

## From the Principal's Desk

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful snow, as well as the time off that it allowed us to have with our families.

Due to the snow days, please note that we will now have school ON March 24th and April 4th as they were previously listed on the calendar as Inclement Weather Days.

**Map Testing:** Today our Middle School students began MAP Testing. MAP Testing will be complete prior to Mid Year Exams. Grades 2 - 5 will have MAP Testing next week and will also be finished prior to Mid Year Exams. We have set a goal for our Primary, Intermediate and Middle School students, that if they increase as a team by 5 points in one subject area, then they will get 1 out of uniform day, and if they increase in ALL 3 subject areas, then their team will have an OUT OF UNIFORM WEEK!! We know that they can rise to the occasion and are excited to see their progress!

**6th Grade NorthBay Parent Meeting TOMORROW:** We ask that *at least one parent* from each 6th grade family attends tomorrow's meeting. We will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. Please park behind the church.

**Test Corrections Update:** After review of our policies, Administration has decided that going forward students will <u>not</u> be allowed to complete test corrections to improve their grade. The reason for this change is so that grades are an accurate representation of the students' knowledge, rather than inflated due to a redo.

**Mid Year Exams and Study Guides:** Teachers previously sent out study guides for all subject areas in which students will be tested. Please remember to have your child study a little each night, rather than cramming the night before, as this will yield better results. We know that often older students create their own study tools, and want to remind them to be thoughtful about sharing these. Due to the snow please see the attached **UPDATED Middle School Exam Schedule**.

#### Grades 4 & 5 Mid Year Exam Schedule is as follows:

4th Grade Math on 1/21 5th Grade ELA on 1/21 5th Grade Math on 1/23

**Hot Lunch Reminder:** Just a reminder that T2 Hot Lunch started this week. We will have our Subway makeup day this Friday, 1/10 from the snow day on Tuesday.

**Purple Friday:** This Friday, 1/10 students are welcome to wear a purple shirt with regular or PE uniform bottoms in celebration of the Baltimore Ravens in the Playoffs this weekend. Tennis shoes must be worn if students have PE.



# Make Your Child's Day with a Happy Gram!

Happy Grams are back for Catholic Schools Week's Student Appreciation Day! Celebrate your child, grandchild, nephew, niece, or friend with a sweet note and a little treat. Choose from a Wolfie Jibbit, a fun push pen, an eraser, or a sweet treat, and include a personal message. Your student will receive their Happy Grams on Friday, January 31st for Student Appreciation Day! Ordering will close on Wednesday, January 15th. 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 SJS families, local businesses, and community leaders who have made a positive difference. Whether you've helped shape our community through leadership, service, or entrepreneurial spirit, 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



## **Kids Heart Challenge**

We kick-off the Kids Heart Challenge this Friday, 1/10! Join St. Joseph School - Fullerton and the American Heart Association in learning about heart health and raising funds to protect all hearts - especially other kids'! Registration is now open! Visit our school page to register your student(s) and show your support. Through fun activities we will discover ways to take care of ourselves, and de-stress. We also have the chance to earn new PE equipment for our school!

#### **Ice Rink Photo Contest**

Congratulations to the Cunningham Family for winning the December photo contest! The contest isn't over yet. Snap your student's photo with our school banner at the Ice Rink at The Avenue at White Marsh for a chance to win a \$25 SJSF spirit wear gift card. Photos can be emailed to



WolfpackShare@stjoeschool.org. One entry per family, per month. A winner will be selected at random each month through February.

## **Hot Spot Raffle**



## **Hot Spot Winner**

Congrats to the Long Family for winning the Hot Spot for the month of January. The Hot Spot Raffle for the remainder of the year will open next week. Stay tuned!



Support St. Joseph HASA and Save on Tuition with Gift Cards!

- Go to RaiseRight.com/enroll
- Select "Join a Program"
- Enter the SJSF enrollment code: E5689DCE3L119 to create an account
- Set up your preferred payment method and start shopping! Purchase e-gift cards or physical gift cards (available for pick up in the school office).





## Raise Right

Support our school and save on tuition with gift cards! The next order for physical gift cards is due on Sunday, January 12th.

## **ICYMI**

### **Calling All Hot Lunch Volunteers:**

Help keep our hot lunch program running in T2: volunteers needed January - March!!

This program wouldn't be possible without the



support of our amazing volunteers. If you're available on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, we'd love to have your help. Sign up to <a href="volunteer">volunteer</a> here!

## **Important Dates**

#### THURSDAY, 1/9

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- NorthBay Parent Meeting for All 6th Grade Families at 8 a.m. in the PC

#### **FRIDAY, 1/10**

- Subway Hot Lunch Make-Up Day (Pre-orders only)
- Kids' Heart Challenge kicks off at 9 a.m.
- HASA Paint Night at 6 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, 1/11

#### **SUNDAY, 1/12**

Second Sunday School Mass at 10:30 a.m.

#### **MONDAY, 1/13**

- MAP Testing Begins for Gr. 2-5
- Mid Year Exams Begin for MS

#### TUESDAY, 1/14

- Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- MAP Testing Gr. 2-5
- Mid Year Exams MS

#### WEDNESDAY, 1/15

- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- MAP Testing Gr. 2-5
- Mid Year Exams MS
- Hot Spot Raffle Begins
- Happy Gram Orders Due

#### THURSDAY, 1/16

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- MAP Testing Gr. 2-5
- Mid Year Exams 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
- MAP Testing Gr. 2-5
- Enrollment Deadline for 1st Round of Applicants

#### Looking Ahead:

#### January 20th - School Closed

January 21st - Mid Year Exams Begin for Gr. 4,5 & MS

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

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

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



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
5	6 MS MAP Testing	7 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	8 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	<b>q</b> 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	14 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	16 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	17 Noon Dismissal	18
	Mid Year Exams <u>Begin</u> for MS		Hot Spot Raffle Begins Happy Gram Orders Due		Spirit Wear Day	
Iq.	20	21 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	22 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	23Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	24	25
	School Closed	Mid Year Exams Gr. 4,5 & MS		Interims Sent Home	MAP Makeup Testing Ends	
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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## **Second Sunday School Mass**

All families are welcome to worship with us this Sunday, January 12th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

## **Wolfpack Athletics**





### SJAA Bull Roast- Saturday, Feb 1st

Get your tickets for the '25 SJAA Bull Roast!
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



## **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 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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