loved each other, everything would be all right. Well, I was young then, and even though I thought I knew so much, I really didn't. Time, experience, children, work ... all helped me understand that while the solution of loving was a simple one, it certainly wasn't easy. Love isn't just about being nice and kind. Or always giving in and saying yes. At times, truly loving someone means you have to say no, or you have to hold someone accountable, or hold yourself accountable. Sometimes it means a real, truthful conversation that may sting at the time, but ultimately leads to better outcomes and understanding. While the premise is simple, living in love isn't always easy.

If there is one thing I want our students to know and feel at the end of this memorable year, it is that they are loved. As this school year comes to a close, I am grateful that we were able to be together as much as we were. Circumstances weren't ideal, but we were definitely able to learn and grow together. While the masks hid smiles and other facial expressions, they didn't diminish our ability to move forward through curriculum, develop strong relationships, and achieve some amazing accomplishments.

We are very, very hopeful that the start of the 2021-2022 school year will look much different than this year's beginning. I hope you have a summer full of rest and discovery ... or maybe re-discovery! I will continue to pray for you, and ask that you keep St. Joseph's in your prayers as well.

From the High School Director

As I reflect on the most difficult educational year in memory, I am proud of, and grateful for, the following:

- Our **teachers** for their incredibly hard work this year. Managing the in-class experience of students who were themselves in uncharted waters was a challenge, made all the more difficult by the fact that some valuable educational tools (labs, group work, etc.) weren't possible. I'm also grateful to them for the way we shifted to having some students in-person while others were out of the building. It wasn't easy, but they really came through for all the Knights!
- The many **parents** who helped us while we were operating in real time and always with a lot of unknowns. Your encouragement and support made this year work.
- My **administrative colleagues and our staff** for going above and beyond every day. Whether it was driving to Atlanta to get vinyl barriers or staying after school to clean desks, they met needs and challenges we didn't even know we had until they were upon us.
- And finally, our **students**, who continue to put the time and effort in that is needed to thrive in a rigorous environment. I'm also proud of their patience and good humor as we faced a series of unknowns.

I sincerely hope that next year brings with it a return to normalcy, but I am more confident than ever in this community. We will do more than just 'get through it.' We will thrive.

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 as well as other online prep courses for a fee such as the SAT found [HERE](#), the ACT found [HERE](#), Khan Academy found [HERE](#), Princeton Review found [HERE](#), and Kaplan Test Prep found [HERE](#). SC Test Prep, a local company, also offers live prep course for a fee found [HERE](#).

Final Senior Transcripts

Senior transcripts with final grades and CWA 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 tryout 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.

From the Athletic Department

Fall Sports Tryouts

- JV & Varsity Football: Friday, July 30 from 8:00-10:00 AM
- Varsity Cheer: Friday July 30 from 4:00-6:00 PM, Rising 7-12th Graders
- Boys & Girls Swimming: Monday, August 2 from 7:00-8:30 AM at Spaulding Farms Pool
- Girls & Boys Cross Country: Monday, August 2 from 7:00-8:30 AM
- JV & Varsity Girls Tennis: Monday, August 2 from 9:00-11:30 AM
- JV & Varsity Volleyball: Monday, August 2 from 1:30-3:30 PM
- MS Cheer: Monday, August 9 from 3:30-5:00 PM
- MS Volleyball: Wednesday August 11 from 3:00-5:00 PM
- Varsity Girls Golf: Thursday, August 19 at 4:00 PM at The Preserve at Verdae

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.

From the Booster Club

- The Knights Athletic Booster Club Board would like to thank all the booster club board members for their service. Thank you to those who are rolling off the board and those who will be continuing on for another year. We set a record this year with memberships, even during COVID. So, thank you to everyone in the SJCS community who joined the Booster Club this year to support our student athletes. This year we were able to purchase new benches for the tennis courts, a Water-Boy for the football teams, a new score table for the gym, a new softball scoreboard, and the Hudl Focus for livestreaming events. We are currently working with our Athletic Director, Eric Nash, to determine additional items to fund this year.

- We would also like to announce our 2021-2022 slate of officers and committee chairs who are stepping up to give their time and talents: Ben Renfrow (President), Kelly Gillespie (VP), Jonathan Norwood (Treasurer), Barry Eilers (Secretary), Jordan Campbell (Membership), Joel Poinsette (Fundraising), Jason Okuley (Concessions), Jennifer Hagan (Golf Tournament), Casey Velky (Volunteers), Michael Pace & Gary Walajtys (Hall of Fame).
- If you are interested in joining the Knights Athletic Booster Club Board, please contact [Blair Bailey](#) for more information about how to get involved.

From the Business Office

Tuition Accounts

All students' tuition and fees accounts must be paid in full before they will receive their 2021-2022 class schedule. If you have questions about your tuition account, please contact [Ann Gushue](#).

