

Upcoming Events

3/12

- Regional Science Fair

3/13

- 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

3/16

- Vision/Hearing (K-1-3(hearing only); 2nd(both); 8(vision only))

3/17

- Jean & Green Day-Happy St. Paddy Day**

3/19

- St. Joseph Day Mass and Luncheon
- Dress Up Day

3/20

- SJS Auction-6pm at Dinolfo's

St. Joseph Day Luncheon

In celebration of St. Joseph, we will have a wonderful pasta luncheon with our students on March 19th. All students may **dress-up** for the special day wearing RED! While dressing up varies from home to home, we do expect our students to be dressed in their best. If you are unable to find appropriate dress clothes, please wear your school uniform. (Absolutely, no jeans or sweats! See handbook for more info!)

"Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise!" James 5:13

Please take a moment to reflect on the prayer requests of our school families, and say a prayer. Have a prayer request to share? If you have a prayer request that you would like added, the forms are stocked in the school office or just write down your request and send it to school with your child. You can also email requests anytime directly to singingsportfan@yahoo.com. All prayer requests will be printed at the earliest possible date. **If you have shared a request that has been answered and should no longer be included, please notify the office so we can update our prayer sheet. Have you submitted a prayer that has not been printed yet? Please resend it, just in case we missed it. We welcome your partnership in prayer!**

SJS Athletic Updates

Congratulations to our amazing athletes and coaches! We had a wonderful end of the season tournament for our 8th graders! The games were outstanding! Each game came with great basketball skills in place, incredible teamwork and amazing effort! Our 8th grade boys took 2nd Place and the 8th grade girls won first place. We were so proud! Congratulations to all coaches and athletes!!! While it is hard to believe their time on our court is over, it was a GREAT run! This class has always be an amazing group of students....on and off the court! It has been a true please to watch their talents and skills develop over the years. Thank you coaches, parents, and 8th graders for representing St. Joseph School in the finest manner!

A special thank you to our SJS Athletic Board members! I am never sure how to say thank you for all that these great people do for our athletes. Our board dedicates a great deal of time and commitment to making sure every detail is attended to and that wonderful environment is provided. They never cease to amaze me! A special thank you to Patti Lee, our tournament director, who coordinated the SJS Basketball Tournaments. Thank you for making it such a great experience for our guests, teams, and families!

SJS Parent Club Happenings

St. Joseph's Day Luncheon: This very special day is quickly approaching on March 19th! Be sure to send your child with a sack lunch on Friday if they do not enjoy pasta. We are looking forward to a great day to celebrate our patron saint!

Roller Skating Party: The skating party was a HUGE success! A special thank you to Karen Palumbo for chairing this event and providing a fun family evening for us all!

Band Concert: Our SJS Band Concert was a delight! Our SJS musicians played exceptionally well and the audience full of fans enjoyed each song! A special thank you to Miss Nuel, our Band Director! The concert was a great showcase of our musically talented students. We had a wonderful reception hosted by Laura Sandoval, Diane Webster, and Beth Wilcox. Thank you for the wonderful snacks and especially the homemade cakes and whipped frosting!

Book Fair: Spring is in the air (almost) and time to clean out those bookshelves & closets to add more room for all those new books! Our book fair will take place from April 22nd – April 25th. Watch your newsletters and children's backpacks for more information.

Bowling Party: Save the date....the annual bowling event will be on Sunday, April 25th at Strike N Spare. Fun for the whole family!

Merci beaucoup! To all our wonderful and talented parents who worked very hard to support the auction. Upon review of the on-line auction, we are amazed by the items. Be sure to check out the items!

Our next SJS Parents Club meeting will be on March 24th at 8:45 in the extended care room. Come and join us. Please notify office if you will be attending.

Carrie Ray, SJS Parents Club Secretary

St. Patrick Day Celebration

We can't forget the Irish on March 17th! Students are able to wear the green! Students may wear green shirts with jeans in celebration of St. Paddy's Day!

Promenade in Paris.....it is almost here! It seems like we just started planning....and, in a blink...it is upon us! On March 20^h, you will be delighted with the wonderful dinner, incredible items for bid, games to win great prizes, and the company of some of the greatest people that I know! A few last minute details....

