

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Wolfpack Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already about halfway through the school year! Here are some important updates and reminders as we move forward:

Mid Year Exams

Mid Year Exams are currently underway. Please note that **midterm grades will NOT be reflected in the upcoming Interim** due to the quick turnaround time.

MAP Testing

We are so proud of our students for their hard work during this testing window! We anticipate sending home scores during the first week in February.

Financial Aid

A reminder that financial aid applications are due on or before **February 28th**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Give 8! Log and Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to so many of you that have logged your hours so far. If you have not, please do so **here**. For those that are still looking for opportunities to volunteer, please refer to the HASA sign up below.

Catholic Schools Week: January 26th-31st

We are excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a full schedule of activities! You can view the full schedule **here**.

- Parent Visitation- Parent Visitation will take place on Wednesday, January 28th and an RSVP is required. <u>Please RVSP here</u> to attend no later than Friday, January 24th at 3pm.
- Teacher of the Year- Help us honor an outstanding member of our faculty by voting for Teacher of the Year. The 2025 SJS Teacher of the Year will be announced at Mass during CSW on Wednesday, January 29th. VOTE HERE!

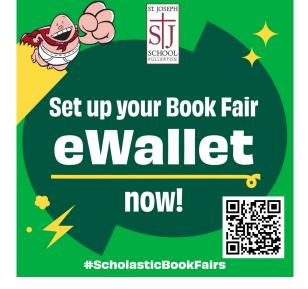
Spirit Wear and Purple Friday

This Friday, 1/17 students are welcome to wear a Ravens or purple shirt with PE, regular uniform or spirit wear bottoms to celebrate the Baltimore Ravens' playoff run. Tennis shoes must be worn if students have PE. It's a scheduled Spirit Wear Day so students may wear SJS Spirit Wear if preferred.

New Announcements

The Book Fair is Coming

Set up an e-wallet for each of your children so they



can shop cashless during the book fair! Invite others to add to their wallets too. Use the QR code or <u>CLICK HERE</u> to set up a Scholastic e-wallet today. Students will shop in-person at school on January 27-30. The online store will be available through February 2.



NEW! Take Pride Collection

As part of our Catholic Schools Week (CSW) celebrations, we're hosting Take Pride Tuesday on January 28th. Order items from the NEW Take Pride Collection by 5pm this Friday, January 17th in order to have items shipped to the school on Friday, January 24th. These fresh styles come in various colors and sizes, making them perfect for showing off your school pride - and your love for the USA and Maryland - in style. ORDER HERE!

Hot Spot Raffle



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The Hot Spot includes even more this year! Avoid the snake line in the morning and drop off your kids in the designated Hot Spot in the Pre-K lot. At dismissal, park in the Hot Spot and be the first person off of the parking lot. Each ticket gives you 4 chances to win the opportunity to park in the HOT SPOT for one month (Feb, March, April, May). Tickets are \$10 each. Purchase your tickets HERE by Wednesday, January 29th.

GIVE 8! Volunteer Opportunities

How will you GIVE 8 this year? Please complete the Volunteer Sign-up Form to indicate what you are interested in volunteering for the remaining half of the school year (February - June). You are under no obligation and will be contacted to confirm participation as the opportunity nears. Please complete by January 29th.

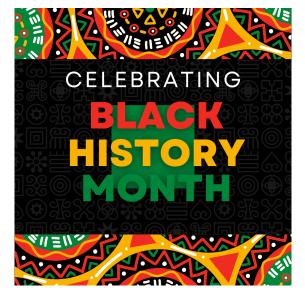


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Last Chance to Order Happy Grams

Today is the last day to order Happy Grams! Don't miss out on sending your student a fun gift or sweet treat for Student Appreciation Day. Order Your Happy Grams HERE!



Celebrate Black History Month: Share Your Story

As we prepare to celebrate Black History Month, we want to spotlight the impact of our families, local businesses, and community leaders who have made a positive difference. We want to hear from you!

