

Good morning SJS Community,

Sorry this email is coming a day late. I was out of the office the last few days for my grandmother's funeral. One quick story about my grandmother that I think relates directly to what we are doing at St. John School. My grandmother, at the age of 29, was left to raise six children under the age of ten when her husband left her in 1963. I cannot imagine the difficulty of this and the strength that she had to persevere. Years later, she created a Catholic support group for divorced women, and I read an article she wrote during that time (1980) for the first time a few days ago. In the article she speaks about how she was feeling during this time and who came to help her. She uses the phrase, "And then the Christians came" to describe that at her lowest moments, the Church community came to support her and her children. They brought her support, peace, food, and anything else they could. This is what I believe our Church and school community is all about at its core. It is what we are trying to instill in our students at St. John School. When support is needed, when people are suffering, we will be there to offer support. As Christians, as Catholics, as SJS Eagles, as good people, we must support and hold up those in need.

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week (CSW) starting a week from Monday. The theme for this year is Faith. Excellence. Service. Please see the calendar below for some events. We may have a few other surprises in store as well.

### **SJS Calendar**

Friday, January 27 – HALF DAY (NO AFTERCARE), Term 2 Ends

January 29 – February 5 - Catholic Schools Week (CSW)

Monday, January 30 – Celebrate our Students (CSW)

-Dress Down Day

-Talent Show (1:00 pm)

Tuesday, January 31 – Celebrate our Community (CSW)

-Geography Bee (2:00 pm)

Wednesday, February 1 – Celebrate our Parents (CSW)

Thursday, February 2 – Celebrate our Parish (CSW)

-Spelling Bee (2:00 pm)  
Friday, February 3 – Celebrate our Teachers (CSW)  
-Mass (9:00 am)

Friday, February 3 – Term 2 Report Cards Available

### *Second Notices*

#### *February Lunch Ordering*

February lunch ordering is open on FACTS. Orders must be placed by Friday, January 27 at noon.

#### *Teddy Bear Tea Party*

Our Teddy Bear Tea Party will take place on Friday, February 10 from 3:15 – 5:00 in the Gym. [Click here](#) for details. Forms are due back to Mrs. Miller by Friday, February 8.

#### *SJS Summer Camps*

St. John School will be offering Summer Camps for the weeks of June 19 and June 26. These camps will be supervised by our teachers and are limited to SJS students (current and incoming). [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) for a registration.

#### *Financial Aid Applications for 2023-2024*

The financial aid application for the 2023-2024 school year is open. Please log on to <https://factsmgt.com/aid>. Financial Aid applications are due March 10, and decisions will be made in early April.

#### *Tuition for 2023-2024*

[Click here](#) for the 2023-2024 SJS Tuition Schedule. [Click here](#) for a letter explaining the increase in tuition.

#### *National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Tutoring*

NJHS tutoring occurs on Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15 and is open to students in Kindergarten - Grade 3. This is an opportunity for younger students to get extra support and to get to know an older student.

#### *Helpful Links*

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

*Service Hour Tracking Information - [click here](#)*  
*2022-2023 School Calendar - [click here](#)*

Chris