

Good afternoon,

We had a great first week of school last week and everyone seems to be settling in so far this week. We are looking forward to celebrating the first school mass of the year on Friday. It will be the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a tradition for schools as we pray that the Holy Spirit will provide guidance and wisdom for the new school year. Students are invited to wear red free dress or dress-up shirts with their uniform bottoms on Friday.

SCHOOL/BUILDING SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS:

- The building entry doors will be locked during the day following drop off. All guests will need to buzz in.
- All guests (parents, visitors, workers, etc.) must sign in & out in the building office they are visiting. The office staff will provide guests with a volunteer badge or lanyard to wear while in the building/on campus. This includes parents who are just stopping in to drop off lunch, forgotten homework, PE clothes, etc. Thank you for your full cooperation in following this school safety protocol.

FAMILY PERMISSION FORM: We still have a few families who need to complete this form and return to school. Please complete the form and return it to any of the school offices this week.

Speaker Series

The Adolescent Brain: Understanding Your Teen/Preteen's Behavior, Decision Making & Problem-Solving Skills

Thursday, September 7th @ 6:00pm in the Marquette Auditorium

Childcare available at no cost to families (drop off in the cafeteria)

Please look for the enclosed flyer for additional details on this presentation

SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS: We will practice school safety drills once a month throughout the school year.

These drills follow the best practices for schools in an emergency situation, are monitored for efficiency, and are taken very seriously. Teachers provide specific instructions and training for the students to know how to respond when we practice these drills. I will post on the Important Dates below when we will hold a drill.

- Evacuation (building or playground)
- Shelter in Place (chemical or biological threat)
- Secure and Teach (potential threat)
- Lockdown (definite threat/intruder)

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK: Just a quick reminder to review the handbook with your children and return the signature page to the St. Joseph or Mother Joseph Center office by Friday, September 15th. Thank you.

FAIR SCHEDULE

There are 39 fair spots and we had 68 families return their sign-up sheet or email me times. The math just doesn't work to accommodate everyone's wishes. Please review the enclosed schedule to check if you received a spot and then double check your calendar to ensure the spot works for you. If it doesn't, please contact me at gpleger@sjmms.org right away so I can re-assign the spot to another family.

There are two open spots 7:30 to 10:00pm on the 26th and 7:30 to 10:00pm on the 27th
I will fill on a first come basis – email me at gpleger@sjmms.org to sign-up!

SAVE THE DATE FOR FRESH CATCH

Saturday, November 4th

5:00pm in the new St. Joseph Marquette Gym

New Parents

I announced that we would hold a meeting for all new parents on September 13th, unfortunately this meeting has been postponed until Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Look for a personal invitation in your email, with all the details for the special informational and social event.

FUTURE LIGHTNING NIGHT – VOLLEYBALL on Tuesday, September 19th, 5:30pm at the La Salle High School gym. Students in grades K to 8 are invited to this FREE event hosted by the volleyball team. Participants will have free admission and can enjoy free popcorn, a goodie bag and hair tinsel from the players.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURE DAY will be on Thursday, September 21st. Look for the enclosed informational flyer. PLEASE NOTE that Parsons Photography has moved to online ordering – follow this link: <https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000958266#login>. If you can't order online, please call 800-846-8469.

You can view common questions or contact them by visiting their website: <https://parsonsp photography.com>.

**Picture day will be a FREE DRESS DAY for all students.
All students will have their picture taken for school records.**

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Wednesday the 6 th | Parent Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday the 7 th | SPEAKER SERIES: The Adolescent Brain: Understanding Teen/Pre-Teen Behavior at 6:00pm |
| Friday the 8 th | SCHOOL MASS at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 1 to 8) |
| Monday the 11 th | Free Dress for all students and staff (1 st school Monday of the Month) |
| Tuesday the 12 th | Fresh Catch Committee meeting after drop-off at C&S coffeehouse on Terrace Heights Drive |
| Wednesday the 13 th | Meeting for new parents: POSTPONED to September 20 th . Evacuation Drill |
| Friday the 15 th | SCHOOL MASS at 8:30 a.m. (grades 1 to 8) |
| Tuesday the 19 th | Lightning Future Night – Volleyball at 5:30pm La Salle High School |
| Wednesday the 20 th | New Parent Meeting at 6:30pm, in the cafeteria. |
| Thursday the 21 st | Individual school pictures for all students and staff – FREE DRESS DAY Finance Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. School Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday the 22 nd | SCHOOL MASS at 8:30 a.m. (grades 1 to 8) |

Blessings

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