How to Share:

- Tell us about your business, community service, or leadership efforts.
- Share your journey and the impact you've made.
- Submit your story and any related photos/videos to WolfpackShare@stjoeschool.org



Tuesday Hot Lunch Volunteers

Help keep our hot lunch program running in T2. Volunteers are needed especially on Tuesdays for Subway Day. If you're available, we'd love to have your help. Sign up to <u>volunteer here!</u>

Important Dates

THURSDAY, 1/16

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- MAP Testing (Cont.) Gr. 2-5
- Mid Year Exams (Cont.) MS

FRIDAY, 1/17

- Half Day (Prek dismisses @ 11:35 a.m., K @ 11:45 a.m., Gr. 1-8 @ 12:00 p.m.)
- Spirit Wear Day and Purple Friday
- MAP Testing (Cont.) Gr. 2-5
- Mid Year Exams (Cont.) MS
- Take Pride Spirit Wear Collection Orders Due by 5pm
- Enrollment Deadline for 1st Round of Applicants

MONDAY, 1/20

• School Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

TUESDAY, 1/21

- Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Mid Year Exams Gr 4, 5 & MS

WEDNESDAY, 1/22

- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Mid Year Exams Gr 4, 5 & MS

THURSDAY, 1/23

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Mid Year Exams Gr 4, 5 & MS
- Interims Sent Home

FRIDAY, 1/24

- Mid Year Exams Gr 4, 5 & MS
- MAP Make Up Testing Ends
- RSVP due by 3pm for Parent Visitation

Looking Ahead:

January 26th-31st - Catholic Schools Week

January 27th-30th - Book Fair

February 3rd at 6 p.m.-8 p.m. - HASA Ice Skating Night at the Ice Rink at The Avenue at White Marsh February 8th at 6 p.m. - HASA Winter Bingo Night

2024-2025 Key Dates

FULL-YEAR CALENDAR

		2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Happy New Year School Closed Solemnity of Mary	2 Student's Return NO HOT LUNCH All Students must bring a lunch to school	3 Door Decorating Winner Out of uniform	4
	6 MS MAP Testing	7 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	8 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	q Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	10 Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff Gr. PreK-5 @9am	11
	Epiphany		Happy Gram Info Out	NorthBay Parent Meeting 8am	HASA Paint Night 6pm	
School Mass 10:30am	MAP Testing Grs. 2-5 Mid Year Exams Begin for MS	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Hot Spot Raffle Begins	16 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	Noon Dismissal Spirit Wear Day	18
			Happy Gram Orders Due			
19	School Closed	21 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Mid Year Exams Gr. 4,5 & MS	22 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	23Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Interims Sent Home	MAP Makeup Testing Ends	25
26 CSW& Book Fair	Teacher Appreciation Day with	28 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) HASA Snack for Students	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Mass and Parent Visitation 8:30-11:30am Hot Spot Raffle Ends	30 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Catholic Challenge 1pm	31 Happy Grams Home Noon Dismissal Student Appreciation Day	

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Middle School Dance

All Middle Schoolers are invited to the Winter Dance in the Parish Hall! Regiser in advance **HERE**. Chaperones are needed for this event. Please **email Mrs. Sherrie Palmateer** if you can help.





SJAA Bull Roast- Saturday, Feb 1st

Only 7 days left until registration closes! Tickets are \$65 each and include all-you-can-eat pit beef, ham and turkey, shrimp cocktail, open bar, and more. RESERVE YOUR TICKETS HERE!

Would you be interested in sponsoring? VIEW AVAILABLE OPTIONS HERE

SJAA is looking for volunteers like you to make the event a success! Help with registration, raffles, games, wheels, set up or clean up. CLICK HERE to volunteer!

SJAA Meetings

All are welcome to attend the SJAA Monthly Meetings. Dates include 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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