



# SJPII Family Fact Sheet 09/03/2021

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



Dear Families,

“No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, he will tear the new and the piece from it will not match the old. Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins be ruined. Rather, new wine must be poured into fresh wineskins. And no one who has been drinking old wine desires new, for he says, ‘The old is good.’” Today, our students shared in this parable from the Holy Gospel. It remains a pertinent examination of our modern-day relation to Christ.

We are like new cloths and new wine skins. Christ makes it so. Let us allow Christ to make us fresh by His Word and His Grace. He is the “new wine” which fills our old souls and revives us. If we surrender to His loving embrace, if we drink-in His reality, all things are possible. Despite the many challenges we face during a pandemic, despite disarray and confusion the world-over, we continue to stay focused on our academic theme. Know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

Have a safe, healthy, and relaxing Labor Day weekend. May you return to school next week as “fresh wineskins,” ready to be filled to the brim with the knowledge and freedom offered by Our Lord in the words of the Holy Gospel. He is truly the Good News for all.

Caritas in veritate,  
John Donohue

## **NEW AND EXCITING**

- Please accept our sincerest gratitude for your donations this week. They always, truly help. We do, however, remain quite low on our stock of cases of bottled water. We ask again for your generosity in this regard.
- 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. Please make certain that your children are present each testing day. More to come.
- Facilities Coordinator, Mr. Laughlin Sr., wanted to send an additional, very special thanks to all of the families who’d helped during Campus Clean-Up Day. He takes such joy in having shared with you both your hard work and your superb results.
- With this week’s Family Fact Sheet, please note other important attachments to the email. They include our PTO Newsletter, the Junior Orchestra Flyer, a Jam Band Club flyer, and a Safe Environment Training Update.
- Parents wishing to get started on their required volunteer hours this year should contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kerry Alfrey [Kerry@BeOurGuestTravelCompany.com](mailto:Kerry@BeOurGuestTravelCompany.com) and download the *Track It Forward* app to log your donated time.
- Congratulations to all *Willy Wonka, Jr.* cast members. A great many students auditioned, exhibiting extraordinary talent. Rehearsals begin after school on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The first rehearsal will be held in Room #13 in the Eagles' Perch. Parents should pick-up their children at 5:00pm in the morning drop-off area.
- An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15th from 3:20pm – 4:00pm in the Activity Center for students in grades 7 and 8 interested in joining stage crew for *Willy Wonka, Jr.* If your child is interested, but cannot attend, or if you have any stage crew questions, please email Mrs. Peters. [jpeters@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:jpeters@jp2catholicschool.org)

## **REMINDERS**

- Please note, Spirit Wear is not officially part of our school uniforms. It will be communicated if future days, times, or events can permit students to dress in Spirit Wear in place of the required uniforms.
- If your child will need either prescription or over-the-counter medications dispensed during the school day, please complete and return a medical release form. Contact Terry Nickens with specific questions. [tnickens@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:tnickens@jp2catholicschool.org)
- If you have not done so already, please re-link your Harris Teeter cards. This needs to be done annually to work.
- 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](mailto: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.
- At dismissal, walk-up parents are asked to keep their family name placards with them, even when not in a vehicle.

## **UPCOMING AT SJPII:**

- Pre-K Curriculum Night will be Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Time with teachers begins at 6:00pm.
- PTO Meeting Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 5:30pm.