

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

1 Thessalonians, 5:16-18

October 10, 2018



2018 Blessing of the Animals

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, 10/11

Picture Make-up/Retake Day

Cross Country Meet sign-up deadline - see online link below

Friday, 10/12

Drop off Cookies for Kairos at Drop-off and Pick-Up

8:00 a.m. Mass-3rd Grade followed by Rosary led by Student Council

2:00 p.m. School Family Activity (students only)

Sunday, 10/14

[Food Packing Event](#) and Chipotle Dine-Out at the Del Mar store from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. - see the [flyer](#) for details

Monday, 10/15

8:00 Assembly- Please join us for coffee and to recognize the angels among us- the SJA families who have donated to the SJA Annual Fund

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, 10/18

8:00 a.m. Students attend mass (led by Parish members)

Friday, 10/19

NO SCHOOL - WASC Teacher Work Day

Saturday, 10/20

Spooky Knights Family Halloween Party in the Parish Hall - see [Spooky Knights flyer](#) for more details

Student Council members will be selling Spooky Knight tickets on Thursdays/Fridays before the event.

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WHAT'S MISSING? UR!

8th Grade has Lunch Duty for the Month of October and 3rd Grade in November, but any and all parents are encouraged to sign up for a convenient time. Come interact and play with our students!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca4a82ea2fe3-yard>

Reference this [sign-up genius](#) to help at events and activities the rest of the school year. Parent involvement and participation is key to building community!

Please return your Wednesday Envelopes

Your family Wednesday Envelope came home with your (oldest) child last week. If you haven't already returned the envelope to school, please do so as soon as possible.

School Photo Make-ups/Retakes Tomorrow - Thursday 10/11

If your child missed photo day or if you would like your child to retake their photo, please come prepared tomorrow (Thursday, 10/11). If you already received a pre-ordered photo package, it MUST BE returned on tomorrow. If you did not already place an order and would like a retake, be sure to tell your child to have their photo retaken. The PROOF does NOT need to be returned. Otherwise, please use the online link to place current orders.

Outreach Opportunity: Cookies for Kairos Friday, October 12

Kairos is a 4 day Christian Retreat designed for prison inmates. It is held twice a year at RJ Donovan State Prison in San Ysidro. About 100 prisoners are invited to take part in the retreat each time. As you can imagine, for many of the men in the prison, Jesus Christ and Christianity are far from their minds. To encourage them to attend, we tell them that they will get to eat as many homemade cookies as they like! Often, this is the only reason that they come. But once we have them on the retreat, we treat them with respect and dignity, and watch the Holy Spirit change their hearts. And yes, they can eat as many of your cookies as they like! With help from other parishes and churches, we are hoping to provide over 4,000 dozen cookies, please help! Each dozen of cookies should be sealed in a gallon Ziploc bag and can be dropped off before or after school in the carpool line or dropped off in the front office anytime on Friday.

THANK YOU ANGELS for DONATING TO THE ANNUAL FUND



WOW! The SJA Annual Fund has already earned \$22,000, an amount that covers the tuition shortfall for just over 12 students! Please join us this Monday, 10/15 at our 8:00 a.m. assembly for coffee and to recognize and thank families who have contributed.

If you would like to make a donation, it's not too late. Please help us reach our goal of \$90,000, the amount that will bridge the shortfall for 50 SJA students! In addition, this year, **every family is asked to make a minimum, tax deductible \$100 donation to the Annual Fund (\$12.50/month for the remaining 8 months), in lieu of the the \$100 family participation fee that will not be charged this year.** More information and payment form can be found [here](#)

or in the front office. Thanks for your ongoing support of SJA!

Halloween Carnival

The annual St. James Academy Halloween Carnival, sponsored by the Student Council, will take place on Friday, October 26th, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Halloween Carnival is only for St. James Preschool and Academy students and their younger siblings. Students may wear appropriate costumes: no weapons, no excessive gore and blood, no wheels, and students must be able to see and sit comfortably in class. There is a Parade of Costumes on the school blacktop immediately after the 8:00 a.m. bell. All are welcome to watch and take pictures. Costume winners will receive a prize and be recognized in the newsletter. Categories are: best individual costume, cutest costume, most creative costume and the best group/pair costume. This year, \$25 wristbands will be sold in front of the office before and after school, continuing through Wednesday, October 24th. Wristbands include a Jamba Juice Mini-Smoothie (strawberry or mango), one popcorn, one cotton candy, and unlimited games and booths. Individual tickets and wristbands will be available the day of the carnival (but will not include a smoothie).



