



Philosophy: St. James Academy strives to prepare students to live in the world as responsible citizens and as faithful stewards of creation in an ever-changing environment. In our commitment to excellence and in support of the parents who are recognized as the primary educators of their children, a student-centered, Catholic-based, rigorous curriculum is provided which values cultural and intellectual diversity.

Mission: SJA fosters the development of the whole child in a Catholic educational environment that prepares students to lead faith-filled, productive and successful lives.

May 8, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES- [Link to School Calendar](#)

Friday, May 10

8:00 a.m. Mass & May Crowning Led by 2nd & 8th Grade - Preschool attends mass

9:00 a.m. 8th Grade Mother/Daughter Reception following mass

Zero Waste Day at SJA - see details below

Padre Game Ticket Orders Due

Monday, May 13

8:00 a.m. Living Rosary in the Parish Hall - Please join us.

Students take SJA feedback survey in computer lab

Student Council Poster and Speech Drafts Due

Tuesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 15

Scholastic Book Fair - Before and After School in the Library

Students take SJA feedback survey during computer class

Wednesday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Parents in Prayer following mass - Please join us!

Students take SJA feedback survey during computer class

Thursday, May 16

Hawaiian Free Dress for \$1 in support of 8th Grade Graduation

Friday, May 17

Student Council Speeches and Election

Saturday, May 18

9:05-10:00 a.m. Choirs Sing at Fiesta del Sol

Sunday, May 19

St. James Blood Drive - see details below

7:30-11:30 Meet & Greet for Faith Formation Families in SJA Library

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Friday, 5/24 10:00, 1:00 SJA Variety Show

Monday, 5/27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

Friday, 5/31 - Catholic Schools Night with the San Diego Padres

Saturday, 9/21 - 6th Annual SJA Bocce Tournament and Garden Party - register now for early bird pricing!

Thank you to Parent Feedback SWOT Session Participants

Thank you those who attended the Parent SWOT Analysis on Tuesday evening or emailed your concerns/suggestions. The input you provide is very valuable and will be considered as we move towards developing our Strategic Plan and to recognize and identify goals for the Action Plan of our WCEA Self-Study.

2019-2020 Staffing Changes...Goodbye to Beloved Faculty & Staff

After seven years of dedication and commitment to our second grade, sadly, Mrs. Radcliffe is moving on. For the past three years, Mrs. Radcliffe has been making the long commute from La Mesa. She has made the difficult decision to leave SJA to focus on her family, save gas money and continue in education closer to home!

Miss Phillips, after two years of being our sixth grade homeroom teacher, 7th grade religion teacher and amazing theater and writing instructor has decided to move home to Los Angeles to be closer to family.

Mrs. Gallo, an instructional aide in many classrooms over the past 11 years, most recently in kindergarten is getting married in July and has plans to work for her new husband's business.

Best wishes to these integral and valued members of our community. Thank you for the positive impact you've made in all of our lives. You will be missed.

Hello to New Faculty

Kate Aeono has recently been hired as our second grade teacher. In June, Mrs. Aeono will be relocating to San Diego from Louisiana with her husband. She grew up in Dallas and attended Catholic school kindergarten through college. After graduating from the University of Dallas, Mrs. Aeono began her teaching career in a first grade classroom. She has seven years of teaching experience, both in charter and Catholic schools. She has experience in both regular and special education settings. She enjoys running with her dog, Leo, swimming and reading in her spare time. She has already started planning for next year and looks forward to meeting you!

We are still in the interview process looking for a qualified teacher for sixth grade. We have had initial and panel interviews with some candidates. The next step in the process will be teaching a lesson to our students. Kindergarten will have an aide next year. Updates will be communicated as plans are finalized.

First Communion Congratulations!

How beautiful that our 2nd Graders received their First Eucharist last weekend and joined us in full communion with the Church. It was a very special liturgy. Thank you to Mrs. Radcliffe for her loving preparation of the students, to Miss Philips and choirs for the music on a busy weekend, to Father Gerard for presiding, and to all who worked to make this sacramental day holy and blessed. Please join us for mass this Friday as we celebrate the second graders' First Communion as a school community. It is also May Crowning, an annual tradition of the 8th grade.

Living Rosary - Monday, May 13th at 8:00 a.m.

On Monday, May 13th, we will have our annual school-wide Living Rosary. Students will go to their classrooms and then gather with their school families to proceed to the hall. Please join us.

Zero Waste Friday Challenge

Girl Scouts Alyssa and Walker in 7th Grade along with Student Council are implementing Zero Waste Fridays starting on May 10th. The goal is to come to school with no waste in your snack or lunch. Some examples of waste include plastic bags and plastic water bottles, plastic utensils, and wrappers of any kind on single use snacks. Bring reusable containers and utensils. Instead of single use snacks, buy bulk snacks and include a portion in a reusable container. On Friday mornings after mass, two members from Student Council will be coming to your classroom to check your lunch and snack. If you are having pizza, there will be reusable plates to use. The class with lowest percentage of waste over the challenge will win a beautiful air filtering plant for their classroom. Zero waste day will be continued on Fridays in May and the goal will be to have this challenge again next year. May the most environmentally friendly class win!

Presidential Fitness Award Winners

A special congrats to this year's Presidential Fitness Award winners in 7th & 8th grade!! Also special congrats to Camryn for breaking the school record in sit & reach! Way to go Knights!!

7th Grade ~ Mattea & Walker

8th Grade ~ Camryn, Natalia, Kate, Jack B., Gavin & Lucca



Yard Duty Assignment and Sign Ups - Double Service Hours earned for hours served!

Calling **Fifth Grade** Parents- You're up for the month of May! Thank you!

