

From the Principal's Desk

Happy Thanksgiving! Wishing all of our families a joyful and restful break filled with laughter, love and, of course, delicious turkey! I am so thankful to be part of this amazing community. As I reflect on my blessings, I'll be sure to include each and every one of you.

Coats Please - With cooler weather upon us, please ensure your child has a coat, hat, and other winter gear. We love going out for recess and would like to continue to do so even when the weather is cold, so please make sure that your child is dressed accordingly.

Nativity Presentation - SAVE THE DATE! We have a special presentation of the Nativity in the church on 12/18 at 1:30pm. Some of our 8th graders will be the main characters, and all grade levels will sing a Christmas song. Students should wear their regular Wednesday uniform. This simple yet meaningful portrayal of Jesus' birth reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. Parents are welcome to join us!

December Safety Patrol - Our DECEMBER Safety Patrol will be on duty when we return from break on Monday. Please plan accordingly for morning drop off and afternoon pick up if your child is a member of the patrol.

8th Grade HSPT - Our 8th Graders will take their High School Placement Test (HSPT) on 12/4. Encourage them to review over the break! More details will be shared with 8th grade parents when we return from the break.

New Announcements



#GivingTuesday

This year, #GivingTuesday is December 3rd! This global day of giving demonstrates how every act of generosity counts, and that they mean even more when we give together. We ask for your help to "BACK THE PACK". When you "Back the Pack" you back 150+ year tradition of academic excellence and spiritual growth. You're invited to join us in celebrating by making a donation to St. Joseph School-Fullerton on Tuesday, December 3rd. All families that donate on December 3rd will receive an out-of-uniform pass for their children for Friday, December 6th. CLICK HERE for more information. Thank you for supporting our PACK!

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 Friday, December 13th. CLICK HERE to donate today.



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 Gift Cards

Earn money off of tuition while checking Christmas gifts off of your shopping list. The next order for physical Raise Right Gift Cards are due Sunday, December 8th.

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Sign in or join here!

Hot Spot Raffle



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Congratulations to the Cartwright Family for winning the Hot Spot for the month of December! We will see you in the Pre-K lot for drop off and you will be the first car off of the lot at dismissal for the month.

Ravens Tickets Raffle

Congratulations to the Chaney Family for winning the Ravens Tickets Raffle! Enjoy the game!



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Winter Photo Contest

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 your photo to

Wolfpackshare@stjoeschool.org for your family 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.



Breakfast with Santa

Tickets are selling fast 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!

Important Dates

THURSDAY, 11/28

• Happy Thanksgiving! (SCHOOL CLOSED)

FRIDAY, 11/29

• SCHOOL CLOSED

MONDAY, 12/2

TUESDAY, 12/3

- Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Giving Tuesday

WEDNESDAY, 12/4

- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- HSPT for 8th Grade

THURSDAY, 12/5

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- HSPT Snow Day

FRIDAY, 12/6

• Giving Tuesday Out of Uniform Day (For families that donate)

Looking Ahead

December 8th - Immaculate Conception and Second Sunday School Mass at 10:30 am

December 9th - Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30 am (during the school Day)*Holy Day of Obligation

December 13th - Santa's Secret Workshop (during the school day)

December 14th - HASA Breakfast with Santa 9 am -12 pm

2024-2025 Key Dates

FULL-YEAR CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daylight Sovings Time Ends Turn Clocks Back I Hour	Hearing and Vision for all PK, New K,1,4 & 8 Re-Registration Begins	5 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Hearing & Vision Screening	Fizze Larach Fizze Larach 6 Pre-order only) 6" Grade Laying Flag in Cometery for Veherous Day TZ Hot Larach Order Forms Const Country Base @ SJS Get 1 to 8 MT.	7 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	8 HASA Bingo	q
School Mass 10:30am	II	12 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	13 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Middle School to Catholic High School Play	Re-Registration & Sibling Registration Due School Closed Asynchronous Work in Am T1 Ends	16
17	T2 Begins	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	20 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) T2 Hot Lunch Orders Due	21 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) NJHS Food Drive	22 Accommodations Due Mercy Live Show & Dance Concert Performance HASA Noiled It Event	23
24	25 TI Report Cards Emailed Home	26 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	27 Spirit Wear Day TI Honor Roll Recognition at Mass Noon Dismissal	School Closed Thanksgiving	29 School Clesed	30

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5 Appli- cation deadline for 1" round of accept- ances	16Christmas Sweater Day Grades 2&3 to Aquarium	5ubway Lunch (Pre-order only) Charus & Band Concert 1 & 7 pm Eff Ears, Christmas Hats and Headbands Day	Pizzo Lunch (Pre-order only) Nativity Presentation 1:30 in Church Christmas Socks Doy	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Christmas PJ Day	20 Out of Uniform Red & Green Christmas Parties Noon Dismissal HS Applications Due	21
22	23 School Closed	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30 School Closed —	31	Classes Resume January 2, 2025			





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 <u>HERE</u> and pay at the door.

Giving Tree Project

Beginning the week of November 30th, we invite you to select a tag from one of the



Christmas trees in the back of the Church to donate to a local charity. Each tag is labeled with the name of a charity and an item that they are in need of. 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

It's time! Tickets are on sale for the St. Joseph Athletic Association's 2025 Bull Roast. The date is Saturday February 1st from 7pm-11pm at Columbus Gardens. Our Early Bird special runs from now until December 15th with tickets selling at just \$55 each. Purchasing an Early Bird ticket enters you in a raffle for a Solo Stove Pizza Oven (retail price \$470). After December 15th, tickets will go up to \$65 each. Parents, coaches, friends,



and families, treat yourselves to a great night of adult fun with your St. Joe's community.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS HERE!

Interested in sponsoring? VIEW AVAILABLE OPTIONS HERE

Soccer Banquet for U6 and U8

Save the date for the U6 and U8 Soccer Banquet on December 15th in the Parish Center. Details to follow.

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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