ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Woffpack Weekly





From the Principal's Desk

Dear SJS Families,

We are looking forward to a full week of fun to celebrate our **OUTSTANDING Catholic School,** during Catholic Schools Week, January 26th - 31st! You can view the full schedule here.

- Parent Visitation- Parent Visitation will take place on Wednesday, January 29th following our 8:30am Mass. Please RVSP here to attend. This link will expire at 3pm on Friday, January 24th. If you have never had your driver's license scanned in at the Main Office, please make sure to do so prior to this Friday to avoid having to wait in line as this will cut into your visitation time. Following Mass, students and teachers will be dismissed first to allow them time to return to their classrooms. Please enter the Parish Center using the main entrance doors at the top of the ramp. All visitors must sign in and receive a name tag. You will be able to spend time in your child(ren)'s classroom from 9:45 11:30am.
- Teacher of the Year- Nominations for our 2025 SJS Teacher of the Year are due by this
 Friday. The winner will be announced following Mass on Wednesday, January 29th. <u>VOTE</u>
 <u>HERE!</u>
- Catholic Challenge If your child has been selected to represent their homeroom for this year's Catholic Challenge, you are welcome to attend. Middle School will compete at 9am and Grades 3-5 will compete at 1pm in the Parish Center on Thursday, January 30th.

Book Fair

Our Annual Book Fair will take place next week during Catholic Schools Week. More details, including after-school shopping hours, can be found here. We recommend setting up an e-wallet for each child in advance so they can shop cashless. Visit our school's Book Fair homepage HERE.

MAP Testing Results

We are so proud of our students and their hard work! We anticipate sending home scores the first week of February. With regards to our MAP Testing Challenge, we are still working on make-up testing due to inclement weather and midterms, and hope to have the results soon.

Financial Aid

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

New Announcements

Ice Skating Night

Come out and support St. Joseph School at the Ice Skating Rink at The Avenue at White Marsh. Purchase your ticket for Monday, February 3rd between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. 50% of your purchase will be donated back to St. Joseph



School! Be sure to say St. Joseph School or show the ice skating flyer when checking in. Ice skating tickets can be <u>purchased online here.</u>



Winter Bingo Night

Registration is now open for Family BINGO Night on Saturday, February 8th. Doors open at 6 pm and BINGO will begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person. Whole pizzas can be prepurchased. Drinks, snacks, and snowballs will be available for purchase. Don't miss out on a fun night with family and friends! Register for BINGO HERE!

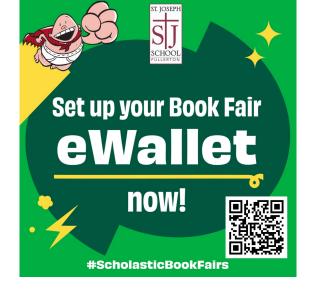
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Kids Heart Challenge

All students in PreK - 8th Grade are invited to participate this year. It's free to register HERE. Once registered, you can participate in fun challenges about heart health including Finn's Mission, collect donations and win prizes! Support SJS and the American Heart Association and help save lives.

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 2nd.

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.

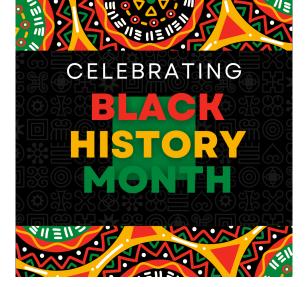


GIVE 8! Volunteer Opportunities

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.

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 volunteer here!

Important Dates

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 for Gr 4, 5 & MS
- MAP Testing make ups end
- RSVP due for Parent Visitation by 3pm
- Vote for Teacher of the Year by 3pm
- Take Pride spirit wear orders sent home (If previously ordered prior to deadline)

Saturday, 1/25 - Sunday, 1/26 Catholic Schools Week (CSW) Begins

- Spiritual Weekend
- Families and students will take up the offertory and read at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday in addition to all Masses on Sunday.

MONDAY, 1/27 CSW: Teacher Appreciation and Spirit Wear Day

- Students may wear SJS spirit wear or PE uniforms. All students must wear sneakers.
- Teachers will dress like students
- Teacher lunch provided by HASA
- Scholastic Book Fair begins

TUESDAY, 1/28 CSW: Take Pride Tuesday

- Out of Uniform Show your pride in our community by wearing Maryland flag colors (red, yellow & black) OR American flag colors (red, white & blue). No political statements, shorts, or Crocs. No nail polish, make up, or hair color. Wear sneakers if you have PE.
- Cash donations collected for the NJHS's fundraiser for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief

 Fund
- HASA red, white & blue treat for students
- Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Book Fair After school shopping available from 3-4pm

WEDNESDAY, 1/29 CSW: Mass & Parent Visitation

• Mass at 8:30am followed by Teacher of the Year announcement

- Parent Visitation from 9:45am 11:30am. Advance RSVP required.
- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)

THURSDAY, 1/30 CSW: Throwback Thursday

- Out of Uniform Decades Day! Dress like the 60's, 70's, 80's, or 90's. Wear sneakers if you have PF
- Catholic Challenge for Gr 3-8 in the Parish Center. MS begins at 9am and Gr 3-5 at 1pm.
- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Book Fair After school shopping available from 3-4pm

FRIDAY, 1/31 CSW: Fun Friday! Student Appreciation Day

- Half Day (PreK dismisses @ 11:35 a.m., K @ 11:45 a.m., Gr. 1-8 @ 12:00 p.m.)
- Student Appreciation Day
- Out of Uniform Pajama Day (No slippers, nightgowns, or anything sheer or see through. Must be seasonally appropriate. Please wear sneakers.
- Happy Grams delivered to students

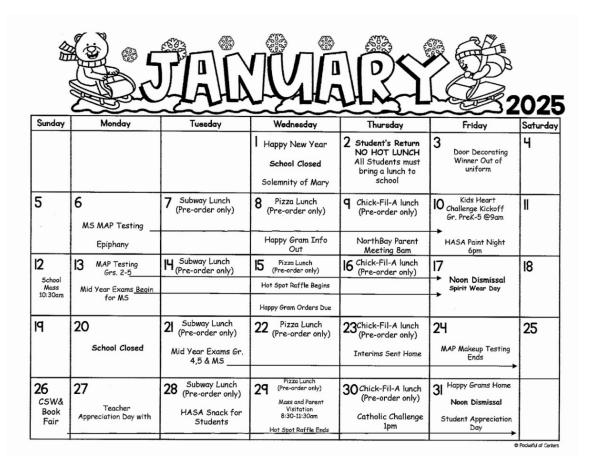
Looking Ahead:

February 4th - Black History Month Assembly

February 9th - Second Sunday School Mass at 10:30 am

2024-2025 Key Dates

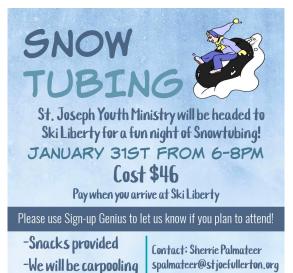
FULL-YEAR CALENDAR







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.



Snow Tubing

Join us for snow tubing! Carpool with us to Ski Liberty on Friday, January 31st from 6-8pm. Use this link to RSVP. Tickets are \$46 per person and will be purchased onsite. Snacks provided.

Wolfpack Athletics



SJAA Bull Roast- Saturday, Feb 1st

TODAY is the final day to order tickets! 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!

Volunteers for the raffle table are still needed (see page 2 of the sign up). Please consider spending 30 minutes volunteering to keep the fun going all night long! **CLICK HERE** to sign up 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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