

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear SJS Families,

As we continue to prepare for Christmas, let us embrace the true meaning of the season! Advent is a time of reflection and anticipation, guiding us to focus on peace, love, joy and hope in our daily lives.

We have many exciting events planned for the next few days, so please be sure to note the following:

Friday 12/13: Students shop at Santa's Secret Workshop during the school day

Saturday 12/14: HASA's Breakfast with Santa 9am - 12pm

**Monday 12/16:** Christmas Sweater Day - Sweaters can be worn with either PE bottoms or regular uniform bottoms, and MUST be school appropriate.

**Tuesday 12/17:** *Elf Ears, Christmas Hats and Headbands* - These can be worn with your Tuesday uniform. Don't miss the Band and Chorus Concerts at 1pm and 7pm.

**Wednesday 12/18:** *Mass and Christmas Sock Day* - Christmas socks may be worn with your Wednesday uniform. At 1:30pm, join us in the Church for the Nativity Presentation. All students are participating and parents are welcome.

**Thursday 12/19:** *Christmas PJ Day -* Pajamas must be school appropriate (no nightgowns or slippers).

**Friday 12/20 HALF DAY:** *Out of Uniform - Red & Green Day -* Celebrate in Christmas colors. Must be school appropriate. Christmas Parties and **EARLY DISMISSAL** (following the half day dismissal schedule). High School Applications are due for our 8th graders.

#### **New Announcements**

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Looking for ways to make a difference and fulfill your GIVE8 commitment? Check out these volunteer opportunities! Every effort counts!

Workshop Clean Up - 12/13 2:15pm-5:00pm We need additional hands to help with inventory and to pack up remaining items after school on Friday. Volunteer here!

Breakfast with Santa - 12/14 9:00am-12:00pm We need additional help during the Breakfast with



Santa. If you can spare an hour of your time on Saturday morning, **Volunteer here!** 

Trimester 2 Hot Lunch - Our hot lunch program wouldn't be possible without our volunteers. The sign up is now available for T2 (January -March). If you have time on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday please volunteer here!

**Book Fair** - This popular annual event is returning in January! Volunteers are needed **Jan 23**, **Jan 27-31**. <u>Volunteer HERE!</u>

**SJAA Bull Roast- 2/1** Volunteers and donations for the liquor wheel are needed. **Volunteer here!** 



## **Paint Night**

Registration is now open for Paint Night on Friday, January 10th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Each paint kit is \$27 and includes a pre-drawn Maryland- themed 8x10 canvas and all painting materials. Each participant will be guided through step-by-step instruction to create your masterpiece. Desserts and drinks will be available for purchase at the event. Secure your tickets HERE!

#### **Club Corner**

## **Snapology**

Registration is now open for the second session of Snapology! This club is open to 1st - 3rd graders and meets every Tuesday after school from 3-4pm. Dates are 1/7/25 through 3/4/25. Please note there will not be a session on 2/18/25. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!



## S.T.E.A.M. LAB: 2nd Session



1st-3rd grades Tuesdays 3-4 p.m. in the MMC @ SJS-Fullerton 1/7/25 - 3/4/25

on class on 2/18/25

Registration will in the Wolfpack Weekly on 12/11/24.

Due to limited spacing, registration is first come, first served

#### HANDS-ON ENRICHMENT

In Snapology's S.T.E.A.M. Lab, students will actively experiment with the principles of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics). All programs and activities are hands-on with guided instruction from an experienced Snapologist. Our programs utilize teamwork, communication, and creative problem-solving as an essential part of creating a fun and productive atmosphere where students can learn, challenge themselves, and practice their social skills.

NEW Activities and Challenges

SnapologyCenter@gmail.com 443-625-7627 acorno@stjoeschool.org 410-256-8026

#### **ICYMI**



#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Mark your calendar for our annual Book Fair on January 27th - 30th. Please consider volunteering. It's a great way to earn hours towards Give 8! **CLICK HERE** to sign up.



# Last Call! Faculty Christmas Donation

It has been a tradition that HASA assists in organizing monetary gifts on behalf of the families of SJS for each of our faculty members. Instead of buying individual gifts for teachers, please consider making a monetary donation. Your donation will then be divided equally among all teachers and staff members. Donations will be accepted through this Friday, December 13th. CLICK HERE to donate.

#### Last Call! Breakfast with Santa

Last call for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14th from 9 am - 12 pm. Tickets are



\$15/person and include a full pancake breakfast (pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, fruit, and drinks) in addition to holiday games, crafts, raffles and more. Plus, a chance to tell Santa all of your Christmas wishes! Don't miss out on all of the holiday fun. Tickets are limited, so order yours today!