A Note from the Bookkeeper

Your Wednesday envelopes went home last week. Please return them promptly with all your service hours marked clearly on the back. On Monday, May 13th I will be billing families via FACTS for any deficiencies. As mentioned on our Policy Statement, missing hours will be billed at \$10 per hour. Please contact the bookkeeper (Aminy Johnson) with any questions at ajohnson@saintjamesacademy.com.

Lands' End Sale Starts Tomorrow! 40% off Full-Price Styles

From 5/9/2019 through 5/15/2019, Lands' End is running a Friends & Family Sale. Use the promo code **LESUFRIEND** and pin 9643 when checking out. See the [flyer](#) for more details.

COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Be a Buddy Family

Please take a moment to review the [Buddy Family Letter](#) and give this some consideration. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome a new family to SJA and share our wonderful community with them. Interested families should turn in their completed letters by Friday, May 24th. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Cooper at lcooper@saintjamesacademy.com.

Fiesta del Sol - Solana Beach - Saturday, May 18th

We are excited to again participate in Solana Beach's Fiesta del Sol. Our students will be performing on stage on Saturday, May 18th from 9:05 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. You can find out more about the Fiesta [here](#).

SJA Annual Variety Show - Friday, May 24th

Our annual variety show, *Sea to Shining Sea*, will be performed by Kindergarten through 8th grade on Friday, May 24th in the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m. Families may also attend the open dress rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. This annual production is a unique part of our curriculum and one of the highlights of the year for our students and community. You'll be amazed by our talented students!

Catholic Schools Night at the San Diego Padres - Friday, May 31st @ 7:10 p.m.

Ticket orders are due in the SJA front office no later than THIS Friday, May 10th.

Check your calendars and get your tickets ordered! It's time for the annual Catholic Schools Night at Petco Park. Join your classmates, friends, and other Catholic schools as we cheer on the Padres with discounted tickets to the ballpark! (The Pads are off to a great start with Manny Machado and Fernando Tatis Jr.!) The first 20-25 students signed up will get to represent SJA on the pre-game warning track parade. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details and ticket options and place your order using this [form](#).

BOCCE is BACK! Save the Date + Register Now for Early Bird Pricing

Who: Parents, Parishioners, Alumni, Faculty, Family & Friends (*adults only*)

What: 6th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament & Garden Party

When: Saturday, September 21, 2019 @ 2:30PM

Where: The Hazel Home, Rancho Santa Fe

Why: Like good food + drink? Come. Like music + fellowship? Come. Like to compete? Come. Love the feeling you get from celebrating a good cause? [Register now!](#)

You already know you are in. So [sign up now](#) and save a little green. Do it for the kids.

New and exciting updates to this year's event. No bocce experience required.

Give the Gift of Life - Donate Blood at St. James Church - Sunday, May 19th

When's the last time you saved someone's life? Here's your chance! The mobile unit of the San Diego Blood Bank will be at St. James Sunday, May 19, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. to receive blood donations. If you've never given blood before, now is the time to start. Let's give them a big turnout! For your convenience, you may make an appointment either by:

- signing up at the table after Mass, or
- visiting the Blood Bank website at MY-SDBB.org, or
- calling the Blood Bank 1-800-4MY-SDBB (1-800-469-7322), or
- calling Bob or Cory Graves at 858-755-8990, or
- emailing Bob at robtgraves@wwdb.org

Appointments are not required, but are advisable, especially right after Mass lets out.

Thank you for your consideration.

Benefit Concert and Student Service Hour Opportunity

Music and supper for a good cause! North County Immigration and Citizenship Center (NCICC) is hosting a Benefit Concert featuring the talented Trio Ellas on Sunday, May 19th from 5-8pm at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church. Buy tickets or get information at

<http://www.northcountycitizenship.org> or call Linda Haley at (858) 509-2589 or

linda@northcountycitizenship.org. 7th and 8th graders looking for service hours are needed to serve as ushers! Check out the [flyer](#) too!

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Art Intensive for Grades 5-8 with Mr. Stiles

Sign up down to attend one of Mr. Stiles' summer art intensives (or sign up for more than one). Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early. See the [flyer](#) for more details. Registration Deadline: 5/31/19. Sign up early as there is a maximum of 12 students per session. Cost: Single Session - \$275, Two Sessions - \$500, Three Sessions - \$675.

Coach Ramsay Sports Camp

Mark your calendars! Mrs Ramsay is having her summer sports camp June 17th- June 21st. The camp is 9am-3pm and the cost is \$195. Please return the completed [form](#) to the office no later than May 24th.

Summer Programs at Cathedral Catholic

Registration is now open for Cathedral's summer programs. These camps included programs such as athletics, arts, music, drama, and more! These weeklong sessions are open for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Please see the [link](#) for more details and registration information.

Tennis Camp with Love 15

Learn to play like a pro! Love 15, founded by Cathedral Catholic tennis coach, provides 5 weeks of tennis camps that teach and enhance young students and tennis athletes. All ages and levels are welcome. Please see the [flyer](#) for details.

With Gratitude,
Christine

"Rejoice Always, Pray Continually, Give Thanks in All Circumstances"

1 Thessalonians, 5:16-18

2018-2019 SJA School Theme

Links/Forms:

[2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

[2019-2020 Tuition Commitment and Payment Agreement](#) PAST DUE! TURN IN ASAP!

[Buddy Family Letter](#)

[Cathedral Catholic High School Summer Programs](#)

[Green Ribbon Award Press Release](#)

[Mr. Stiles Summer Art Intensive](#)

[Mrs. Ramsay Summer Camp](#)

[Padres Tickets Order Form](#) - DUE THIS FRIDAY

[Parent Council Meeting Minutes - April 2019](#)

[SJA Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[St. James -St. Leo Weekly Bulletin](#)

[Tennis Camps](#)

[Yard Duty Sign Up](#)