

Virtue of the Week: Prayerfulness: Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend

Dear SJPII Families,

Our Ash Wednesday school Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jay from Sacred Heart Parish. He spoke about Lent as a pilgrimage toward God, encouraging us to reflect on the joy of ultimately being reunited with Him in heaven. During this sacred season, we are called to focus on three key areas: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We were grateful to have many parents join us for Mass. Let's make this our best Lent ever! This week, the Visitation of Mary baskets were sent home with the Binkley (Shepherd) and Jaramillo (Aylin) families. We hope they enjoy this special time of prayer and reflection on our Blessed Mother.

The review of Opportunity Scholarship FACTS accounts has been completed. We kindly ask that you check your FACTS account for accuracy, paying special attention to your home address, email address(es), and phone numbers. The Opportunity Scholarship distributor, NCSEAA, will begin notifying recipients of awards in April. Our SJPII families have been truly blessed by the funding provided by North Carolina to assist with tuition.

The SJPII Gala was a tremendous success! A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated committee, our attendees, auction participants, and the generous local merchants who contributed to making this fundraiser a fun and rewarding event. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again next year!

Join us for the first of five Lenten Fish Frys this Friday at the SJPII Activity Center from 4:00 to 6:30 PM! Enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship as we gather for this beloved Lenten tradition. Mark your calendars for upcoming Fish Fry dates: March 14, 21, and April 4, 11. We look forward to sharing this special time with you!

Enjoy this beautiful March weekend—spring is just around the corner!
Pax vobiscum, Marian V. Kajfez, Principal

Shout Outs

- Best of luck to our Soccer and Baseball teams as they kick off their seasons!
- A heartfelt thank you to the Brackman Family (Ryan, Andrew, and Frazier) for generously funding new uniforms for our Girls' Soccer team—they look fantastic!
- We appreciate Mrs. Flores, our Athletic Director, for her dedication to scheduling and coordinating our sports programs for our student-athletes.
- Thank you, Mrs. D'Argenio, for your leadership and guidance with our Grade 6-8 Debate Team!

Our hot lunch program needs your support!

To keep this wonderful service going, we're looking for daily parent volunteers to help deliver hot lunch orders to classrooms. As we approach the end of the third quarter, we'll be reviewing participation through Track it Forward to help determine the program's future.

Your time and effort make a huge difference, and we truly appreciate your support—thank you!

Dates to Remember

- **March 14, 21, April 4, 11:** Lenten Fish Fry, Sign up to help in Track it Forward!
- **March 11:** Debate competition at Sandhills Community College with middle school team - Go Team SJPII!
- **March 14:** Math Counts State Competition: Good luck, Michael Konz!
- **March 15:** Science Olympiad Tournament in Fayetteville - Go Team SJPII!
- **March 7:** Middle School Math Day (6-8)
- **March 18:** Intermediate Math Day (3-5)
- **March 20:** Primary Math Day (PK-2)
- **March 26:** End of Q3
- **March 28, 29:** SJPII presents Aladdin Jr.
- **April 17:** Noon Dismissal
- **April 18 - April 27:** Easter Break

Get your tickets now for Aladdin Jr. (performances are March 28-29)! Enjoy our talented students and a chance to win themed raffle baskets.

Help us support St. Anthony's and Sacred Heart this Lenten season. See attachment for Lenten Meager Meals information.

If your child is in 5th grade or above, has been enrolled for at least one year, and wishes to receive First Communion and/or Reconciliation next year, please contact Patrick O'Connell at poconnell@jp2catholicschool.org.

Sports Corner

Soccer and Baseball

March 10: Christ the Cornerstone vs SJPII (Home)
No baseball game

March 13: CFCA vs SJPII (Home) (Baseball at Bogey Field)

March 17: SJPII vs St. Patrick's (Away)

Golf

March 17: SJPII vs SHH & CTCA at Midland Country Club