



SJPII Family Fact Sheet 05/06/2022

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

John 8:32



Dear Families,

Thank you to all our mothers! My grandmother used to say, “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.” There is much truth in this adage because mothers are the first shapers of mind and soul. In his beautiful tribute to mothers, Cardinal Mindszenty wrote, “The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body. . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. . . What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?” (<https://www.themarianroom.com/mother-by-cardinal-mindszenty/>) God bless all the mothers in our school community. Happy Mother’s Day!

Caritas in veritate,
John Donohue

Virtue of the Week: Loyalty

NEW AND EXCITING

- **Gratitude:** With love, we are sending our absolute, deepest thanks to our PTO for the great many treats, nods, and special moments they’d created for faculty and staff this week; an entire agenda of recognition and appreciation that we so truly appreciate right back.
- **Parent Discipline at Pick-Up:** When the school releases children to parents in the afternoon, we are handing supervision responsibilities back to those parents. A concern has been raised regarding unsupervised children playing and/or misbehaving here on campus, immediately after that hand-over has taken place. Please keep distinct watch over your children and their behavior at this critical point in the school day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Pep Rally:** Monday, May 9th, 2022, 2:15pm. All students may wear SJPII approved spirit wear **on top**, school uniform attire from the waist down. Our soccer and golf athletes will be permitted to wear their jerseys/golf uniforms. [Make sure to click here for rally details.](#)
- **Girls’ Soccer Semi-Final Match:** #2 seed SJPII will host #3 seed Freedom Christian Academy in the SEMSAC Semi-Final Girls’ Soccer match this coming Monday, May 9th, 2022 at 4:00pm. Come on over to support our athletes and to join in the excitement.
- **Volunteer Opportunity:** Ms. Peters is in need of parent-volunteers to help with art show set-up and tear down on Tuesday, May 10th, Wednesday, May 11th, and Tuesday May 17th. If interested, please contact Ms. Peters directly. jpeters@jp2catholicschool.org
- **Rosary Club Ending:** The final Rosary Club for this school year will be Thursday, May 12th, 2022 **and will last until 5:00pm.**
- **Geography Bee Ending:** The final Geography Bee for this school year will be Wednesday, May 11th, 2022.
- **Ukulele Club Ending:** The final SJPII Ukulele Club meeting for the 2021-2022 school year will take place at its normal time on Monday, May 9th, 2022. Our very special thanks to Nancy Heilman for her expert instruction and this musical boon for our students.
- **Ukulele Club Mass Performance:** Come see our Ukulele Club perform at the 10:45am Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 15th.
- **Novena to the Holy Spirit:** Did you know we are praying each day from Thursday, May 5th through Saturday, May 14th for all the new Confirmands at Sacred Heart and from our school? You can say the daily prayer as well. <https://catholic-link.org/quotes/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-to-prepare-for-confirmation-or-pentecost>
- **Camp Rockfish - 8th Grade:** Tuesday, May 24th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Have you misplaced the trip details or any of the four required permission slips for your 8th-grader? Please see Ms. D’Argenio’s May 3rd email or link to the pith of matters here: <https://www.sjp2catholicschool.com/Calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D159648282>
- **Spring Fine Arts Festival Pre-K to 2nd-Grade:** May 13th, 2022, 1:45pm-2:45pm, it’s Pre-K through 2nd-grade’s turn to dazzle. Join us to spot your budding artiste and the talented company they keep. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at the usual time. This is scheduled to take place in our activity center.
- **PTO Silent Auction:** Be sure to take part in the silent auction at our Spring Fine Arts Festivals. The flyer is attached with this sheet.
- **SJPII Field Day:** May 20th, 2022. This school day will be a half-day following a scheduling change earlier in the year. This field day is for 1st through 8th grade. Check Track-It-Forward to volunteer for this, one of the final opportunities to do so before our school year ends.
- **Athletics Banquet:** Save the date. May 11th, 2022, 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Our Athletics Department will be honoring SJPII middle school athletes as well as 4th through 8th-grade cross country runners in our Tru-Legacy Activity Center. Dinner will cost \$10.00 and will consist of spaghetti, bread, and salad. **Please RSVP immediately, remitting payment with a completed form.**
- **School Health Update:** Today marks the eleventh school week in a row with no new positive student cases of COVID-19 reported.

REMINDERS

- **MATHCOUNTS Adjusted Scheduling:** MATHCOUNTS will not meet on the following dates 5/20 & 6/3.
- **The Visitation of Mary Basket:** This is a Mary statue that will go home with a different SJPII family every 2 weeks. Each basket has prayer books, rosaries, holy water, DVDs, and other items to use as your faith calls. Complete and return the attached form to Ms. D’Argenio. Families selected at random. ldargenio@jp2catholicschool.org
- **Summer Bridge Activities Books:** Summer approaches and with it the opportunity to order activities books designed to keep your child’s educational skills sharp during our months off. If you’ve a rising 1st through 8th-grader, see the discounted order form attached with this sheet as well as the 04/27/2022 email from Academic Dean, Ms. Haley.