

Good afternoon SJS Community,

The school was treated to two performances of the SJS Drama Clubs production of Elf this week. It was awesome – congratulations to the cast and crew as well as thank you to Mrs. Palmer and her helpers! There are two performances tomorrow (Saturday) at 2:00 and 7:00 with tickets still available – visit <https://bpt.me/5313479> to purchase.

Our class Christmas Trees are up, and they are awesome. You can view them and vote at <https://www.surveylegend.com/s/3u1s>. Voting will stay open until Monday evening. We will announce our winner on Tuesday – that class will get a dress down day and pizza party.

We are doing an amazing job with our Cash Calendar Drive, raising over \$25,000 so far. Please remember that calendars are on sale and are \$10. They can be purchased through Venmo (@SJScanton) or with a check.

Thank you for your generous donations to our St Vincent de Paul Dress Down Day. We were able to raise well over \$1,500 for a wonderful organization who helps those in need.

I want to take a minute to address the troubling post that has been shared on the social media platform TikTok recently. The post refers to a threat to school safety on Friday, December 17. The post appears to be part of a national TikTok trend and authorities do not believe the threat to be credible. We have closely monitored the situation and take it very seriously. As an elementary school, I decided not to send an email out to parents ahead of time, believing that it would cause unnecessary stress and anxiety. I have had a few parents reach out and I appreciate that - it led to good conversations. Each time something like this comes up (sadly this is not the first nor will be the last), we weigh everything to determine what type of communication to send to parents. This time, I decided to wait until after school. I want to ensure you that we are aware of these issues, are in contact with local authorities, will make you aware of concerns when needed, and will address issues as needed. Please let me know if you have any questions and/or concerns. Your child's safety and the safety of every person in this school is our priority.

## **SJS Calendar**

Friday, December 17 and Saturday, December 18 – *Elf* (SJS Drama Club)

Tuesday, December 21 - Ugly Sweater Dress Down Day

Wednesday, December 22 – Green/Red/Santa’s Workshop Dress Down Day

Thursday, December 23 – Sunday, January 2 – NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 3 – Return to School

## **Thank you**

### **St. Oscar Romero Christmas Eve Mass**

St. Oscar Romero Parish will hold a Christmas Eve Children’s Mass on December 24 at 2:00 pm. All are invited to bring the figurine of the baby Jesus from their nativity set for a special blessing. See attached.

### **Grade 8 Hilliard’s Chocolate Bars**

Grade 8 will be selling Hilliard's Chocolate Bars after all performances of *Elf* this weekend. They will also be available during pickup on Monday and Tuesday starting at 2:55 in both the front and back parking lot. Candy bars are two dollars and flavors include milk chocolate, dark chocolate, peanut butter, crisp, and caramel. Don't miss these opportunities before Christmas. Candy sales will continue with more opportunities to buy after the Christmas Break.

## **Second Notices**

### *Reenrollment*

Reenrollment is open for all students and can be done through the Family Portal ([www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com)). After logging in, click on Apply/Enroll in the left menu and then click on the Enrollment/Reenrollment link. You will also pay the \$300 seat deposit at this time. This is due today.

### *Preschool Enrollment*

Preschool enrollment is open for the 2022-2023 school year. [Click here](#) to apply. Email [chris.flieger@sjscantion](mailto:chris.flieger@sjscantion) for a tour.

*Helpful Links*

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

*Service Hours Tracker* - <https://tinyurl.com/SJSService21-22>

*2021-2022 School Calendar* - [Click here](#)

Chris