Saint John Paul II Catholic School

October 9, 2026

EAGLE NEWS

"O Lord, You are my portion and my cup, You are all I need" Psalm 16:5

From Mrs. Kajfez's Desk

We were blessed to welcome Fr. Basile to SJPII on Wednesday as he celebrated a joyful and interactive Mass with our students and staff! In his homily, Fr. Basile reminded us that each time we pray the Rosary, we offer a bouquet of roses to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. What a wonderful image to carry in our hearts as we honor Mary during this special month!

Did you know why October is so special at SJPII?

October 22 is the Feast Day of St. John Paul II, our patron saint, and marks the 48th anniversary of his papacy beginning in 1978! Our Festifall celebration, hosted by the PTO, and our Living Rosary, led by eighth grade with participation from all students, are special traditions that honor his legacy.

As St. John Paul II reminded us, **"Be not afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!"**

Important Dates

October 12: NO SCHOOL
October 16: FestiFall & Pumpkin Decorating Contest, 3:00–6:00 PM
October 19: Holiday Greenery Sale begins! Please support our middle school students.
October 23: Living Rosary, 2:15 PM, in the Tru-Legacy Activity Center, led by our eighth graders.
October 29 & 30: Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 29: Early Dismissal
October 30: NO SCHOOL

Save the Dates!

November 14: Mystery Dinner Theatre, 5:00–7:30 PM
February 2: Catholic Schools Week – Executive Function Skills Workshop, presented by Brainwaves, 5:30–6:30 PM
April 23, 2027: SJPII Gala at the Fair Barn!

Sports Corner

10/12: Basketball Open Gym 4-8th grade 2-3pm
10/14-15, 19: Basketball Tryouts Grades 6-8
Boys: 3:15-4:45pm
Girls: 5-6:30 pm

Extra! Extra!

Throughout October: We are collecting diapers and wipes for Life Care Pregnancy Center, to be delivered on October 23 in conjunction with our Living Rosary. Thank you, families, for your continued generosity and prayerful support of LIFE!
NOW: Sign up for Track It Forward to record your volunteer hours!
Hot Lunch: Order by noon on Mondays! Chick-fil-A on Tuesdays and Pizza Hut on Fridays.

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Shoutouts & Gratitude 💙

🎭 **Drama Department: Spring 2027 Production of *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*:**
A heartfelt thank you to the amazing volunteers who make this wonderful theatrical experience possible for our students in Grades 4 through 8! Special recognition goes to **Lori Haley (Executive Producer/Director), Kendra Teclaw (Director), Maggie Posasda, Paula Coppola, Kristen Holton, stage crew members Jill Cronin, Randi Craig, and Kat Dominques, and choreographers Christina Kassop and Julie Tipton.** We are grateful to everyone who generously shares their time, talents, and creativity to bring the magic of theatre to SJPII!

🍽️ **Mystery Dinner Theatre: Mrs. Walker & Isabella:**
Thank you to **Mrs. Walker and her daughter, Isabella**, for generously sharing their time and talents each week as our students prepare for November's Mystery Dinner Theatre! We truly appreciate your enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication!

🍎 **Our Amazing Teachers:**
Thank you to our dedicated teachers, who bring our school mission to life each day by fostering **spiritual growth, academic excellence, personal responsibility, and service to others.** Your faith, commitment, and love for our students make SJPII such a special place to learn and grow!

💙 **We are truly blessed by the many individuals who make our SJPII school community shine!**