

Dear SJPII Families,

Fr. Kane, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, celebrated Mass with us on Wednesday. He began his homily by asking the students who owned a PS5 or another type of gaming system. Many hands shot up eagerly. He then asked what was needed to make the system work, prompting students to excitedly explain the connection requirements. Fr. Kane used this as a powerful analogy to explain the Gospel reading about the vine and the branches, emphasizing that just as a gaming system needs to be plugged in to work, we must stay connected to Jesus—our source of spiritual power. He explained that Jesus is like the electricity that brings our lives to life. When asked how we can stay connected to Jesus, students shared thoughtful responses such as prayer, confession, receiving Communion, and reading the Gospel. We are truly blessed to celebrate Mass each week and receive such meaningful spiritual guidance from our wonderful priests.

The SJPII Annual Field Day is always a highlight of the year—something students eagerly anticipate and thoroughly enjoy! Thanks to the hard work and creativity of Mrs. DeSabio and Mr. Vernon, the day was packed with exciting, fun-filled activities. We are especially grateful to the many parents who generously shared saint-themed games and activities with our students. It was a blessedly beautiful morning, filled with teamwork, joy, and lasting memories for all!

As we enter this Memorial Day weekend, we offer prayers for all and gratitude for the brave men and women who sacrificed to secure the freedoms we enjoy today. May your celebrations with family and friends be filled with patriotism, gratitude, and joy. God bless America! Pax vobiscum, Marian V. Kajfez, Principal

Dates to Remember

May 26: Memorial Day -
No School

May 29: 8th Grade Graduation

June 6: Last Day of School! -
Noon Dismissal



Shout Outs

- A heartfelt thank you to Jenn DeSabio and Roy Vernon for their incredible planning, organization, and creativity that made Field Day such a fun and memorable experience for everyone!
- To our amazing Parent Field Day Volunteers—thank you for your generous help and support in making the day a great success!
- We're also grateful for the safe, educational, and team-building adventure our 8th graders enjoyed on their class trip—it was truly a FUN experience from start to finish.
- A special thank you to Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Posada, and all the Parent Volunteers who helped make the 8th grade trip possible. We appreciate you!
- Shoutout to first grader Jackie Shelton for stepping up to sing the National Anthem at our Field Day opening ceremony! Your talent and courage continue to amaze us—great job, Jackie!