

Eagle News



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“Hope in God never disappoints.” Quote by Pope Leo XIV taken from Romans 5:5

Upcoming Activities:

- Soccer:** 4/17 HOME vs. Covenant Prep 4pm
- Baseball:** 4/13 HOME vs. OMSA 4pm
- Golf:** 4/15 Beacon Ridge

Shoutouts & Gratitude

With grateful hearts, we extend our sincere appreciation to all who so generously support our school community:

- **Our 8th Grade Students** for their reverent and moving presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. Their portrayal of the Passion and Death of our Lord invited us into deeper prayer and reflection.
- **Mrs. Posada, Mrs. D’Argenio, Seminarian May, and the Middle School Team** for their dedication and care in guiding students and bringing this powerful experience to life.
- **Our 8th Grade Students** for their participation in the Chrism Mass celebrated by Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama, representing SJPII, with reverence and pride.
- **Stella Hanna and Parker Mack** for reverently collecting the blessed Chrism oils for Sacred Heart and St. Anthony of Padua parishes.
- **Mrs. Lori Haley, Academic Dean**, for her diligent work in processing report cards, compiling Honor Roll lists, and preparing National Junior Honor Society invitations.
- **Valarie Mahmud and Nancy Sheets** for their assistance in printing report cards.
- **Keri Simpson** for faithfully preparing and sharing Eagle News each week, helping keep our community informed and connected.
- **Seminarian May** for leading us in the Rosary on Holy Thursday, guiding our school community in prayer during this sacred time.

May God bless each of you for your generosity, service, and faithful witness.

Important Dates

- **April 3 to April 10:** Easter Break
- **April 15:** Used Uniform Sale in the TRU Legacy Activity Center from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
- **April 25:** First Eucharist at St. Anthony of Padua Church during the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **April 28:** Baccalaureate Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral with all diocesan eighth graders attending
- **April 30:** Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for grades 6, 7, and 8
- **April 27 to May 13, 2026:** iReady Diagnostic 3
- **May 9:** First Eucharist at Sacred Heart Parish during the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **May 16 to May 23:** Ignatius Book Fair. Online ordering is available now, before the on-site fair
- **May 22:** Field Day with noon dismissal. Please sign up on Track It Forward to volunteer
- **June 15, 2026:** Summer Camp begins. Register today
- **April 23, 2027:** SJPII Gala at The Fair Barn

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Inaugural Class SJPII Fides et Ratio (Faith & Reason) Chapter Members, Officers*:

Audrey Brower (President)
Elizabeth Ferrante (Vice President)
Luca Prestigiacomo (Secretary)
Jacob Leone (Historian)
Samantha Alfrey (Community Service Chairperson)

Amelie Beall	Jacob Ewell
Michael Konz	Amore Pacheco
Cora Rosario	Sydney Schneider
Jordyn Williamson	Laken Zimmerman

Dear SJPII Families,

Our school community was blessed to celebrate Mass with Fr. John Forbes, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. In his homily, Fr. John reminded us that we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey and preparing to enter the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Holy Thursday marks the beginning of this sacred time. Good Friday invites us to remember the Passion and death of Jesus. Holy Saturday is a day of quiet reflection as we await the Easter Vigil, when new members of the Church are baptized, confirmed, and receive First Holy Communion. On Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus, our Savior. Alleluia!

Our eighth-grade class was honored to attend the Chrism Mass celebrated by Bishop Zarama and to bring back the blessed oils for Sacred Heart and St. Anthony of Padua parishes. Seminarian May, who assisted the Bishop, later shared with our students the beauty and significance of this liturgy, including the meaning of the sacred oils received by our parishes.

Monsignor Williams also extended his congratulations to the eighth grade by announcing a celebratory ice cream party. He expressed his pride in being affiliated with SJPII Catholic School. Thank you, Monsignor Williams. We are truly blessed to witness and participate in these meaningful moments that deepen our faith.

At SJPII, we remain committed to our mission of forming students in spiritual growth, academic excellence, personal responsibility, and service to others in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. May God bless you and your family this Easter season.

Pax vobiscum,

Marian V. Kajfez
Principal