

SJB School Parent Newsletter 8.17.18

Dear SJB Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! I am very excited for the students to return. Our staff has been engaging in professional development, as well as preparing curriculum, classrooms and exciting welcome back activities! I have included a list of events for the first two weeks farther down in this letter. Please make sure you take a look at “Events This Week” and note the information in your calendar.

Our theme for the year is “Faith to Move Mountains.” The Archdiocese Office of Catholic Schools has identified this theme, and SJB has embraced it. We are looking forward to reflecting on and deepening our faith journeys as a community this year.

We are welcoming three new staff members: Michelle Grzeda, three-year-old preschool teacher; Julie England, three-year-old preschool teacher assistant; and Jesica Woody, Band Director. They are wonderful additions to our SJB family!!

It was wonderful seeing so many families during Organization Day yesterday! P/SA facilitated a gently used uniform sale, which was quite successful. We will have another sale during Back to School Night. If you have any gently used uniform pieces that no longer fit your child, please consider bringing them to the school office and we can include them in the sale. Thank you for finalizing fee/tuition payments and bringing in medical forms. If you have questions about fees/tuition or medical forms, please contact Mrs. Giordano in our school office.

Thank you to Mr. Mazur and his summer crew for making our school sparkle! Thank you also to Mr. Taylor, Mrs. McErlean, Mrs. Giordano and Mrs. McGowen for all of their hard work this summer preparing for the new school year.

We will wear our uniforms on the first day of school. Jack the Jaguar will be here to greet everyone!

See you on Monday!

Blessings,

Dr. Maloney
Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Tickets for the 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance are Ready!

The parish office now has tickets for the 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance on September 22. The details are:

- Special Bilingual Anniversary Mass at 5 pm -- please note, there will be no 6:30 pm Mass on that day.
- This event is a parish-wide event for the benefit of our ministries and kick off to this year.
- Everyone is invited -- parishioners, school alumnae, current school and religious education families, friends of our parish, staff, and anyone who doesn't fall into those groups. We hope to see you there!
- The menu is: Dinner salad and rolls, 8 oz filet mignon, baked potato, string beans, dessert sweet table, red and white wine on the table, and an open bar.
- For entertainment, we will have a big band jazz orchestra with dance lessons followed by a dance competition, so get your dancing shoes ready!
- No speeches -- we promise -- just food and fun!
- Tickets are \$65 each. For a table of 10, each ticket is \$60.

For tickets, please see a party representative after the Sunday Masses, come to the parish office, or call the parish office at 847-966-8145. See you on September 22nd!

Mrs. Pam Perez, our Youth Ministry Director, plans to retire

I regret to inform you that Pam Perez, our Youth Ministry Director for the past ten years, has decided to retire effective August 31 because of the need to care for an elderly relative.

I appreciate all Pam has done to build up the parish through her work in Youth Ministry, as a Religious Education Catechist, a Protecting God's Children presenter, a Totus Tuus adult leader, the Teen Sacristan scheduler, the Teen Choir organizer, a Sunday Lector, and an enthusiastic and brave participant and supporter of our Concert Series.

Pam is a doer, not a talker! She helps wash the cars on a hot Saturday afternoon with the teens, she sells religious items and candy bars to raise money for the Youth Ministry service trips, she actively participates in leading the Sunday Night LifeTeen events, and

she does it all with the spirit of collaboration. It's never about her, it's about the mission -- passing on the faith to our young.

I found her to be very trustworthy and easy to work with. When I asked her to give me a monthly log of her activities, she did it conscientiously and consistently without complaint. I never had to badger her into compliance.

Mrs. Perez always wanted the right thing for her program and the parish. She was never too proud to ask for advice or admit an error. Because of this, she gave a good example to the youth. She has a wisdom that is accessible and non-judgemental, never looking for what she wants but what is best for all concerned.

Thanks, too, to her Youth Ministry Board of Advisors who helped her shape the programs. I appreciate all their sacrifices over the years.

This news is a surprise to us all, and it will take time to let it sink in. We will look to find an appropriate way to express our appreciation.

Pam has told me that she will do all she can to support the Youth Ministry program during this time of transition. She promises to continue to be an active parishioner and will help out in any way she can, but will not be able to assume all the duties she performed as Youth Minister.

Finally, no doubt, we need to thank her husband Isidro for his support -- and he was often "pressed into service" to give a helping hand. God bless him and all the family and friends who made her ministry possible.

Sincerely,
Father Mike Meany
Pastor

Events This Week:

*****Very important:** Please send a LUNCH with your student during the first week! If you ordered hot lunch, it will begin on Monday, 8/27.

Monday, 8/20 -- School Starts! Remember 2:00 pm dismissal for grades 1-8, and students should wear uniforms. Preschool/Kindergarten drop-in orientation (parents and students) 8:15-10:30 am

Tuesday, 8/21 -- Remember 2:00 pm dismissal for all students EVERY Tuesday (including 8/22!). Preschool/Kindergarten in class from 8:15-11:45 (students only). P/SA hosting coffee for Preschool/Kindergarten parents in PMC after drop-off.

Wednesday, 8/22 -- Preschool/Kindergarten begin regular schedule

Thursday, 8/23 -- Nachos Day (see below); All School Mass 8:30 am

Friday, 8/24 -- Spirit Wear Day; Back to School Party sponsored by P/SA (see below)

Monday, 8/27 -- School Board Meeting, 7 pm

Tuesday, 8/28 -- Back To School Night, 6:30 pm, begin in PMC

Announcements

Medical forms are due -- Please remember to bring medical forms to the office. If you have questions, information is on this page <http://www.sjbschool.org/enrollment>, or please contact Mrs. Giordano in the school office.

Choir begins next week. Please see the updated information on the website. This year there is a new choir for Polish-speaking children as well! <http://www.sjbschool.org/music>

Basketball registration is due. Basketball registration and payment is due by August 30th. Registration is here: <http://www.sjbschool.org/athletics>

Back to School party. Join us on Friday, 8/24, for the P/SA-sponsored Back to School Party! The flyer is here: <http://www.sjbschool.org/psa>

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are hosting a "Bike Rodeo" and registration night on Thursday, August 30, from 6:30-7:30 pm on the school's south lawn. For information: <http://www.sjbschool.org/boyscouts>

Girl Scouts -- For information: <http://www.sjbschool.org/girlscouts>

Nachos Sale -- On Thursday, 8/23, students may purchase nachos during lunch for \$2 each. This is a fundraiser for the 8th grade class. The nachos should be an addition to lunch, not a substitute for lunch. Please also send a regular lunch with your child on this day. The flyer is here: www.sjbschool.org/whatsnew