

## SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## School Bulletin

April 16, 2021

## Upcoming



**Events** 

April 20-23

5th & 8th Grade ACRE Testing/Makeups

April 23

NO Extended Day

April 24

PTO Cabaret Night 6-10pm

April 28

Dress Down Day for The Lion's Club

April 30

Early Dismissal 11:30am Trimester III Interims MS Spring Fling

May 3-7

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3-20

Scantron Testing

May 7

May Crowning 8th Grade Formal Picture

May 11

8th Grade World Language Exam

May 14

8th Grade Dinner Dance

May 21

Field Day

Early Dismissal 11:30am

May 27

Dress Down Day

May 28

Early Dismissal NO Extended Day

May 31 NO School/Memorial Day

June 3

Kindergarten Graduation 10am

June 4

8th Grade Graduation

June 8

Last Day of School Early Dismissal 11:30

Please check the school website for the complete calendar.

Greetings,

Happy Easter! I hope this note finds you and your family recharged and renewed, the final push to the "finish line" is underway. Before that can happen, Kindergarten Screening, ACRE testing, the World Language Exam, and the final round of PALS/Scantron testing will all take place over the next five weeks. Annual and cumulative testing data is always interesting to analyze especially under the current circumstances. Happy Easter and happy testing!

Mindful of the 2021-2022 school year, acceptance notifications for waitlist students will go home before the end of next week. We are thrilled to welcome back a significant group of our "COVID-impacted" families that did not feel comfortable returning after the 2019-2020 school year. In addition, some new faces and siblings of current students, will provide additional opportunities for community-building. Adding new faces to our school community is difficult but necessary each and every year. For planning purposes, we anticipate offering a "normal" 2021-2022 school year, mindful that our future reopening plan will need to be approved by the Office of Catholic Schools. Let us pray for a normal summer and 2021-2022 school year.

Now that the weather seems to have turned and the students are wearing spring uniforms, I would ask all families to once again review our dress code guidelines. An additional glance at the dress down expectations would ensure that all students come into the building next time dressed appropriately. By complying with school regulations, students learn to wear their designated uniform or personal clothing with a sense of pride and purpose.

According to recent communication from the diocesan office, families that applied for financial aid can expect to receive their financial awards letters the third week of May. This is slightly later than usual so thank you in advance for your patience. Speaking of patience, we have had a few concerns regarding vehicles going too fast on parish grounds for drop-off and pick-up. We plan to install signs in the coming weeks but in the meantime, please be mindful of all that are on parish grounds by slowing down.

Please say an extra prayer for our 8th graders as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. The Catholic church views confirmation as a sacrament that confers the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, knowledge, fortitude, etc) upon the recipient. As they announce their confirmation name, may they "be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

I look forward to seeing many SJES families at our Cabaret Night on Saturday, April 24th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. For those unable to attend, please consider purchasing a phantom ticket or making a donation to help us reach our goal of \$20,000. The students and staff will be the benefactors so thank you in advance for your generosity. Let us continue to pray, learn, and serve... the vulnerable and less fortunate.

Mr. Temple W. Macdonald

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