



# SJPII Family Fact Sheet 12/03/2021

“Know the Truth and the Truth will set you free.”

John 8:32



Dear Families,

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Francis Xavier, a Spanish gentleman and professor of philosophy at the University of Paris during the Reformation. St. Ignatius recruited him to his new order of the Society of Jesus. He was convinced to pursue this higher calling by the mantra of the Jesuit founder, “What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, but suffer the loss of his soul?” Francis Xavier spent the remainder of his life in the Far East converting hundreds of thousands of people to the Catholic faith. He is the patron of the propagation of the faith. Today was the first Friday of the month, and we resumed our practice of a Eucharistic procession followed by adoration throughout the day. As we continue our journey through Advent and come to the conclusion of the first of four weeks, we recommit ourselves to opening and preparing our hearts for the coming of the Savior of the world and the King of our hearts. As the students light our Advent wreath each morning we sing, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel...Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!” Like the chosen people in the Old Testament, we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of the Christ at Christmas. You are encouraged to have an Advent wreath at home and to pray the weekly prayer and a stanza of the hymn at table each evening. Please find the prayers at this link: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=952>

Caritas in veritate,  
John Donohue

**IT'S TIME FOR SJPII PTO BOARD NOMINATIONS**

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## NEW AND EXCITING

- **Virtue of the Week:** Prudence, one of the cardinal virtues involving both critical thought and setting aside practical reason to pinpoint true good.
- **School Safety:** Though codified in our 2021-2022 Family Handbook and included multiple times in our Family Facts Sheets, we still experience families dropping off students, curbside, when there are no longer adults at the drop-off station. This is not permitted. If you have questions about this rule, please contact us at (910) 692-6241.
- **Picture Re-Take Day:** Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00am. Please wear school uniforms for picture re-takes.
- **Honor Roll:** Congratulations continue for all the many students who made honor roll our first trimester. Splendid work! See the attached list with this Family Fact Sheet for all our honorees.
- **Basketball:** Away-game for boys only, Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm tip off vs. Liberty Christian.
- **SJPII PTO Board Nominations:** Nominations are now being accepted for SPJII PTO Board positions. Help lead the way.
- **Mardi Gras Miles 5K Fun Run:** Save the Date - Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Course includes legs on both our campus and Belle Meade thanks to their gracious permission.
- **Sponsorship Opportunity for Local Businesses:** Business owners from our SJPII community may sponsor the Mardi Gras Miles 5K Fun Run by contacting Mrs. Flores. Sample sponsorship tiers below. [aflores@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:aflores@jp2catholicschool.org)  
  - Jester - \$300 / Single sign for your business, front and back, placed along the driveway Feb 20<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Bourbon Street - \$500 / Single sign for your business, front and back, placed along the driveway Feb 20<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, plus your business name on the event t-shirts and social media shout-outs.
  - King/Queen of Mardi Gras - \$1000 / Single sign for your business, front and back, placed along the driveway Feb 20<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, your business name on the event t-shirts and social media shout-outs, plus your ad on our scoreboard.
- **Christmas Break Playdate:** Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 1:30pm, \$25 per child. See the flyer attached with this Family Fact Sheet for a rare chance to take a breather from your children’s needs while we are on school break.
- **Grateful Tidings:** Our 8<sup>th</sup>-grade class wished to express sincerest gratitude for the generous contributions to the "Pie-in-the Face" fundraiser, a \$984.89 total. The who’s who under that cream...Mrs. D’Argenio, Mrs. Felicetta, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Miller, Mr. O’Connell, and Mr. Pimienta all deserve a great many thanks for their brave gesture. The funds are earmarked for multiple class of 2022 initiatives including Legacy Gift, the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade field trip, and a Christmas service project. Thank you.
- **School Health Update:** There have been no positive cases of Covid-19 reported within the school community this week.

## REMINDERS

- **Christmas Bowling: Outing:** Friday, December 17, 2021. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
- **SJPII Christmas Pageant, Grades 3 – 8:** Save the date. December 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm.
- **SJPII Christmas Pageant, Grades Pre-K – 2:** Save the date. December 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am.

## UPCOMING AT SJPII:

- **MATHCOUNTS Club:** School Fridays from 7:00am - 7:45am, Eagles Perch, Room 13. For 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **Willie Wonka Jr. Rehearsals:** School Wednesdays in the afternoon until 5:00pm.
- **Girls Who Code Club:** Middle School only, by invitation. Thursday mornings from 7:00am to 7:50am.
- **Ukulele practice:** Now Mondays 3:15pm – 4:00pm
- **Jam Band Club:** School Fridays 3:15pm – 4:15pm
- **Middle School Debate Club:** Fridays (and Saturdays closer to competition). During school hours unless otherwise noted. No experience necessary. Contact Mrs. D’Argenio. [ldargenio@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:ldargenio@jp2catholicschool.org)