

Good afternoon SJS Community,

As you know, we start each week off at St. John School with our Monday AM assembly. This is a wonderful time to join as a community and start our day and week in prayer. This week (before our snowballs of kindness), we spoke about Catholic Schools Week next week and the theme – united in faith and community. Yes, all Catholic schools in this country are united by an underlying faith. We are no different in that we push our students to love and serve. We as a school are also united in community. St. John School is what the 300 of us (students, faculty, and staff) have in common. As you may also know, each week our morning prayers have a theme and this week the theme has been diversity. I think these two ideas go hand in hand. We are a diverse school. Everyone brings their histories and talents and gifts with them to St. John School. We take this diversity and unite it into one amazing community. We are each unique, but united in St. John School. This is what we are about. So, as we start Catholic Schools Week, thank you for choosing St. John School. Thank you for bringing your diversity to our united community. I use the visual of a tapestry a lot to describe this school. A tapestry takes diverse ideas and unifies them. The SJS tapestry is beautiful, strong and enduring!

We hope to see you sometime during Catholic Schools Week next week, possibly at the Talent Show or the Spelling or Geography Bee or at Mass on Friday. And we have a little surprise for you on Thursday at drop off and during the day.

As I have mentioned before, January and Catholic Schools Week are also traditional marketing and recruitment times. So, please help us spread the word about Catholic education and St. John School. For next year, we have numerous openings in Kindergarten and Grade 7 and a few others.

Finally, a mid-year service hour review will be happening next week so please ensure if you have updated all your service hours in FACTS by Sunday. [Click here](#) for the Service Hours Guideline with instructions on how to enter hours.

SJS Calendar

Monday, January 29 – ***Celebrate our Students Day***

Monday, January 29 – Dress Down Day

Monday, January 29 – Talent Show (1:00 pm)

Tuesday, January 30 – ***Celebrate our Community Day***

Tuesday, January 30 – Geography Bee (2:00 pm)

Wednesday, January 31 – ***Celebrate our Parish Day***

Wednesday, January 31 – First Reconciliation, Grade 2 (10:00 am)

Wednesday, January 31 – Spelling Bee (2:00 pm)

Thursday, February 1 – ***Celebrate our Families Day***

Friday, February 2 – ***Celebrate our Teachers Day***

Friday, February 2 – Mass, McLellan Scholarship Presentation (9:00 am)

Friday, February 2 – Report Cards

Wednesday, February 7 – Teddy Bear Tea

Friday, February 8 – Half Day

March Lunches

Lunch ordering for March is open through FACTS. Orders must be in by Wednesday, January 28 at noon.

Second Notices

SJS Summer Camps

Registration for SJS Summer Camps is open. [Click here](#) for details and [click here](#) for a registration.

Teddy Bear Tea

Our Teddy Bear Tea Party will take place on Wednesday, February 7 from 3:15 – 5:00 in the Gym. [Click here](#) for details on this event, which is also an 8th grade fundraiser. Forms are due back to the Main Office by Monday, February 5.

Financial Aid

The financial aid application for the 2024-2025 school year is open through FACTS - <https://factsmgt.com/aid>. Financial Aid applications are due March 15 and we will make decisions in early April. Families receiving any financial aid must apply each year.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Tutoring

NJHS tutoring occurs every Thursday from 3:15 – 4:15. These sessions are open to Kindergarten to Grade 3 students. There is no need to sign up, just make sure your child's teacher knows they are going. Pick up is at the Main Entrance at 4:15.

Helpful Links

Ebackpack - <https://www.sjscanton.org/e-backpack>

2023-2024 Calendar - [Click here](#)

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