#### **Winter Photo Contest Winner**

Don't worry, the contest isn't over yet! Snap a photo with our school's ad at the Ice Rink at The Avenue at White Marsh for a chance to win a \$25 SJSF spirit wear gift card.

Email <u>Wolfpackshare@stjoeschool.org</u> to be entered into this monthly drawing.

One entry per family per month. Contest runs from November - February with one winning family per month. Winners will be selected at random.

## **Important Dates**

#### **THURSDAY**, 12/12

• Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)

#### FRIDAY, 12/13

• Santa's Secret Workshop \*Bring shopping list, money and reusable grocery bag(s)

#### SATURDAY, 12/14

• HASA Breakfast with Santa 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### **SUNDAY, 12/15**

• Application Deadline for 1st Round of Acceptances

#### **MONDAY**, 12/16

• Christmas Sweater Day

#### **TUESDAY, 12/17**

- Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Chorus & Band Concert at 1pm and 7pm
- Elf Ears, Christmas Hats and Headband Day

#### WEDNESDAY, 12/18

- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Nativity Presentation in Church at 1:30pm
- Christmas Socks Day

#### **THURSDAY, 12/19**

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Christmas PJ Day

#### FRIDAY, 12/20

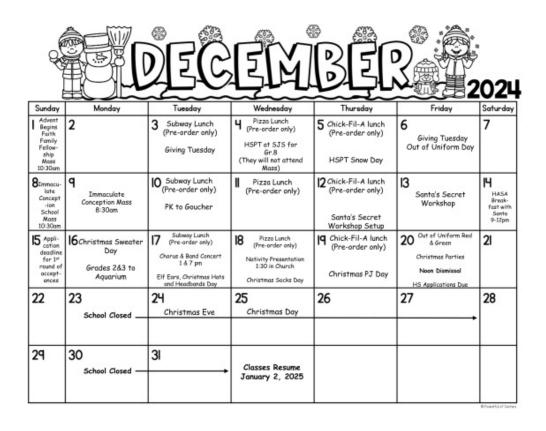
- Half Day (Early Dismissal Schedule: PreK @ 2:40pm, K @2:45pm, Gr 1-8 @12pm)
- Out of Uniform Red & Green
- Christmas Parties
- High School Applications Due for 8th Graders

#### **Looking Ahead:**

December 23rd - January 1st: School Closed for Christmas Break
Thursday, January 2nd: Students Return from Christmas Break\*No Hot Lunch, please pack lunch
Tuesday, January 7th: Hot Lunch for T2 Begins

#### **2024-2025 Key Dates**

#### **FULL-YEAR CALENDAR**





#### **Advent Confession Schedule**

Please see schedule for dates & times for confession during this Advent season.





## Ice Skating for Youth Ministry

Join us at Ice World in Abingdon on Friday, December 13th from 8 -10 pm! Open to students in grades 3rd-12th. \$15 per person and \$5 for skate rental. Register now HERE and pay at the door.



## **Reminder! Giving Tree Project**

To everyone that participated, please bring your new, unwrapped donation with the tag to the Church no later than December 15th. This year donations will help a variety of charities including the Women's Care Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Village Crossroads and Missionaries of Charity.

#### **Christmas Concert**

Save the date! Sunday, December 22nd in the Parish Hall at 1:30 pm. Please bring a dessert to share.



#### **Wolfpack Athletics**





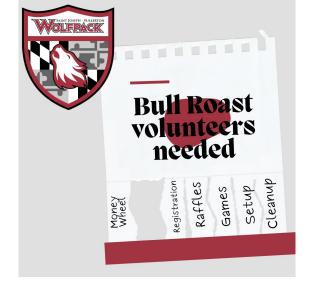
### 2025 SJAA Bull Roast

Secure your Early Bird tickets prior to December 15th for just \$55 each! Purchasing an Early Bird ticket also enters you in a raffle for a Solo Stove Pizza Oven (retail price \$470). After December 15th, tickets will go up to \$65 each. RESERVE YOUR TICKETS HERE!

Interested in sponsoring? <u>VIEW AVAILABLE</u> <u>OPTIONS HERE</u>

## We Need Your Help

SJAA is looking for volunteers like you to make the event a success! Help with registration, raffles, games, wheels, set up and clean up. <a href="CLICK">CLICK</a>
<a href="HERE">HERE</a> to volunteer!



## **SJAA Meetings**

All are welcome to attend the SJAA Monthly Meetings. Dates include 12/19, 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, and 5/12 at 8pm in the Parish Center Rooms 2&3. To attend via Zoom, **email Mike McGuire**.

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