



## SJPII Family Fact Sheet 10/01/2021

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

John 8:32



Dear Families,

We are introducing a new character training program into our curriculum this month. It is called Education in Virtue by Lumen Ecclesia Press and Light House Media (Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist). Please see the links below for more information. Leadership has decided to focus this year on the four cardinal virtues: justice, prudence, fortitude, and courage along with the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity. We are still working out the details but will share them and the digital resources with you as we go along. We work on growing in wisdom and virtue every day. Ask your children what they have learned about virtue. We will begin this year's character training with a focus on the virtue of temperance.

<https://openlightmedia.com/education-in-virtue>

<https://youtu.be/sA1ju8MwVWk>

<https://openlightmedia.com/resources/resources-for-schools>

Caritas in veritate,  
John Donohue

### **NEW AND EXCITING**

- **Blessing of the Animals:** October 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm. Parents are invited to bring a pet, restrained for Msgr. Williams' blessing, and to stay with us outdoors for the pep rally and the remainder of the school day. If you'd like to participate, before arriving, please read the important details linked below. Those details are also in The Blessing of the Animals document, attached. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16RtvuAc-bIXi-NypKToD87KCdMKpet7mx9pp3MLu0Rw/edit?usp=sharing>
- **SJPII Pep Rally:** October 4<sup>th</sup> 2:15pm.
- **Testing:** IOWA Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) for grades 3 through 8 and Cognitive Abilities Tests (CogAT) for grades 2 and 5 are scheduled for October 4-7, 2021 and October 11-15, 2021. Please ensure all healthy students are present on these dates. See the important letter from our academic dean on the subject, attached.
- **Digital Progress Reports:** To be distributed for grades 3 through 8 on or before Wednesday, October 6, 2021.
- **Ukulele:** There will be no ukulele practice the entire week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Practice resumes the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Jam Band Club:** There will be no Jam Band Club the entire week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Rosary Club:** There will be no Rosary Club meeting in October.
- **Student Day of Service:** Middle School – October 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-12:00pm.
- **Pumpkin Patch:** Pre-K – October 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00am. Pre-K students will not come to school in the morning. Families should provide their own transportation and meet at Kawali Farm at 10:00am. Each student should bring a sack lunch. Families should return their students to school after lunch is enjoyed at the farm. Contact Laura Boll with questions or to arrange a ride for your child if needed. [l.boll90@gmail.com](mailto:l.boll90@gmail.com)
- **PTO October Newsletter:** Attached to Family Fact Sheet email.
- **Picture Day:** October 29<sup>th</sup> - Students should wear Mass uniforms.
- **LEGO Robotics:** The SJPII LEGO Robotics Club requests that you complete their research survey related to this year's LEGO theme--*Cargo Connect!* Please access the survey by copying and pasting this link. <https://bit.ly/3kXz058>
- **The Sands of Time:** Our Pre-K sandbox is due for a refill. Donations of bagged sand would be much appreciated, or might we simply sing, “Mr. Sandman bring us a dream?”
- **Box Tops:** Please use the app to scan your receipts. Our PTO's Sara Blakely can help. [chickenhouse3000@gmail.com](mailto:chickenhouse3000@gmail.com)
- **Christmas Bazaar:** If you would like to be a vendor this year, please contact Nikki Reynolds. [nikkifour@hotmail.com](mailto:nikkifour@hotmail.com)

### **REMINDERS**

- **Live-streaming Mass:** We welcome our families to join Mass, remotely, each Wednesday morning. A link will be provided via email prior to the Mass. If you plan on attending our Mass in-person, please call the office at (910) 692-6241 or email Mrs. Lawson [dlawson@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:dlawson@jp2catholicschool.org) so that safe arrangements can be made.
- **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Conference Schedule Sign-Up Genius:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8A92CA75-fall1>
- **Catholic Culture Committee:** Seeking parent volunteers to assist with planning and preparations for Catholic Schools Week. 1st parent meeting is Thursday, 11/04/21 at 3:30pm, Room 2. Email Mrs. Miller. [amiller@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:amiller@jp2catholicschool.org)

### **UPCOMING AT SJPII:**

- **Willie Wonka Jr. Rehearsals:** Every Wednesday afternoon until 5:00pm.
- **Café Murder Rehearsals:** Next three Wednesdays until 5:30pm (10/6, 10/13, 10/20).
- **Girls Who Code Club:** Middle School Only, by invitation. Thursday mornings from 7:00am to 7:50am.