

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Every morning, I try to be outside to greet the children with a smile and a “good morning.” It’s one of my favorite times of day because of the joy and grace they bring to me and bring into the building. I don’t think it’s my imagination that the smiles on their faces are a little bigger than usual as they hop and skip and walk into the building this week. Catholic Schools Week is a time when we know all Catholic schools are celebrating with fun traditions and activities. I love thinking about so many children, faculties, and families celebrating their Catholic schools all over the country and the world this week.

I realize I had a brief opportunity to address the parents who enjoyed doughnuts with us yesterday morning, but I want you all to know how grateful I am. I know you have a lot of choices to make for your children as they learn and grow, and everyday as I greet your children, open their apple sauce, watch them solve math equations, or learn how to form their letters I count them as beautiful blessings. To be part of their learning, their faithfulness, and the joy that they share is a gift we are all blessed to share. Thank you.

God bless and have a great week,
Ms. Buckstaff

The week ahead:

Wednesday, 1/30: 7-8pm SJE’s Open House

Thursday, 1/31: School Spirit Dress Down; 2pm Pep Rally; 7pm 8th vs. Faculty game (doors open 6:15)

Friday, 2/1: Faculty Appreciation Day; Donation for CBF; MD theme dress down (ex: O’s, Ravens, Navy, U of MD, flag colors, etc); 12:30pm dismissal

Saturday 2/2: 6:30pm Father-Daughter Dance

Wednesday, 2/6: Comfy-Cozy dress down and make-up of Student Appreciation afternoon activities

Saturday, 2/9: Mother-Son Monster Golf (info below)

There still are Catholic Schools Weeks activities! [Use the schedule of events](#) at this link to make sure you don’t miss a moment!

Save the dates:

2/11: SJE fundraiser all day at Mother’s Peninsula Grille (take-out too!)

2/15: CSW mass picture dress down day; 12:30pm dismissal

Other Notes:

Weather Note for Next Week

Please note that Anne Arundel County is off of school tomorrow. If SJE is making a different call than AACPS, you will receive a communication from me by 6am.

Given Retreat

St. John’s will be hosting Given, a retreat for married, engaged and dating couples on February 9th from 9:30 to 2pm. Childcare will be provided for children ages 1 to 10. Archbishop Lori will make an appearance and the guest speaker is Mark Hart. The link to register is below:

<https://www.archbalt.org/marriage/>

Faculty Appreciation Luncheon – February 1st

This is a great afternoon celebrating our wonderful faculty and staff that support our children so much! Please consider donating food and/or helping set up, serving or cleaning up. You can sign up using this link: [Faculty Appreciation Luncheon](#).

Father/Daughter Dance – February 2nd

This year's Father/Daughter Dance will have you traveling "Around the World" in one fantastic night. We need as many volunteers as possible to make this a great experience. Please use the following link [Father-Daughter Dance](#) to help where you can or to donate raffle items. You can purchase your tickets at [the School Webstore](#).

Mother/Son Monster Mini Golf – Feb 9th

This year's Mother/Son Event will include 18 holes of glow in the dark indoor mini golf, on-course DJ that plays music, holds contests and trivia while you golf! Please use the following link [Mother/Son Monster Golf](#) to helping during the event or donate raffle items. You can purchase your tickets at the [School Webstore](#).

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram and shout out your awesome #sjemoment!

Make sure you "like" or "heart" [Saint John the Evangelist School, Severna Park](#), on Facebook and Instagram ([@saintjohntheevangelist](#)) for updates, reminders, and great pictures and stories about our school. Make sure to choose SHARE when you like what you see.

*We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor for the soul.
Hebrews 6:19*