Good afternoon SJS Community,

On Monday morning, our students learned about the Jubilee Year that Pope Francis has declared. The theme of the year is Pilgrims of Hope. We talked about the idea of hope at AM assembly and then were introduced to the Jubilee mascot – Luce. Luce is a young pilgrim who students will get to know over the next year. It was awesome seeing all our students with Luce stickers and then Kindergarten "found" Luce at STEM the next day.

Grade 6 and 7 visited Catholic TV on Monday with the Mass airing on Tuesday and still available to view online. Thank you to Fr. Tom for celebrating Mass and Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Bowers for attending. Thank you also to Grade 3 for hosting monthly Mass this morning.

The SJS home basketball regular season ends tonight with four games, culminating with our Grade 7 boys vs our Grade 8 boys at 8:30. Stop by to root on both teams and celebrate our Grade 8 basketball players.

Next week is the SJS Drama Club's production of *Frozen, Kids*. We will have two public performances – Wednesday, February 13 and Thursday, February 14 at 7:00 pm. There are no physical or online tickets sold for these shows. It is general admission with a suggested donation of \$5 per person at the door. There will be a donation bucket and Venmo is always an option.

As we enter the second half of the school year, we need additional lunch volunteers. Coverage is most needed for Lunch 1 (PS-G2) with an 11:20am start and Lunch 3 (G3-G5) with a 12:30pm start. This is a great opportunity to volunteer! Remember – you must have an active CORI and VIRTUS training. Click here to see shifts available for February.

Please contact Meredith McLoughlin at sjslunchcoordinator@sjscanton.org to request to be added to the substitute list or to discuss a regular shift.

SJS Calendar

Wednesday, February 12 – No PM Buses

Wednesday, February 12 & Thursday, February 13 (7:00 pm) – SJS Drama's *Frozen, Kids*

Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21 - NO SCHOOL

SJS Drama Club presents Willy Wonka, Jr.

Auditions for the SJS Drama Club's performance of Willy Wonka, Jr. will occur after February Break. The play is open to all students in Grades 3 – 8. Please see attached for an audition packet including dates.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Free Throw Competition on Wednesday, February 26 in the SJS Gym. See attached for details.

Second Notices

SJS Gala 2025

Join us for the SJS Gala 2025 on Saturday, March 22 at the Four Points Sheraton Norwood! We are thrilled to celebrate with you at this fantastic venue that is always accommodating to us. Don't miss out on these exclusive rates if you plan on spending the night! Book your stay by February 15, 2025, by calling 781-769-7900 or emailing Lucy.Finnerty@hobbsbrook.com.

- **Special Room Rates:**
- Standard Room: \$139
- Deluxe King and Deluxe Doubles: \$159
- Pure King and Pure Double: \$199

Mark your calendars and get ready for an unforgettable night!

SJS Summer 2025 Camps

St. John School Summer Camp registration is open for the weeks of June 16 and June 23 as well as June 12 and 13 and a special Step into Kindergarten Camp on June 30 – July 2. <u>Click here</u> to learn more and <u>click here</u> for sign up.

Financial Aid for the 2025-2026 School Year

The financial aid application for the 2025-2026 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.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Tutoring
NJHS tutoring is offered every Thursday from 3:15–4:15 and is open to
Kindergarten to Grade 2 students. Pick up is at 4:15.

Helpful Links
Ebackpack - <u>Click here</u>
2024-2025 Calendar - <u>Click here</u>

Chris