- If you are a K-8 family, your raffle tickets and RSVP are past due! Please send on Monday and save us the trouble of calling your family! Since the auction is part of your tuition contract, you must purchase or sell 2 tickets. If you are unable to attend, please send your \$130 tax deductible check on Monday.
- If you are worried about who to sit with at the Dinner Dance, have no worries! We have great families to sit with you and guarantee a GREAT time!
- If you are worried about taking home that incredible auction project....you need to be there to bid! The items are amazing!!!
- Don't forget to be ready to win the games.....a stay at Disney condo! You need to be there to win!
- Check out the wonderful items on-line.....some items are on-line only so you will be a big winner before the 20th! The on-line auction will be closed soon!

Merci, Merci, Merci.....thank you, thank you, thank you to the Auction team! We have been so blessed by so many generous and dedicated people to make this event a success. After many months of preparation, we are counting down the days to the big event! While it is a big week ahead, we are surrounded by such good friends and family to support us along the way! As we ended our last auction meeting with our 1st grade parents on Thursday evening, I was so impressed! We have a great group of people who are ready to jump right in and assist in any way needed. It is a little humbling to be surrounded by such dedicated parents. As the night ended, I was approached over and over again with the same responses. "If there is anything else you need...If we can help in anyway....We'll take the job no one wants.....Sign us up to work any shift or area....." I am continually reminded of the good people that surround me and supportive parents at SJS. This evening, I was reminded once again what a great group of families that we have! To our first grade families.....you are the BEST! I look forward to working along side you at the auction! To our auction chairs....Julie Dixon, Amy Galetti, and Yolanda Jesse.....words can not express the gratitude in my heart or the honor it is to work with all of you. It never feels like work when we meet. There is such a sense of passion, always a great deal of laughter, and a never ending supply of excitement to produce a wonderful evening for our children. I love every minute of it! As we enter into our final week, please keep our auction team and our efforts for a successful evening in your prayers! And, by all means.....go on-line to get the bidding started at www.stjoeschool.com!

SJS HONORS & AWARDS

We just can't help but brag.....there seems to be no end in site for the talents and honors at SJS these days! Congratulations to all of our students, families, and teachers who work so hard for these achievements and honors!

SJS Band Solo Contest

Congratulations to Miss Nuel and the SJS Band for a fabulous showing at the Band Solo contest last Saturday. Like true Olympians, our Band member came back with the Gold and Silver! In addition to the amazing display of GOLD, we had 4 Band members with perfect scores! Thank you for representing our school at the contest. We are so proud of your efforts and dedication to the band program.

Perfect Gold Rating

Matt King-gr.4 Connor Ray- gr. 6 Christopher Ray-gr. 4 Alysa Sandoval-gr. 5

Gold Rating

Kayla Garritson-gr. 7 Liam Leveto-gr.4 Emma Sweeney-gr. 4 John Michael Verhoek-gr. 7
Annie Webster-gr. 6 **Silver Rating-** Joe Gawle-gr. 8

SJS Geography Bee CHAMP!

We were very proud to have Eric Hennenfent as the Geography Champ at SJS! (Yes, he was also our Spelling Champ as well.) As the Geography Bee Champion for our school, Eric completed the Geography Bee test to qualify for the state level competition. It is one very difficult test to master to earn the opportunity to move to the state level. For the first time in our history of participation in the Geography Bee, we have a STATE qualifying champion-ERIC HENNENFENT! Congratulations, Eric! We are so proud of his efforts, talents, and knowledge to earn this prestigious level of competition! Thank you for representing SJS so well!

SJS Science Fair

As you read this newsletter, we have students that may be presenting at the Regional Science Fair at the University of St. Francis. Our Science Fair was held during Catholic Schools Week, and we were pleased to send 16 students to represent St. Joseph at the Regional level. We congratulate all of our Regional Science Fair participants and look forward to learning our Regional Science Fair results soon! It is really amazing to be able to send 16 students to Regionals....the next question will be how many will make it to the State Science Fair?

Project Session

Eric Hennenfent-7
Hayley Jankowski-7
Lauren Jordan-7
Jennifer Lee-7
Alvin Perez-7
Nina Pilon-7
Lauren Rasmussen-7

Paper Session

Sydney Bartecki-7
Liam Cunnane-7
Tom Cunnane-7
Kayla Garritson-7
Ryan Gulden-7
Patrick McCarthy-7
Rachel Napoli-7