



SJPII Family Fact Sheet 09/24/2021

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



John 8:32

Dear Families,

On Friday, the faculty and staff engaged in a professional development day focusing on three primary areas. 1) Presenter Tom Mullaney instructed all of us on the optimal use of the Google Suite for Education. While we have been using Google Classroom for a couple of years now, there have been developments and improvements in which we seek to remain current and adept. 2) Marian Kajfez presented and engaged the staff in *The Question Behind the Question* by John Miller. We have endeavored to cultivate this attitude into our school culture and work ethic for several years now by practicing personal accountability. What should one really ask oneself to eliminate blame, victim-thinking, complaining, and procrastination? 3) We also heard from Nancy Officer on Catholic liberal education and the Socratic method. Mrs. Officer was schooled in the content and method of this rich heritage and came to share her personal and professional experiences and to discuss with teachers how we cultivate this intellectual tradition in our very own program of studies. Your faculty and staff seek continual personal and professional growth and development in order to serve your children better every day.

Caritas in veritate,
John Donohue

NEW AND EXCITING

- 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 so that safe arrangements can be made.
- All questions, information, and matters related to COVID should be communicated to the parent contact for our SJPII COVID Taskforce, Mrs. Deb Lawson, including possible exposures, testing, and symptoms. dlawson@jp2catholicschool.org
- If you are already emailing a teacher about a medical-related absence of any kind, please also copy Mrs. Lawson. dlawson@jp2catholicschool.org
- September 30, 2021 marks our 30th school day this year and the halfway mark for 1st trimester. Digital progress reports for students in grades 3 through 8 will be sent on or before Wednesday, October 6, 2021.
- We’ve a tall, wide file cabinet in need of removal from campus. Might someone have the means to transport the oversized item to a dump or a scrap metal yard? Alternatively, though the item has been in the rain, if there is someone who would like to salvage it for use, you’d only need to get it transported to the destination of your choice.
- Spirit Wear sales have been extended until September 30th. Reach out to our PTO Spirit Wear coordinator, Danielle Corke. dcorke@gmail.com <https://sjpiifall2021.itemorder.com> (Reminder, Spirit Wear is not part of our school uniform.)
- Please use the Box Tops app to scan your receipts. Our PTO’s Sara Blakely can help. chickenhouse3000@gmail.com
- If you would like to be a vendor at this year’s Christmas Bazaar., please contact Nikki Reynolds. nikkifour@hotmail.com
- At arrival and dismissal, all automobile traffic flows in a single direction. Enter campus at the west driveway (the traffic circle) and exit through the east driveway.

REMINDERS

- We still await a number of the required signature forms located at the back of this year’s Family Handbook. If you’ve not yet submitted all of your signed forms to Robert Evanila, please do so right away. revanila@jp2catholicschool.org
- 7th & 8th Grade Conference Schedule Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8A92CA75-fall1>
- Rosary Club: Thursday, September 30. There will be no October meeting.
- Choir Rehearsals: Every Tuesday 12:10pm - 12:35pm and every Wednesday 7:50am- 8:20am.
- The Catholic Culture Committee is seeking parent volunteers to assist with planning and preparations for Catholic Schools Week. First parent meeting will be Thursday, 11/04/21 at 3:30pm in Room 2. If interested, please email Mrs. Miller. amiller@jp2catholicschool.org

UPCOMING AT SJPII:

- 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 in school on these dates.
- Teachers look forward to meeting you on designated Parent Teacher Conference Days to discuss students' progress to date.
- *Willie Wonka Jr.* rehearsals remain every Wednesday afternoon until 5:00pm.
- *Café Murder* rehearsals will be the next four Wednesdays until 5:30pm (9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20).
- Girls Who Code Club: Thursday mornings from 7:00am to 7:50 am. No coding experience necessary.
- Jam Band Club: Fridays from 3:15 - 4:15. Patrick O’Connell has details. poconnell@jp2catholicschool.org