



## SJPII Family Fact Sheet 12/17/2021

“Know the Truth and the Truth will set you free.”

John 8:32



Dear Families,

“Unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!” (Isaiah 9:6). This is the source of our peace. God bless. Cherish the remainder of this Advent season with your family. Merry Christmas and happy new year!

Caritas in veritate,  
John Donohue

### **NEW AND EXCITING**

- **Thank You:** We’ve so much to be thankful for this holiday season and wish to take a moment to express that to all of the wonderful hearts that keep us running. Among the many shining points this year are our water donors, including Rusti Welch, team treats from the Dembowski family, other delectables from Jenny Maczko’s new bakery, along with countless parents helping us manage Christmas pageant costumes, club schedules, and rehearsal schedules during these busy times. Thank you to our Sunshine Committee and the Donohues for our wonderful holiday get-together. Thanks to everyone who came out to support our choir at The Southern Pines Christmas Tree Lighting. Our deepest thanks to Nancy Heilman and Angie Daykin who brought together select ukulele talent for a splendid public performance. We’ve a never-ending sentiment of gratitude for the Tranel, the Capps, the Cosmellos, the Richards, the Unga, and the Cunanans for our special employee breakfast. Thank you PTO and PTO leadership for the 110% you always give to the all too many events to list. Traci Richter’s expertise with crocheted items and our sweatshirts is something for which we’ll be forever grateful. Many a thank you to the Grantham family who gifted us fine wines and snacks. To the families Mahmud and DeBruhl, if only our thanks could be written in equally festive chocolates. Thank you donors, and donors, and donors whether donating by event, by scholarship, or by campaign, in-person or online, we are humbled by you. Thank you volunteers, classroom parents, and chaperones. For families who quietly sneak gifts to our team, a list that should prove too expansive to mention if we could, you know who you are and we hope you know that you have our sincerest thanks, our love. Thank you watchers of our live-streamed holy Mass and digital contributors to our yearbook photo bank. And these thanks come well before we even point out the enumerable individual gifts showered down upon our teachers and our staff, singing yet again the repeated verse that is the sheer generosity of our community. Thank you. We are blessed to have you in our lives.
- **Virtue of the Week:** Circumspection continues through Advent.
- **Call for Volunteers, Fine Arts:** Seeking volunteers to help dismantle the Fine Arts Festival displays which currently remain up after school has closed for Christmas break. If interested, please contact Mrs. Peters. [jpeters@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:jpeters@jp2catholicschool.org)
- **Christmas Break Playdate: (TOMORROW)** Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 1:30pm, \$25 per child. See the flyer attached with this Family Fact Sheet for a rare chance to take a breather from your children’s needs while we are on school break.
- **Yearbook Pre-Orders:** For the lowest price yearbook, order by **12/31/2021**.  
<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1837996/St-John-Paul-II-Catholic-School>
- **Opportunity Scholarship - \$2100:** Deadline to apply for the upcoming spring semester at SJPII is **12/31/2021**.  
<https://www.nceaa.edu/k12/opportunity/interested-in-opportunity-scholarship/> or start at 855-330-3955.
- **Parents for Educational Freedom:** Would you care to sign the petition regarding opportunity scholarships in NC?  
<https://bit.ly/3mcjCII> Petition  
<https://bit.ly/3F6t7KI> Last Results  
<https://bit.ly/33FyhiR> Information
- **Basketball Away Game:** January 10<sup>th</sup> at Fayetteville Academy for both boys and girls.
- **Basketball Home Game:** January 13<sup>th</sup> against Fayetteville Christian School. Girls tip off 4pm. Boys to follow the girls’ game.
- **Run Club:** Begins Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be held 3:15pm to 4:15pm Mondays and Wednesdays on our campus, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm at nearby Reservoir Park. Students in grades 4 through 8 are invited to come out, run, and get active. Contact Coach Pimienta with interest. [santiagopimienta@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:santiagopimienta@jp2catholicschool.org)
- **Call for Volunteers, Run Club:** Earn 10 volunteer hours as the Remind Coordinator for this club.
- **School Health Update:** There has been one new positive case of COVID-19 reported within the school community this week. Families of students who share a classroom with the reported case have been notified.
- **Masks:** Thank you, everyone, for helping to keep the spread of Covid-19 so incredibly low at SJPII. Although Moore County Schools has changed their mask policy to optional, quarantining policies have not changed. We are wearing masks at SJPII so that we do **NOT** have to quarantine others if positive cases arise as per the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit. The toolkit can be found on our website. It is our intent to do all we can to keep as many healthy students in the classroom as possible. It is our sincere hope and fervent prayer that we reach a mask-optional policy in mid-January. Our Covid Taskforce and Leadership Team believe that after holiday travel, we will be in a position to re-evaluate our policy should returning students demonstrate a preponderance of good health. Students will return to school, after the break, continuing to wear masks while inside our buildings. We will evaluate any Covid-19 cases at that time and hopefully discern a mask-optional policy start-date in the near future.