

“Rejoice Always, Pray Continually, Give Thanks in All Circumstances”

1 Thessalonians, 5:16-18

March 27, 2019

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. In your name I pray, Amen.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, March 25 - Thursday, March 28

Coin War supporting CRS Rice Bowls - see details below

Thursday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Mass (attending Thursday this week) followed by Stations of the Cross led by Sixth Grade
3rd Grade Marine Science Floating Lab Field Trip

Friday, March 29 - NO SCHOOL - WCEA Work Day for Teachers/Staff

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Thursday, 4/4

8:00 a.m. Parent Council Meeting- ALL invited

March Madness Free Dress: for \$1 wear a jersey or colors of your favorite team in the tournament; proceeds support 8th grade graduation

1:15 Stations of the Cross Workout- Join your child in their school family and participate!

Friday, 4/5

8:00 Mass- 8th Grade

Spirit Wear Orders Due (see details below)

Noon Dismissal

11:30-1:00 p.m. Recycled Uniform Sale

Sunday, 4/7 SJA lectors at 11:30 a.m. mass

Monday, 4/8 6:00 p.m. Rock the School ****new date****

Friday, 4/12 SJA Fish Feast



The Annual SJA Coin War is here through tomorrow, Thursday, March 28

Empty your piggy banks, look under your couch cushions, and find all of the dimes, nickels, quarters, and paper money you can. This third week in Lent we are focusing on almsgiving. Each year in partnership with Catholic Relief Services we raise money in our

Rice Bowl Initiative- www.csricebowl.org/. Instead of sending these home this year, SJA is holding a COIN WAR this week. Each class is encouraged to bring in silver coins to earn points for their class. Students can bring in dollars to give negative points to other classes. 1 dollar equals 10 points, 5 dollars equal 50 points, 10 dollars equal 100 points and 20 dollars equals 200 points, ect. All of the

money raised will go directly to CRS. Please help us raise money for such an amazing organization. Tomorrow is the last day to participate.

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

March - 4th Grade Families

April - Kindergarten Families

Sign up for at least two (2) dates using this [Yard Duty link](#). Please feel free to sign up on any date that is convenient for you, even if it is not your class' assigned month.

POSTPONED!!! *Rock the School* Concert moved to Monday, April 8th

The *Rock the School* concert (previously scheduled for 3/28) has been postponed to Monday, April 8th due to scheduling conflicts and the re-flooring of the Parish Hall. You are all invited to attend at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Please come support our amazing young musicians. All ages are welcome!

2019-2020 Academic Calendar is Now Available

We have put the finishing touches on our calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Please note that some dates and events are listed as tentative. You can find it [here](#).



SJA Students Sing at Carnegie Hall

The advanced Vocal Academy at St. James, directed by Mrs. Oldham, was selected for the 5th year in a row to perform at the sold out *Total Vocal* concert on March 24th at Carnegie Hall in New York. Camryn, Natalia (Grade 8) and Kayla, Walker and Julia (Grade 7) joined choirs from around the world to sing challenging a cappella songs including *September, I Lived* and *Beneath Your Beautiful* arranged by composer Deke Sharon (composer for *Pitch Perfect* films, *The Sing Off* and Disney's *DCappella*). Congratulations to Mrs. Oldham and her students.

SJA Spirit Wear - Last Chance to Order this Year

It's time to order Spirit Wear again. Just in time for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Summer time gifts! Don't forget Tuesdays are SJA Spirit Days - students can wear their SJA spirit wear all day (except for tank tops). The SJA outwear can be worn any day of the week! There's a wide variety of tops, bottoms, hats, outerwear and accessories for all ages, each with our SJA wave logo!

Place your order by Friday April 5th! This will be the FINAL ORDER of SJA spirit wear for this school year! ~ <https://www.companycasuals.com/SaintJamesAcademy/start.jsp>

Lost and Found Bins are Overflowing/Recycled Uniform Sale

Is your child missing a sweatshirt? Lunchbox? PE clothes? Water bottle? Please check the Lost and Found bins in the front office before items are cleared out and donated. Thank you! Our next recycled uniform sale is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 11:30-1:00 near the Mary Statue in the back of the school.

Fish Feasts Spring 2019

The Knights of Columbus invite you and your family to the 2019 Lenten Fish Feast Dinner series on Fridays during Lent in the Parish Hall. Prices are \$18.00/adult and children under 12 are FREE!. Our great chefs have prepared six new menus for your enjoyment. The food is delicious and the dinner is fun! This is a great way to spend time with the entire St. James community. Doors open at

6:00 p.m. Appetizers at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please make your reservations no later than noon on the Wednesday prior to the Friday of your choice using this [link](#). Mark your calendar- April 12 is the SJA Fish Feast.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Installation

The installation of 5, double (for a total of 10) electric vehicle charging stations continues this week in the parking lot nearest the playground (north side). This parking lot may be intermittently closed during construction. A trench (in the exit driveway), in which the conduit will be placed during construction, will be covered with metal plates in the morning from 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and again from 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. to accommodate our students' drop-off and dismissal. Please exhibit caution and care during this green installation!

Parish Office Parking Spots

Please refrain from parking in the reserved parking spots in the upper lot (near hall and Parish offices). They are reserved for our priests and Parish office staff. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph's Day Celebration

On Friday March 15th, our 8th grade boys gathered after Mass with their dads for talks and a celebration to honor the great St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus. Thank you to Fr. Gerard, Fr. Howard, Deacon Al Graff and Deacon Peter for their guidance and presence at the event and to all the sons and their dads who were able to attend. Thank you to Yvette Magnaghi, leader of Parents in Prayer and PIP members for planning, organizing and executing this blessed morning.



Parents in Prayer - Adoration and Prayer Intentions

Parents in Prayer would like to invite anyone interested in spending time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel from 2pm to 3pm on Thursdays. The Chapel is located behind the Church Altar. This is a beautiful and peaceful way to spend time with Jesus. If you are interested, please contact Monica-Zebold Bell at mzeboldbell@cox.net or 838-945-7220.

Also, if you'd like to pray for our school or have any prayer intentions that you'd like to bring to the Rosary, please come on Wednesdays to the Church Social Room from 8:30am to 9:00 am. Thank you!

SUMMER CAMPS AT SJA

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.

Collect Box Tops!



SJA needs your Box Tops! Start clipping those box tops off your favorite cereal, snacks and many other products to help raise money for SJA! Turn in all box tops and/or filled in [collection](#) sheets to the SJA front office! Thank you for your support!

Shop at Amazon? You shop. Amazon gives TO SJA!

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support SJA simply by starting your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you are prompted to select a charitable organization from our list of eligible organizations. You can change your selection at any time.

To add/change your charitable organization to SJA:

1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change your Charity**. Or, from your mobile browser, select **Change your Charity** from the options at the bottom of the page.
3. Select **St. James Parish and Academy of Solana Beach**

Fun fact: SJA received over \$500 in rebates from AmazonSmile for the period 10/1/18 - 12/31/18!

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

With Gratitude,
Christine

Links/Forms:

[2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

[Coin War Scoring](#)

[Friday Fish Feast Reservations](#)

[Mr. Stiles Summer Art Intensive](#)

[Mrs. Ramsay Summer Camp](#)

[Pizza Order Form \(January 2019 - May 2019\)](#)

[SJA Volunteer Opportunities](#)

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

[Spirit Wear Order Link](#)

[Yard Duty Sign Up](#)