



SJPII Family Fact Sheet 08/27/2021

“Know the Truth and the Truth will set (make) you free.”
John 8:32



Dear Families,

As we approach the end of August and the first full week of school, our month concludes with the feasts of St. Monica and St. Augustine. I can't help but recall, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You." These are some of the most profound words Augustine ever wrote, relevant even to our own situation. Monica's constant prayers for her son, Augustine, bore tremendous fruit. Our children are back in school where they ought to be. Our school community is healthy and engaged. The world beyond our peaceful campus can be quite chaotic and confusing. Still, we remain focused on our purpose. God graces us with his goodness. As we stay focused on God's will for us, and focused on our children, we can maintain peace and unity in the whole of our school community, be it on-campus or far beyond. Thank you for the prayerfulness and the dutiful responsibility with which you approach actions and decisions involving your children. That shines through so brightly, already, and the school year has just begun. We are off to a great start despite any restlessness in our hearts and despite the challenges facing the world outside.

Caritas in veritate,
John Donohue

NEW AND EXCITING

- We are nearing depletion of the cases of bottled water that our community so generously donated last year. We humbly ask you to help renew our stock by donating a case of bottled water.
- Sara Blakely, PTO Scrip coordinator, will be placing orders for gift cards on the following dates: Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 15. Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, May 18.
- Rosary Club, the first meeting will be September 2nd. Students may bring an after-school snack. Meet in Room 6 after dismissal. Please see the flyer for further details.
- The parent contact for the SJPII COVID Taskforce is Deb Lawson. Please direct all questions, information, and matters related to COVID to dlawson@jp2catholicschool.org
- All matters regarding missing schoolwork should be addressed directly to the student's teachers. We ask parents for an abundance of patience and understanding on this topic. Procedures regarding schoolwork missed, or to-be missed, are at the discretion of each teacher and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- Pre-K Curriculum Night will be Tuesday, September 7th from 5:45-6:30 in the Pre-K classroom. Be in-the-know about your child's Pre-K learning adventure this school year. Adults only, please.
- The SJPII Curriculum Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Mark your calendars! Although all of the details have yet to be confirmed, the faculty and staff look forward to this opportunity to share with parent the many wonderful learning opportunities afforded to SJPII students.

REMINDERS

- If you have not done so already, please re-link your Harris Teeter cards. This needs to be done annually to work.
- Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up have been efficient and smooth. Parents, thank you for helping us make sure that all students are safe as they enter and exit vehicles. As well, our many thanks go out to our 5th grade Safety Patrol for its important assistance. Should a parent need extra time buckling-up children, please pull forward, beyond the pick-up cones.
- At dismissal, walk-up parents are asked to keep their family name placards with them, even when not in a vehicle.
- As you may know, SJPII families are required to complete 25 volunteer hours per school year. Please make sure you are properly entering your volunteer hours in Track-It-Forward.
- **POSTPONED:** PTO Welcome Back Night, Block Party, and Family Movie, originally scheduled for August 27th has been postponed until further notice.
- **POSTPONED:** The PTO Festifall Event has been postponed until further notice.

UPCOMING AT SJPII:

- Auditions for the SJPII Spring Musical, Willy Wonka, Jr. will take place after school next Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Contact Lori Haley (lhaley@jp2catholicschool.org) with your questions. The audition SIGNUP GENIUS link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8A92CA75-willy>

HOW CAN WE HELP? If your family is having hardship during the pandemic and your SJPII family can help, please reach out. Our thoughts and prayers are with every family as we navigate through this uncertain time. We are in this together!