

Good afternoon SJS Community,

It has been an interesting week at St. John School as our internal bell system went down and we are in the process of rooting out the issue. It has reminded me how tied to time we are. I have caught myself numerous times looking at the clock and listening for the bell. This reminds of a years long running conversation/joke my mom and I have about time. My mom has a shirt that says, "Time is an Invention" and I continually respond that time is real and measurable. I think this just highlights the different ways we all think and respond to the world around us. We may see the same thing but interpret it different.

As we prepare to celebrate Martin Luther King Day on Monday, I am reminded that every day I walk into school I am met by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a special quote, "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." I talk about love a lot as a person (I am one of those people who make sure I say I love you to my children and wife every morning and night) and as a leader, so this is a wonderful quote to see each morning. It encourages each student to choose to love every single day. This is one of Dr. King's legacies. On Monday, we celebrate Martin Luther King Day, and I wanted to share with you his most famous speech. If you or your children have never watched Martin Luther King's I Have a Dream speech, I would encourage you to for innumerable reasons. You can view it at <https://youtu.be/I47Y6VHc3Ms>. When we immerse ourselves in MLK's legacy and story we come out of it as better people with a rationale to do more, to love more. The powerful legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King can shine through each of us.

SJS Calendar

Monday, January 20 – NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 24 – Term 2 Ends

Saturday, January 25 (6:00 - 9:00 PM) - SJS Parent Group Bingo Night

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday, January 27 – *Celebrate our Students Day*

Monday, January 27 – Dress Down Day

Monday, January 27 – Talent Show (1:00 pm)

Tuesday, January 28 – ***Celebrate our Community Day***

Tuesday, January 28 – Color Wars Dress Down Day

Tuesday, January 28 (6:30 pm) – SJS Parent Group Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, January 29 – ***Celebrate our Parish Day and HALF DAY***

Wednesday, January 29 (9:00 am) – Mass, McLellan Scholarship Presentation

Wednesday, January 29 (10:00 am) – First Reconciliation, Grade 2

Wednesday, January 29 (11:00 am)– Spelling Bee

Thursday, January 30– ***Celebrate our Families Day***

Thursday, January 30– Dress like your parent or an occupation day

Friday, January 31 – ***Celebrate our Teachers Day***

Friday, January 31 – Dress like a teacher day

Friday, January 31 – Report Cards

SJS Parent Group Meeting

The SJS Parent Group will have its winter meeting on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. We will be discussing the 2025 Gala and planning for the 2025-2026 school year.

February Lunches

Lunch ordering for February is open through FACTS. Orders must be in by Thursday, January 30, 2025, at noon.

Grade 5 Service Project - BHCHP

Grade 5 is collecting new, adult-sized hats, gloves, and socks, as well as gently used coats for the homeless. Everything collected will be donated to the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) to help the homeless population stay warm this winter. To donate, bring in your items from January 21 through January 24 and leave them in the bin in the lobby. Grade 5 thanks you for your donations to help keep everyone warm this winter.

Second Notices

SJS Parent Group Bingo Night

The SJS Parent Group Bingo Night will take place on Saturday, January 25, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in the gym. [Click here](#) for a sign-up sheet. Delicious pizza, refreshing spirits, and tasty snacks will be available for purchase.

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. [Click here](#) to learn more and [click here](#) 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 - [Click here](#)

2024-2025 Calendar - [Click here](#)

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