

Good afternoon SJS Community,

We had an awesome pre-Christmas week – pajamas, Christmas hats, Christmas sweaters, cookies, caroling, parties, and of course some academic learning. We also ended our week with a fantastic Christmas Concert. Thank you to all our parents and loved ones who attended our Christmas Concert today. It was a wonderful event that really put us in the holiday spirit. Thank you also to Ms. Keough who did a fantastic job preparing our students for the concert – her first concert as a teacher at SJS was an enormous success. I am sure we will all be singing these songs over the next few days.

I always enjoy the third week of Advent – we love to light the pink candle because it stands out among the purple. Remember that this is the week of hope. We are hopeful of what is to come at Christmas and in our lives. Hope does endure and we should never give that up. We are always striving for a future that is bright!

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and holiday season filled with loved ones and family traditions like giving and receiving gifts, baking cookies, singing carols, and enjoying a Christmas dinner. Happy New Year and we will see you on Tuesday, January 2, 2024!

SJS Calendar

Tuesday, January 2 – First School Day of 2024

Thursday, January 4 – SJS Student Council Winter Movie Fundraiser

Friday, January 5 – Half Day

Tuesday, January 9 – SJS Basketball Day

Friday, January 12 – All School Mass (9:00 am)

SJS Basketball Day

On Tuesday, January 9, all of our boys basketball teams play at St. John School. The Grade 3/4 teams play each other at 6:00, the Grade 5/6 teams play each other at 7:00 and the Grade 7 and Grade 8 teams play

against each other at 8:00. In addition, we are hoping our Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 girls teams will have a scrimmage at 5:00. This is a great opportunity to see some awesome SJS basketball. All players should wear their basketball jerseys to school on this day (regular uniform does apply).

Second Notices

SJS Student Council Winter Movie Fundraiser

The SJS Student Council Winter Movie Fundraiser will occur on Thursday, January 4, 2024, from 3:15-5:15. This will also serve as our traditional fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. [Click here](#) for details and a sign up. All students are welcome for this activity.

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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