

Eagle News 12/15/23

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

JOHN 13:34-35



Upcoming Dates

Dec 21 - Jan 2: Christmas Break

Jan 8 - 19: iReady Assessment #2

January 31: School-wide Scripps Spelling Bee, grades 4-8 - Informational meeting about the Opportunity Scholarship, tuition...

Could the Cotillion be making a comeback? Debby Hasson from Carolina DanceWorks is offering an exciting opportunity for our seventh and eighth graders. Dance lessons for the Cotillion would be conducted at our Tru-Legacy Activity Center on Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 PM. If you'd like your child to participate, please send an email to rforeman@jp2catholicschool.org by Wednesday afternoon, 12/20/23. With sufficient interest, we'll be delighted to reintroduce the Cotillion at SJPII.

DID YOU KNOW:

In 2018, the US Bishops released a publication titled "Open Wide Our Hearts." This work encompasses seven essential Catholic Social Teachings. The Catholic Social Teaching of "Life and Dignity of the Human Person" emphasizes the sacredness of all life and the inherent dignity of every individual. This teaching underscores our school's commitment to fostering an environment where every person is valued and respected. It promotes a culture that recognizes the inherent worth of each student, staff member, and community member. Upholding the principle that all life is sacred, our school strives to create an atmosphere that promotes dignity, inclusivity, and a deep appreciation for the unique qualities and contributions of each person within the school community.

FACTS Information: Beginning 12/20/2023 St. John Paul II will begin using an integrated version of the FACTS Tuition Management and FACTS SIS system. See more information attached.

Sport's Corner

December 18th is the last basketball game of the year for boys and girls.
The game is away against St. Patricks.

GO EAGLES!



A Note From Our Principal:

Dear SJPII Families,

SJPII commemorated the life of alumnus, Jasper Jawanda, from the Class of 2019 this week. Our Mass on Wednesday was concelebrated by Fr. Forbes, Fr. Kane, and Monsignor Williams. During the homily, Fr. Forbes reflected on the transition from our brief earthly existence to eternal life with God in Heaven. He reassured the students that it's natural to feel sadness when losing someone and emphasized the unwavering support available to them at our school in all circumstances. The Jawanda family participated in the celebration of their son, Jasper, who bravely battled cancer for several years and joyfully received the Sacraments, including Baptism, shortly before his passing. Jasper's younger brother, Jet, is currently an eighth grader. Memorializing Jasper was an honor for our student body. His former classmates presented SJPII with a set of vestments for weekly Mass, and Fr. Forbes bestowed his blessing upon the vestments for future use. The Visitation of Mary basket went home with the Hasemeier family, including Jax, Stella, and Davin.

Over the past week, numerous children have been absent from school due to illness. Please use caution when sending children back to school after being sick. We want all students to be able to productively engage in learning upon their return. Prioritizing student well-being is essential for creating effective and conducive learning environments.

We extend our gratitude to the families who generously contributed cleaning supplies for our Advent Giving Project, which we are currently sharing with the Friend to Friend Agency. On Wednesday, December 20, we aim to send additional supplies to the families supported by Friend to Friend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Christmas Program, showcased on Thursday evening featuring grades three through eight, was exceptionally well-executed! The children truly embodied the essence of St. Augustine's quote, "He who sings prays twice"! It was a stunning celebration of the Christmas Season.

Wishing you a joyful third weekend of Advent! May God's blessings be with you!

Pax vobiscum,

Marian V. Kajfez
Principal



Employee of the Week:
Chris Laughlin Sr.
12/18-12/22
5 Years with SJPII



Shout Outs

Employee of the Week: #16 12/15: Christopher Laughlin, Maintenance Director - Mr. Laughlin has been working at SJPII for 5 years. He is a compassionate and skilled professional, always ready to assist and ensure the smooth operation of our school. We are truly fortunate to have Mr. Laughlin taking care of our campus, contributing to the well-being of SJPII at all times!

Angie Daykin: Thank you for baking, assembling, and icing the cookie trees, supporting the Annual Fund. The trees are beautiful and delicious!