

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Thank you to our amazing SJS Parent Group for the SJS Christmas Shoppe that occurred today. Our students had a wonderful time shopping for their loved ones – the lists were long so that must mean a lot of loved ones are going to be getting something special! Thank you especially to Tracey Davey for her endless hours of shopping, tagging, and organizing. Her efforts brought lots of smiles to lots of little (and big) faces. Thank you also to all of Tracey's helpers who helped the day run smoothly. Enjoy the gifts!

We are entering the last week to sell Cash Calendars, and we need all hands on deck! This fundraiser is the second biggest fundraiser of the year (next to the Gala) for the SJS Parent Group. The Calendar Drive is a wonderful opportunity to show how our school community can achieve great things when everyone participates. Aim to sell your 10 calendars and make this drive a tremendous success. Please return your slips by December 20th!
-Each calendar is \$10 payable by Venmo (@SJScanton, please use #calendar in the notes) or check (made payable to St. John School)
- [Click here](#) for an electronic calendar

The SJS Christmas Concert will occur on Friday at 10:00 am in St. Oscar Romero Church. Church doors will open for the concert at 9:30 am (after the 9:00 am Mass). The back parking lot will remain open all day for parking since parking spots will be at a premium. All students will return to school after the concert, quickly grab their belongings and head immediately to their dismissal area (side door for PS and PK and gym for K – Grade 8). No students will be dismissed from Church and there is no aftercare available. Please see below for dress code.

Also, next week, we have three possible out of uniform days. On Wednesday, students can wear pajamas to school – this does include slippers. On Thursday, students may wear a Christmas/Ugly Sweater or Christmas themed/colored shirt to school (they still must be in school uniform pants/skort). On Friday, instructions for the Christmas Concert are below.

Over the past few weeks, I have been keeping track of a few reminders for parents. It has become a small list of things, so please remember the following:

-St. John School is a peanut free school. No foods with peanut butter are allowed in any form.

-During morning drop off, please remember that students need to exit the car by themselves. If they need parent support, please park and walk them to the

Main Entrance. Also, you can only park across from the Church/school or in the back parking lot.

-Please drive carefully in the parking lot as many times there are people walking through. We have had a few instances where drivers have been too aggressive and/or not paying attention. Also, please relay this message to anyone who picks up as these issues have been non-parents at times.

-Students must have a coat to go outside in the winter. If they do not have one, they will not be allowed outside. A hat and gloves are also greatly appreciated.

-When a student is sick or becomes sick at school, please remember the 24-hour rule. Students cannot return to school from a fever or vomiting for 24 hours.

-If a student is absent from school or leaves school early because of sickness, they cannot participate in evening SJS events like basketball and drama.

-If your child will be absent, please email the teacher and Mrs. Foster. Also, please include Nurse Kiley if it is a medical absence/sickness.

Finally, National Junior Honor Society will take a break from tutoring the next few weeks so there will be no tutoring on December 19 or January 2. NJHS Tutoring will return on Thursday, January 9.

SJS Calendar

Wednesday, December 18 – Pajama Dress Down Day

Thursday, December 19 – Christmas Sweater Day

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

Thursday, January 2, 2025 – First School Day of 2025

Friday, January 3 (9:00 am) – All School Mass

Reminder to enter Service Hours

If you volunteered this fall or made a donation to an event for service hours, please log your service hours in FACTS. In January we will send out an email with your hours completed to date. Note that only fall hours entered by December 31st will be listed on the January update.

Second Notices

January Lunches

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

Christmas Concert Dress Code

-PS, PK, Grade 1 - 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

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.

Helpful Links

Ebackpack - [Click here](#)

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

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