

Good afternoon SJS Community,

The Advent season is upon us and will fly by with only two weeks left until Christmas vacation. We had a nice time this week experiencing the first snow and St. Nicholas Day. We are also into basketball season. [Click here](#) for the league website which includes standings and a full schedule for all teams. Feel free to stop by and enjoy a game. Also, we are still looking for a few parents to volunteer as Parents on Duty for basketball games on December 13. [Click here](#) to sign up.

SJS Calendar

Monday, December 9 (9:00 am) – All School Mass (Immaculate Conception)

Wednesday, December 11 – HALF DAY (NO AFTERCARE)

Friday, December 13 – Christmas Shoppe and Christmas Dress Down Day

Wednesday, December 18 – Pajama Dress Down Day

Thursday, December 19 – Christmas Sweater Day

Friday, December 20 – Christmas Concert and HALF DAY (No aftercare)

January Lunches

Lunch ordering for January is open through FACTS. Orders must be in by Thursday, January 2, 2025, at noon.

Christmas Shoppe

On Friday, December 13, the SJS Parent Group will hold its annual Christmas Shoppe. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to purchase gifts for their loved ones. Students will bring home a gift list and envelope on Monday – a list is also attached.

Christmas Concert

The SJS Christmas Concert will occur on Friday, December 20 at 10:00 am in St. Oscar Romero Church. All members of our community are invited to attend. Church doors will open for the concert at 9:30 am (after the 9:00 am Mass). All students will return to school after the concert and will quickly grab their stuff and head to their dismissal area (side door for PS and PK and gym for K – Grade 8). No students will be dismissed from Church.

Christmas Concert Dress Code - Christmas Best!

Students should come to school on Friday, December 20 dressed for the concert. This is a "dress up" event. While choosing your child's outfit, please keep in mind it may be warm in the church.

Preschool - 8th Grade

-Dress in your Christmas best! Examples of this include a collared shirt (button down/polo), sweater, blouse, skirt, dress, dress pants (khaki or blue), blazer, dress shoes, or clean sneakers. No jeans or high heels. No logos or words on clothing larger than a quarter!!

Kindergarten

-Kindergarten students will dress as angels and shepherds for the nativity scene. All students should be in their school pants. If your child is playing an angel, they need a white turtleneck shirt. Everyone else should wear the school polo.

Second Notices

SJS Calendar Drive

The SJS Cash Calendar Drive is now OPEN. As a reminder:

- Calendars will be sold through December 20
- Our goal is for each student to sell at least 10 Calendars
- Each calendar is \$10 payable by Venmo (@SJScanton, please use #calendar in the notes) or check (made payable to St. John School)
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Meg Gannon at SJSParentGroup@gmail.com.
- [Click here](#) for an electronic calendar
- [Click here](#) for a Cash Calendar FAQ
- [Click here](#) for a list of student incentives

Happy SELLING and as always, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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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