



SJPII Family Fact Sheet 01/07/2022

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

John 8:32



Dear Families,

The name Epiphany comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning “appearance” or “manifestation” and refers to the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world. Traditionally, we celebrate the arrival of the Magi to the newborn Savior at the manger on January 6. This year, the Church celebrated the feast on the Sunday prior. At school, we processed with our kings (Santiago, Lee, and Nick) to the manger following our Wednesday Mass. Fr. Kane accompanied the students and prayed with us at the manger. Fr. Kane then went to each class to bless the students, staff, and the classrooms. The teachers led the students through the blessing and marked the doorways with 20+C+M+B+22, the date, sign of the cross, and initials of the kings. Christ has been made “manifest” at St. John Paul II in a special way as we celebrated Epiphany all week long. May Christ be made manifest each day in our hearts, our homes, our school, and our community, and may we each be the means by which He is made manifest.

Caritas in veritate,
John Donohue

NEW AND EXCITING

- **Virtue of the Week:** Docility. This is the first of two weeks on this virtue.
- **New Volunteer Opportunity:** The SJPII Catholic Identity Committee is asking for a tech-savvy parent volunteer to help with a short composite video. Volunteer hours will be given. Contact Mrs. Peters. jpeters@jp2catholicschool.org
- **Call for Volunteers, Run Club:** Run Club remains in need of additional volunteers.
- **Progress Reports:** Next Friday, January 14, 2022 is the half-way point of SJPII Trimester 2. Progress reports for grades 3 through 8 will be sent (via RenWeb) to parents on Wednesday, January 19, 2021.
- **Church Subsidy Applications:** If you are a participating member of St. Anthony of Padua Church and would like to apply for the \$500 church subsidy, you must do so by going to the church office. Leave the form there for Father Kane to sign. They will send us a check to be applied toward your child's tuition.
- **Yearbook Ads Deadline:** The deadline to pay for and design an ad honoring your student for this year's yearbook is February 10th.
- **Catholic Schools Week:** Jan 30th - Feb. 5th. Our Catholic Schools Week Committee has been busy planning a fun-filled week for students. Many volunteer hours are available. More to come.
- **PTO Newsletter:** January's release is attached with this Family Fact Sheet.
- **Run Club:** Begins Monday January 10th. It will be held 3:15pm to 4:15pm Mondays and Wednesdays on our campus, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm at nearby Reservoir Park. Students in grades 4 through 8 are invited to come out, run, and get active. Contact Coach Pimienta with interest. santiagopimienta@jp2catholicschool.org
- **Basketball Away Game:** Monday, Jan 10th vs. Fayetteville Academy. Girls tip-off 3:30pm. Boys to follow.
- **Basketball Home Game:** Thursday, Jan 13th vs. Fayetteville Christian School. Girl's tip-off 4pm. Boys to follow.
- **Girls Soccer:** Looking ahead to spring, see the SJPII girls' soccer schedule, attached with this sheet. (Subject to change.)
- **Ukulele Club:** Ukulele club will not meet in the month of January.
- **Jam Band Club:** Jam Band Club will next resume on Friday, January 21st.
- **Gratitude:** We'd like to express our thanks to the fine folks at Harris Teeter for their recent donation of 12 cases of water.
- **School Health Update:** There have been 6 new cases of COVID-19 positive students reported during this school week. Out of an abundance of caution, we have temporarily quarantined our 6th grade class.
- **Public Health Toolkit:** Our website home page has long maintained links to current COVID information resources including the frequently updated *StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit*, pertinent to schools. You can find these resources by clicking the “COVID-19 Updates” button on our home page. The latest toolkit is also linked here: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/164/open>

REMINDERS

- **Scheduling:** January 14th is a half-day. School is closed for MLK Day, January 17th.
- **Mardi Gras Miles 5K Fun Run:** Save the Date - Saturday February 26th, 2022. Course includes legs on both our campus and Belle Meade thanks to their gracious permission.

UPCOMING AT SJPII:

- **MATHCOUNTS Club:** School Fridays from 7:00am - 7:45am, Eagles Perch, Room 13. For 6th, 7th, & 8th graders.
- **Willie Wonka Jr. Rehearsals:** School Wednesdays in the afternoon until 5:00pm.
- **Willie Wonka Jr. Stage Crew:** Every school Wednesday in the Activity Center, dismissal to 5:00pm.
- **Girls Who Code Club:** Middle School only, by invitation. Thursday mornings from 7:00am to 7:50am.
- **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