Tuition Insurance

St. Joseph's has, for several years, maintained a no refund policy related to tuition. After July 1 of each year, tuition is owed for the entire year whether or not the student completes the school year. St. Joseph's incurs expenses, such as faculty salaries, based on the expectation that our families will pay for the entire year and is, therefore, not in a position to cancel or reduce those financial obligations when a student withdraws. To help overcome some of the uncertainty for our families, St. Joseph's now offers an **optional** tuition insurance policy for our families. All families have the option to accept or decline the policy during enrollment. **If the family declines to purchase the insurance and their student withdraws, the family will be expected to pay tuition for the remainder of the school year.** More details about the tuition insurance program was provided with your student's re-enrollment.

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

Many Thanks To

- The incredible Parent Leaders of the 2020-2021 school year: Aimee Lonergan, Kimberly Masters, Blair Bailey, Ben Renfrow, Amanda Warlick, Christine Balts, Megha Lal, and Amy Cassidy. 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 2021 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 2022 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 2022 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 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 middle of May, an impressive 60% of our school families have contributed, with our **7th grade families leading the way at 68%** participation.

- 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 April was \$432,000!** 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 were not able to host full ensemble concerts this spring, the Fine Arts Department is excited to announce that all music ensembles had their spring concerts professionally recorded. These performances will be available soon on the SJCS Fine Arts YouTube page found [HERE](#). 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!

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 perhaps one of these roles: Secretary, Membership, Ways and Means, 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 Blair Bailey, Kelly Gillespie, Devon Pace, and Kimberly Masters for organizing our senior and junior end-of-year events and to all those that helped to support these events.

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 our largest fundraisers of the year). If you're interested, please contact [Kimberly Masters](#).

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.

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 [Kimberly Masters](#). We have several open positions and need help in making the 2021-2022 school year a success!

From Aimee Lonergan, Parents Guild President

What a whirlwind of a school year it has been! I am sure it is safe to say we are all pleased and relieved to see it come to an end. In a year like no other, our helping hands were somewhat bound by the restrictions of the pandemic. So many of the volunteer opportunities and community building events that have been the backbone of the St. Joseph's experience simply could not take place. These limitations, however, did not

prevent the Parents Guild Board from meeting every month to continue its mission to support the school and its students, faculty, and staff. We knew that our students, as well as our faculty, were trying their best to navigate the ever-changing demands of the time so we held several Student Appreciation Days showering them with love, cookies, and donuts! Likewise, we found creative ways that our eager army of parent volunteers could help give the faculty and staff delicious breakfasts, lunches, and various gifts of appreciation. Thank you to all the parents who contributed something to make the most of this odd and memorable year. A special thanks to the ladies who helped me on the 2020-2021 Parents Guild Board: Kimberly Masters, Anne Stein, Rebecca Feldman, Monica Dodge, Jill Sullivan, and Christine Elder. Your leadership, enthusiasm, innovation, and willingness to serve have been a blessing to us all. And most importantly, it was incredibly fun to work alongside you! Special thanks and appreciation also to Rachel Neubauer, who was our guiding light through it all. It has been a pleasure for me to serve as this year's Parents Guild President. As we look forward to next year, I would encourage all parents to give a bit of their time and talents to the community that is St. Joseph's. As a parent who has been here for the last nine years, I know the more I put in, the more I get out of it. Like so many of you, I look forward to the days when we can once again attend a school wide tailgate and football game, Ladies Knight Out, or even work a shift in the School Store.

Technology Services Director

Chromebook Pick-Up for 2021-2022 School Year

Students receiving Chromebooks for the 2021-2022 school year (grades 7-12) will be sent information over the summer regarding Chromebook pick-up.

Student Email Accounts & Google Drive

Students new to SJCS for the 2021-2022 school year will receive information regarding their email address over the summer. All students should periodically check their email over the summer. Seniors will have access to their email/Google Drive until July 31.

eBooks from the Library

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 [Mr. McClendon](#) or [Mrs. Cummings](#).

From the Nurses Office

- Everyone aged 12 and older is now eligible for the COVID vaccine. More information is available [HERE](#).
- Vaccination is optional. Students who have completed the COVID vaccination series are encouraged to email vaccine documentation to the [school nurse](#) or upload the completed vaccine card to the immunization section of Magnus. This will assist with future contact tracing or quarantine efforts.
- Individuals participating in camps or athletics this summer should not come to campus with symptoms of fever, new or worsening cough, or loss of taste or smell. Your symptoms should be reported to your head coach or instructor.
- At this time, St Joseph's is following DHEC school and camp guidance, which will be updated accordingly. If you have a family member involved in camp or summer athletics, you will be notified of additional summer SJCS protocols.