



# SJPII Family Fact Sheet 01/14/2022

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

John 8:32



Dear Families,

The U.S. Supreme Court has blocked the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) requiring businesses with at least 100 employees to ensure workers are vaccinated against the coronavirus disease or wear masks and undergo weekly COVID-19 testing. The HR department at the diocese has told all Catholic school principals in the diocese, that with this news, no action is required. Couple this news with the current spike in the virus, which is expected to subside quickly before too long, it seems best that we “stay the course” with our current health protocols. We will be sending out a survey in the next couple of weeks to get feedback from our parents. With that feedback in hand and moving a little beyond our present situation with absentees and school community numbers trending in a positive direction, we will revisit our COVID-19 protocols. In three weeks, we will be better able to reassess our protocols and adjust them appropriately if we can.

Caritas in veritate,  
John Donohue

## **NEW AND EXCITING**

- **Virtue of the Week:** Docility. Our second week on this virtue concluded on Friday.
- **Heads-Up:** Please check your email for important information regarding the 2022 - 2023 Re-Enrollment and Tuition and Fee Schedule.
- **Update Your Contact Information:** We must remind all SJPII families to check and/or update their contact information in RenWeb/FACTS periodically, particularly their child’s emergency contact information. Please do this today.
- **Progress Reports:** Yesterday, January 14, 2022, was the half-way point of SJPII Trimester 2. Progress reports for grades 3 through 8 will be sent (via RenWeb/FACTS) to parents on Wednesday, January 19, 2021.
- **Scheduling A:** School is closed for MLK Day, January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Scheduling B:** An 8<sup>th</sup>-grade Parent Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm, both in Room #13 and via Zoom. If you are the parent or guardian of an SJPII 8<sup>th</sup>-grader, please refer to the recent email sent by Mrs. Haley for details.
- **Scheduling Change #1:** Please note that this coming April 14<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday, originally scheduled in 2022 as a half-day for SJPII, will now be a non-school day. **SJPII will be closed on April 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Scheduling Change #2:** Please note that Friday, **May 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 will now be a half-day** with a noon dismissal. Our SJPII Field Day will be taking place that morning. Clubs that normally meet after school on Fridays will likely not meet on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to contact your individual club advisors to confirm.
- **Scheduling Change #3 - Run Club:** Pursuant to lower-than-expected early participation, **Run Club will now ONLY meet on Mondays, 3:15pm to 4:15pm, on our campus, until further notice.** Grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Younger students may run if they are accompanied by a parent. Contact Coach Pimienta with interest. [santiagopimienta@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:santiagopimienta@jp2catholicschool.org)
- **Synod 2021 - 2023 Survey:** Please see the Synod file attached with this Family Fact Sheet. It is letter content from the Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools to all school principals and directors in the diocese regarding an open listening process that is The Synod with the Holy Father. His letter includes a link to the article and video explaining the important meaning of this two-year event. The article likewise includes a direct link to the survey. We’ve additionally provided both links here:
  - [Bishop opens diocesan listening process | Diocese of Raleigh](#)
  - [Online Survey](#)
- **Welcome:** Please welcome Coach Jill Haram who will be assisting Coach Pimienta with our Run Club and Cross-Country program. She’s a former Army Officer, currently attending Campbell University in pursuit of her master’s degree in theology.
- **B-Ball AWAY Games:** Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Christian Academy. Girls tip off at 4:00pm. Boys to follow.
- **B-Ball HOME Games:** Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Boys take on SCC while the girls will play O’Neal in a non-conference game.
- **Yearbook Ads Deadline:** The deadline to pay for and design an ad honoring your student for this year’s yearbook is February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Catholic Schools Week:** Jan 30<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer for some of our upcoming Catholic Schools Week plans. Many volunteer hours remain available.
- **Jam Band Club:** Jam Band Club will next resume on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and run, as always, 3:15pm to 4:15pm.
- **Golf Team News:** We are currently in discussions with Long Leaf US Kids Academy and Whispering Pines Country Club. Our coaches are preparing. We’re hoping for a robust set of matches beginning in March. Practices start mid-February. More to come.
- **School Health Update:** There have been 5 new cases of COVID-19 positive students reported during this school week.

## **REMINDERS**

- **Ukulele Club:** Ukulele club will not meet in the month of January.
- **Mardi Gras Miles 5K Fun Run:** Please sign up for SJPII Mardi Gras Miles. The run will be in-person on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. Link below. Donations may also be made through the site. We are still looking for sponsors. Please contact Mrs. Flores if you would like to be a sponsor. <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/SouthernPines/MardiGrasMiles5KFunRun>