



SJPII Family Fact Sheet 10/03/2022

“Christ, Be Our Light”



Dear SJPII Families,

Exciting news: The Southern Pines Town Council approved the proposed plan for the development of our SJPII property! Thank you to all involved in getting the process successfully completed. “God is good...all the time! All the time...God is good!”

Fr. Javier celebrated Mass on Wednesday with our students. He spoke about vocations and studying in school to be prepared and ready for a successful career. The Visitation of Mary Basket went home with the Mish family.

ITBS Testing happens this week. Do your BEST!

Happy October!

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Marian V. Kajfez, Principal

Our Virtue Last Week: Obedience

NEW AND EXCITING

- **HALF DAY:** This Thursday, October 6th, 2022 SJPII is scheduled for a noon dismissal.
- **SCHOOL CLOSED:** This Friday, October 7th, 2022 SJPII will be closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** On Friday, October 7th, 2022, we will hold our Parent-Teacher Conferences, some teachers starting as early as October 6th following the noon dismissal. Trimester 1 progress reports will be sent to parents via FACTS this Wednesday, October 5, 2022. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a deeply important part of the collaboration between us, your children's educational providers, and you, your children's primary educators. Keep an eye out for any messages from individual teachers in this regard or contact them directly with questions. Parents and guardians of seventh- and eighth-grade students should sign up for a conference timeslot using this [SignUp Genius](#).
- **Testing This Week:** Starting today, Monday, October 3rd, 2022, SJPII third-through-eighth graders will undergo the fall 2022 Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) while second and fifth grade prepares for the upcoming fall 2022 Cognitive Achievement Tests. If you've not already read the related documents, please immediately link to our [testing schedule](#), our [parent letter](#) on the topic, and otherwise see Ms. Haley's September 26 email so that your child can remain prepared.
- **Help for our 8th Grade Hosts** – The 2022-2023 SJPII 8th-grade class will continue the tradition of hosting a Living Rosary. At this most reverent event, we will pray for the intentions of our school. We will also support Lifecare Pregnancy Center and its mission. We ask that, in preparation for the event, students from all grades bring in baby wipes and/or size 3 diapers on or before Monday, October 17.
- **Blessing of the Animals:** Please come and join us with your pets for the traditional Blessing of the Animals, here on the SJPII campus tomorrow, October 4th 2022, at 2:15pm. Please ensure that your pets are properly under your full control in an environment that will include children, other animals, and people strange to your beloved companion.
- **Living Rosary:** Our 2022 Living Rosary will be prayed on Thursday, October 20 at 8:30 a.m. This is an outdoor event for the whole school that additionally welcomes limited guests. Should you like to attend, please feel free to bring your own chairs and set them behind those placed for the teachers. We would like to reserve the front rows for unimpeded observation by small children. Come pray with us.
- **Outerwear:** As colder days become greater possibilities this fall and winter, we encourage SJPII families to consult the uniform guidelines and dress code sections of their Family Handbook, pages 27-30. These sections detail useful information regarding cold weather attire requirements for PE, the types of uniform outerwear permitted in our classrooms, and the permitted use of additional cold weather attire when outside. We are happy to answer any questions regarding SJPII seasonal attire options. Call us at 910.692.6241 with your question and your call will be returned.
- **Festifall:** Friday, October 21st, 3:00pm to 6:00pm here on the SJPII campus. Buying a wristband gets one entry to the event, plus unlimited use of the petting zoo, bounce house, and games (excepting Cake Walk). Food will be available for purchase, as will tickets to participate in Cake Walk. Beer and drinks will be offered for a suggested donation. See the linked flyer for updated prices. If you have questions or you'd like to be a vendor at the event, contact Savannah Crandell. savannahcrandell13@gmail.com [Festifall Flyer](#)
- **SCHEDULE CHANGE - Alive in Faith Club:** The start date for Alive in Faith Club has been rescheduled for October 11th. There will be no Alive in Faith Club tomorrow, October 4th. Participants will be learning about the Armor of God this year. This club is open to Kindergarten through 3rd-grade students and will be held the first Tuesday of every month after October 11th from 3:15pm - 4:45pm. mherpy@jp2catholicschool.org
- **FACTS Accounts:** Did you know that large group communications sent to our SJPII community are not delivered using a standard email account or SMS text tool? While you receive Family Fact Sheets and Parent Alerts as emails and texts, the source tool used to get this messaging to you, like many schools, is a database. You know this database as RenWeb/FACTS and it is of primary importance that you keep your contact information updated through your Parent Portal. If you are a parent/guardian of an SJPII student, completing your FACTS account and keeping it updated with your latest phone numbers, email addresses, and other contact information is the only way to ensure that you can be reached in an emergency, that you receive communications meant for the entire SJPII community, and that you are otherwise kept up to date with the goings-on in the whole of our school. As such, requests “to be added to our email list” are somewhat moot. There is no “email list.” With respect, only you can complete your FACTS account and only you know when there's a change in phone number or email address that requires updating in your FACTS account.
- **School Health Update:** There was one new positive case of COVID-19 reported in our school last week, 9/26 – 9/30.
- **Edge:** Edge is a middle school youth group program for grades 6 through 8 put on by Sacred Heart and Saint Anthony of Padua churches. Edge meets at Father Capodanno High School. Our friends at Edge have requested that we take this opportunity to share their upcoming schedule which has been listed [here](#).

REMINDERS

- **Sacraments:** SJPII families with children in grades 4 or above who've not received the Sacraments of Penance or First Holy Communion can contact Mr. O'Connell to see what is needed in preparation. poconnell@jp2catholicschool.org
- **Basketball Clinic:** Remaining open Basketball Clinic dates are 10/8 and 10/15 from 8:30am to 10:00am. Parents are invited to stay on 10/15, watch that day's session, and attend an important informational meeting thereafter.