Hot Lunch Servers Needed - Please consider this fun way to earn service hours

Melissa Kuhn, our Ki's hot lunch parent coordinator, is looking for 2 additional volunteers to help serve hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.. This is a fun and easy way to earn DOUBLE service hours. Please see [flyer](#) for details or contact Melissa to volunteer: (kuhnmel@yahoo.com).

SJA Thursday Night Football Pool - The time to play is NOW!

Please join us for the 2018 St. James Thursday Night Football pool! For \$25 per square (\$13 of which goes to the Gala), you get 4 chances per week (3 quarters and the Final score) to win \$25 or more. Payments can be made by FACTS, cash, or check, See [Flyer](#) for details or email Mark Daquipa at hld9310@gmail.com.

Lands End Scholarship Opportunity for 6th - 8th graders

LandsEnd is now offering scholarships to students in grades 6-12. More information can be found here: <https://www.landsend.com/starboard-scholarship/>

SPORTS NEWS:



Indo Board Fun, Thanks Kuhn Family!

Cross Country Meet ~ Sat. Oct. 20th @ Cathedral Catholic H.S.

Come join us for the 6th running of the Cross Country Championships for Parochial Grade schools in San Diego County! There will be races of varying distances for all grade levels split into 5 divisions each for boys and girls:

Schedule of Events:

8:30 a.m. – Kindergarten Girls - 1/2 mile
8:40 a.m. – Kindergarten Boys - 1/2 mile
8:50 a.m. – 1-2 Girls - 1 mile
9:05 a.m. – 1-2 Boys - 1 mile
9:20 a.m. – 3-4 Girls - 1.3 miles
9:45 a.m. – 3-4 Boys - 1.3 miles
10:00 a.m. – 5-6 Boys/Girls - 1.65 miles
10:30 a.m. – 7-8 Boys/Girls - 2 miles

Cost = \$5 per participant \$15 for SJA track shirt

Sign-ups DUE ONLINE by **Thursday Oct. 11th**

Cross Country Practice Time ~ Mon-Thurs 7:45-7:55 a.m. students may practice for the Cross Country meet, by running laps around the field. Exact distances for each grade level are listed on the poster located on the athletics equipment room door.

Sign-up online ONLY: <https://goo.gl/forms/8pKuPcgebaiLgNJJe2>

SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY:**Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor: Moral Implications of Climate Change,**

On Wednesday, October 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the University of San Diego, Dr. V. Ramanathan, Member of the Pontifical Academy Sciences and Distinguished Professor of Climate Sciences at UCSD, and Martin Carbajo Núñez, Extraordinarius Faculty of Theology, Antonianum Pontifical University, Rome, will be presenting a dialogue on the Moral Implications of Climate Change. Please contact Anne Marie Oldham at amoldham@saintjamesacademy.com if you are interested in attending this event; the attached [flyer](#) has more details.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:**SJA Parents in Prayer**

Please come to pray the Rosary for our school and for your intentions every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Room of the Church. You will be glad you did!

PARISH NEWS:**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY-****Volunteers Needed for Food Packaging Event - Sunday, October 14, 2018**

Help us in partnering with Friends and Family Community Connection to package 60,000 meals to help in the fight against hunger. Two-thirds of the meals will be shipped to Haiti and one third will remain locally to help those in need here at home. We are also partnering with Mission Circle's PB&J Sandwich Program. Watch for a list of needed items to be emailed to those who register a week or so before the event. Online registration using Eventbrite [HERE!](#) For more information: Contact Ashley O'Hara: ashleyrohara66@gmail.com.

Women Together Extreme Makeover ~ Heart Edition - 10/13

Join us for a morning of well-deserved pampering of your HEART, SOUL and SPIRIT! Saturday October 13th 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the St. James Parish Hall. Cost is \$15. Bring extra cash for \$1 Mimosas and raffle tickets for exciting prizes. Program includes gourmet breakfast, pampering kits, exciting raffle and guest speaker, Dori Drabek. If interested, please contact Judy O'Connor at 760-212-4727.

PARENT EDUCATION:**Educating Happy Children Conference, 11/5**

Mary Star of the Sea, in La Jolla is hosting a conference, with José Maria Corominas speaking on Educating Happy Children. Please refer to this [flier](#) for more information.

DIOCESE NEWS:**Listening Sessions with Bishop McElroy**

During October and early November, Bishop McElroy will hold eight listening sessions throughout the diocese. These meetings will focus on seeking input from people in the pews on the pathway to reform, listening to those who have been victimized, and praying for God's grace to be our only guide. You are invited to be part of this effort by your presence or your prayers. Remaining sessions include Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Nativity.



Grateful for ½ Day Nacho Fridays! Thanks, Student Council!