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1st year with  
SJPII!

# Eagle News

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For God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26



Virtue of the Week: Modesty. Purity of heart in action, especially in regards to dress and speech.

Dear SJPII Families,

On Wednesday, our students had the opportunity to experience a different type of liturgical celebration. Seminarian Nugent thoughtfully planned a Benediction Liturgy, with Deacon Dozier serving as the celebrant. Deacon Dozier guided us through the steps of the Benediction, explaining the meaning and significance of the instruments used during the service. Thanks to his ongoing work with them, our first-grade students were able to answer questions about Benediction in unison. We also enjoyed a peaceful time of hymn-filled Adoration, beautifully explained in simple terms by Deacon Dozier. This week, the Visitation of Mary Baskets were sent home with the Perez family (Mateo) and the Givens family (Gabriella & Isabella). We hope you find joy in honoring Mary with prayers as the Mary Basket blesses your home.

We had a wonderful and successful Festifall last Friday! A big thank you to Mrs. Crandell and her team for organizing such a fantastic event! The pumpkin contest, held on Wednesday, was a hit—many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Prestigiacomo for overseeing this fun competition! Our week came to a beautiful close with the Living Rosary prayer on Friday. The Life Care Pregnancy Center is deeply grateful for the generous donations of diapers and wipes from our community.

Enjoy this beautiful final weekend of October! As we wrap up the first quarter of the school year, we recognize the dedication and hard work our students have shown in growing spiritually, academically, taking personal responsibility, and serving others.

Pax vobiscum, Marian V. Kajfez, Principal

## Shout Outs

- SJPII Families and Staff: Together, we pledged \$5,200 in donations to the Diocese of Charlotte Catholic Schools, in collaboration with the Diocese of Raleigh Office of Education, to support relief efforts following Hurricane Helene. Thank you for your generosity!

## Pumpkin Winners:

Best PreK/K: Amara Hickman (K)  
Most Creative: Arwen DiTuro (Gr. 3)  
Funniest: Rosie Campbell (Gr. 6)  
Spookiest: Lee Burnore (Gr. 8)  
Principal's Choice: Will Wainwright (Gr. 6)  
Best in Show: Remi Richter (Gr. 5)

## Sports Corner

Nov. 1st: CO-ED Basketball Clinic  
(3:00 - 5:00 PM)

Fall sports uniform turn-ins will be as follows:

- Volleyball: 10/29 at 3:15 PM
- Soccer: 10/30 at 3:15 PM
- Cross Country: 10/31 at 12:15

Please return your washed uniform by the assigned date to lift the deposit fee from your FACTS account. Contact the Athletic Director via email in advance if you cannot turn in your uniform on the assigned date.

Volunteer website:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/>

Safe Environment Training:

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/calendar?office=2249>

## Did You Know

- **Winter Uniforms:** Autumn is here! Please remember to wear or bring a jacket each day, and it's time to start wearing long pants for classes and sweatpants for PE. If the forecast predicts temperatures of 70+ degrees, shorts are still acceptable. We'll let everyone know in early November when shorts will no longer be allowed until spring. See pages 26-28 in the Family Handbook for details.
- The 7th & 8th graders are selling beautiful **Christmas wreaths and pointsettas!** Order yours today (form attached)!
- Only one more week for our **Tiny Saints** fundraiser! Order yours today and enter to win a tiny St. John Paul II on Facebook!

## Dates to Remember

- October 28:** Used uniform sale - 2:30-3:30 in the Tru-Legacy Activity Center
- Oct. 31:** Noon Dismissal (Parent Teacher conferences)
- Nov. 1:** No School (Parent Teacher conferences); Q1 report cards distributed
- Nov. 8:** Noon Dismissal
- Nov. 11:** No School (Veterans Day)
- Nov. 13:** Veterans Day Mass & Reception (8:30 AM in the AC)
- Nov. 20:** Picture Day make-ups
- Nov. 26:** Grandparents Day/Noon Dismissal
- Nov. 27-29:** Thanksgiving Break

CONGRATULATIONS  
to our Cross Country  
runners!  
Championship results:

Boys: 1st place  
Girls: 2nd place

Medal Winners  
1st Aivy Capps  
3rd Ayaniv Old Mouse  
4th Jacob Leone  
5th Wyatt Riefenstahl  
7th Theo Rosario  
8th Daniel Cunanan