



Congratulations to Ava Sulton and Sean Hanley, recipients of the Principal's Award

Family Newsletter

May 22, 2025

Annual Awards Ceremony – Celebrating Student Achievement

Dear PJ23 Families,

Last Friday, the PJ23 community gathered for our Annual Awards Ceremony, celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of our students throughout the 2024–2025 school year.

This special event recognized students who consistently went above and beyond, demonstrating academic excellence, leadership, and dedication. Honorees included students on the honor roll, as well as those who actively participated in altar serving, athletics, fine arts, academic competitions, and student council.

Two of the most prestigious recognitions—the Citizenship Award and the Principal's Excellence Award—were presented to members of the 8th grade class who exemplified the highest standards of character, service, and academic achievement. Congratulations to the winners of the Citizenship Award, Emilie Young and Elijah Gyorgy, and to the Principal's Excellence Award recipients, Ava Sulton and Sean Hanley.

We were proud to celebrate the hard work, talent, and spirit of our PJ23 students. Thank you to all the families who joined us! You can see photos of the event here: [LINK](#)

We're Almost There!

Thanks to your amazing support, we've raised over \$21,000 toward our **\$25,000** goal! If we reach it, the whole school earns a **School Movie Day!** There's still time to help—[MyBooster.com](#) will remain open through the end of today. Please consider sharing with one or two more friends or family members. Thank you for your generosity and support—your involvement makes all the difference!

Last Day of School Celebration – Join Us!

Please join us on the last day of school, Wednesday, June 4, from 8:15–10:30 AM as we celebrate a wonderful year together!

We will have Mass and a school-wide end-of-year slideshow highlighting special moments from 2024–2025. The morning will conclude with snacks provided by our Parent Association. Families are warmly invited to attend this joyful celebration with us!

Lunch Program Update for 2025–2026

Beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, Pope John XXIII School will no longer be using the FSP lunch program. FSP has informed us that they will no longer be able to provide personnel to heat and serve lunches, which makes it necessary for us to transition to a new provider.

We are pleased to announce that we will be partnering with Kiddo's Catering to provide hot lunch service for our students. Kiddo's Catering is a well-established school lunch provider known for offering fresh, kid-friendly meals sourced from local restaurants. Their online ordering system allows families to select meals in advance, and their menus include a variety of options that include vegetarian meals.

Due to our enrollment being under 250 students, lunch service through Kiddo's Catering will be offered three days a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Mondays and Fridays, all students will need to bring lunch from home.

More information about how to register and order lunches through Kiddo's Catering will be sent home before the end of the school year.

We look forward to this new partnership and thank you for your support as we continue to provide delicious and convenient lunch options for our students.

Registration Packets for Next Year

We will send home registration packets for the 2025-2026 school year next week. Please return it with your child, completed, on August 21, the first day of school.

Help Shape the Future of Catechetical Leadership

The University of Saint Mary of the Lake, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Chicago and with support from the Lilly Endowment, is working to form the next generation of catechetical leaders.

How you can help:

- **Take the Survey:** All catechetical leaders, Catholic school staff, parents, and anyone interested in passing on the faith are invited to [take this survey](#) by **June 30, 2025**.
- **Join a Learning Community:** [Click here](#) to learn more and apply to join a local Catechetical Learning Community.

Insights from the survey and communities will guide the creation of new formation programs for parish leaders in both English and Spanish.

Learn more at [USML's Catechetical Leadership for Renewal website](#).

Raffle Tickets


Congratulations to our raffle winners! \$500 winners are the Chiwah and Hanley families, and the \$1,000 winner is the Vickman family!

Annual Fund: <https://givebutter.com/PJ232025>

PJ23 2025-2026 Calendar: I am happy to share the basic dates for the next school year here:  **Basic Calendar Dates FY26 (1).pdf**

Virtus training



In order for parents to volunteer to chaperone field trips or help with class parties, you must be fully Virtus compliant. If you don't have a Virtus account, please follow this link:

 <https://www.virtusonline.org/> . When creating your account, select Pope John XXIII School as your site. If you already have an account, please check to make sure you are up to date.

Upcoming Events: Upcoming Events are located on our website's school calendar. The events will no longer be listed here, but will be on the calendar found here:

<https://www.popejohn23.org/calendar.html> Just scroll down the page a bit to find the monthly calendar with all events listed.

School Calendars:

Click here  Basic Calendar Dates FY26 (1).pdf for the next school year's dates
Click here for the  Complete Calendar Dates FY25

Judy Rack Memorial Scholarship: Please donate here: [LINK](#)

Blessings,

Dr. Mary Maloney