



SJPII Family Fact Sheet 09/10/2021
“Know the Truth and the Truth will set (make) you free.”
John 8:32



Dear Families,

Consider the phrase, “unsung heroes.” We have many unsung heroes in our school community. Several are in the military. Still others are active in fields of medicine. Yet, a great number of our unsung heroes are retired. Countless, retired heroes share with us their unique skill sets, contributing broadly to our lives. They too often do so without the fanfare they deserve. One such person is Dennis Regan. Topping a long list of school and community contributions, Mr. Regan’s latest undertaking was to provide SJPII with new and improved ramps to our school buildings. He came in over the summer and labored to accomplish this behind the scenes. The results are beautiful and the surer footing he’s afforded every student is emblematic of exactly what we, as a school community, hope to offer our students. Thank you, Mr. Regan!

On another note, consider the term, “subsidiarity.” It’s a primary principle in Catholic social teaching that structures governance in places like our schools. It brings to the forefront the notion that when challenges arise between people in an organization, they should have the freedom to resolve those issues between themselves, at the organizational level where the challenge arose. In practice, it becomes almost a prerequisite to solutioning, the responsibility of involved parties to be the problem solvers. It would be considered a “grave evil” to usurp this freedom, this responsibility, with a top-down approach or an approach that presumes one size should fit all. The practice requires overt respect and boundless maturity. Only when every possible permutation of this practice has been exhausted and the problem remains, should someone in a position of greater authority be asked-in to help. We as educators seek to exercise this principle daily, knowing that the tutelage we provide our students is only as good as the examples that we set.

Caritas in veritate,
 John Donohue

NEW AND EXCITING

- Delivered with our Family Fact Sheet this week is our Family Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year. Please review the handbook in its entirety with your children. The final pages of the handbook include required sign-off sheets entitled *Telecommunications Agreement, Family Signature Page, Media Permission Form, and COVID-19 Addendum for Family Handbook 2021-2022*. Please remit your signed forms to Robert Evanila in the office by the deadline, September 15th 2021. revanila@jp2catholicschool.org
- If you’ve already returned a signed *COVID-19 Addendum* for each of your children this year, we thank you and you need not submit them a second time.
- Might there be a great soul among you who could donate an old, running, pick-up truck to our maintenance department?
- The Catholic Culture Committee is seeking parent volunteers to assist with planning and preparations for Catholic Schools Week. First parent meeting will be Thursday, 11/04/21 at 3:30pm in Room 2. If interested, please email Mrs. Miller. amiller@jp2catholicschool.org
- Rosary Club Bake Sale: Friday, 09/17/21 after school in the walk-up area. Donations will help purchase materials.
- 2021-2002 Yearbook Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, 09/14/21, Room 13 during lunch/recess. The meeting is for student participants in grades 6, 7, and 8. The group is seeking two more students from each of these grades. Email Ms. Sheets with interest. nsheets@jp2catholicschool.org

REMINDERS

- Morning drop-off begins at 7:30am and ends at 7:53am. Our five cones area is overseen by staff during this time. Arrivals later than 7:53am must be checked-in via the office. Please do not drop-off children when no staff are present at the cones.
- PTO Meeting: Tuesday, 09/14/21, 5:30pm at school. Outdoor meeting. If you attend, you will earn one hour volunteer time.
- If you suspect you’ve lost jewelry while on campus, this year or last, please see if the office might be of help.
- *Willie Wonka Jr.* Informational Stage Crew Meeting: Wednesday, 09/15/21, 3:20pm – 4:00pm, Activity Center, grades 7 & 8. Email Mrs. Peters with interest. jpeters@jp2catholicschool.org

UPCOMING AT SJPII:

- Curriculum Night: Tuesday, 09/14/21, 6:00pm - 6:45pm. Parents will receive digital curriculum presentations from teachers on or before Monday, 09/13/21 and will have the opportunity to meet teachers and ask curriculum-related questions.
- IOWA Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) for grades 3 through 8 and Cognitive Abilities Tests (CogAT) for grades 2 and 5 are scheduled for October 4-7, 2021 and October 11-15, 2021.
- *Willie Wonka Jr.* rehearsals remain every Wednesday afternoon until 5:00pm

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!