

Good afternoon SJS Community,

On Tuesday we moved past the halfway point of the year and today we are at the end of Term 2. It is a wonderful time to think about the amazing things that happened in the first half of the year and to look forward to the downward motion of the rest of the year. What better way to celebrate than Catholic Schools Week?! See our calendar below for a complete schedule of dress down days and events.

Thank you for working with us on the reenrollment process for the 2025-2026 school year. I am thrilled to announce that our retention rate for preschool through Grade 7 is over 95%, which is a staggering number. In my nine years at SJS, I have never experienced such a high number. We have already filled preschool for next year with 22 new students and will welcome 4 new students to prekindergarten and 5 to kindergarten. We have also enrolled 4 new students in grades 1 – 7 and are in the process with 6 other families. This will fill most of our remaining open seats. Right now, Grade 1 for next year has a few seats open and Grade 4 and Grade 7 have a possible opening. If you have any leads, please let us know.

The SJS Parent Group Bingo Night will take place tomorrow night 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 Calendar**

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Monday, January 27 – ***Celebrate our Students Day***

Monday, January 27 – Dress Down Day

Monday, January 27 (1:30 pm) – Talent Show (see attached for participants)

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

Tuesday, January 28 – Color Wars Dress Down Day (see attached for details)

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 (see attached for participants)

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

Friday, February 7 (9:00 am) – Mass (hosted by Grade 3)

### **Teddy Bear Tea**

Our Teddy Bear Tea Party will take place on Friday, February 7 from 3:15 – 5:00 in the Gym. Please see attached for details on this awesome event, which is also an 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser. Forms are due back to the Main Office by Wednesday, February 5.

### *Second Notices*

#### *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.

#### *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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