



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

1 Thessalonians, 5:16-18

December 5, 2018

**PICK UP YOUR POINSETTIAS TODAY IN THE PARISH HALL.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 8th GRADE GRADUATION FUND!**

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Parent Council Meeting- ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Friday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Mass led by 6th grade- Preschool Attends too

Due date to [RSVP](#) for Mr. Powell Day morning reception and to contribute to his retirement gift - see details below

Toy Drive donations due

12:00 Dismissal; \$3 Nachos sold by Student Council 12:00-12:30

Saturday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses at 8:00 a.m. and Noon

Sunday, December 9

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast and St. James-St. Leo Alternative Christmas Market in the Parish Hall

Pick up Pre-ordered Christmas Trees in Church Parking Lot

Monday, December 10

Mr. Powell Day: 8:00 a.m. Assembly followed by coffee/light breakfast in Parish Hall

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Friday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Mass led by 4th Grade

Sunday, December 16: 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. James-St. Leo Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall

Thursday, December 20: 7:00 p.m. All school Christmas Pageant in the church

Friday, December 21: 8:00 a.m. Mass led by Student Council/Noon dismissal

NO PM daycare available

December 22 - January 4, 2019 - Christmas Break! School resumes January 7, 2019



Wednesday Envelope Coming Home Today

Today, and on the first Wednesday of each month, your (oldest) child will bring home the Wednesday Envelope. Please be sure to read the contents of the envelope and record any service hours you have performed on the back of the envelope. This is our only method of tracking your required 30 service hours to the school. The empty envelope should be returned to school (preferably the next day) with your child.



MR. POWELL DAY- DECEMBER 10- PLEASE RSVP!

Please join us on December 10th at 8:00 a.m. on the SJA blacktop to honor Mr. Powell for his 36 years of devoted service to SJA. Following the assembly, we will celebrate Mr. Powell's retirement with coffee and a light breakfast in the parish hall. Please RSVP by 12/7. Hope to see you there! [RSVP to Mr. Powell's Retirement Assembly and Breakfast](#) More information will be provided from our classroom teachers

Melissa Mahon, PC President, is collecting money for Mr. Powell's retirement gift from past and current school families. If you would like to contribute to his gift, please drop off a monetary donation to Aminy Johnson in the front office by Friday December 7th. The gift will be presented to Mr. Powell at the assembly.

Faith Formation for Children and St. James Academy Christmas Fair – December 16!

We are happy to announce that our **4th Annual Christmas Fair** this year will be co-hosted by FFC and SJA. We are excited to partner to offer a fun-filled morning on Sunday, December 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The Fair will be open to the parish, and proceeds from all donations benefit local charities and SJA. Check out the [flyer](#).

The Christmas Fair features our ever-popular **Peppermint Shop**, where children can buy and wrap affordable gifts (\$1-\$4) for their family. We will also have a charitable **Silent Auction**, **Bake Sale**, and **Crafts**. Join us for hot apple cider, continental breakfast, Nativity photo booth, music and fun!

We need your help! All families, please go to one of these links to find something that your family can contribute. There are two ways to be part of the Fair:

Click here to [SIGNUP for donations and baking](#).

Click here to [SIGNUP for volunteering your time](#) for setup or during the Fair.

Toy Drive for the Community Resource Center - Donations accepted through 12/7

The SJA 7th grade Cadette Girl Scout troop is holding a Holiday Toy Drive through Friday, December 7. You can help by donating new and unwrapped toys, stuffed animals, or books for children of all ages (up to age 18) that are in need this holiday season. The 7th grade girls will be bringing the donated toys to the Del Mar Fairgrounds for the CRC Holiday Baskets program on Saturday, December 8 and helping to sort donated items. A donation bin will be in the SJA front lobby until Friday, December 7.

Scrip Gift Cards Make Great Christmas Gifts!

See a list of available gift cards [here](#). First come, first serve basis. Stop by the school or email [Aminy Johnson](#) directly.

Shop Local: Passion Fine Jewelry

Tis' the Season. Passion Fine Jewelry (415 S Cedros Ave #100, Solana Beach) and the Jackson family have offered 20% back to SJA for any and all jewelry repairs until Christmas. Just mention SJA in store.

Women's Bible Study - New 8 week session starts this Friday, December 7th

We are starting another 8 weeks of the **Walking with Purpose** Catholic Women's Bible Study on Friday December 7th at 9:30am at the home of SJA mom, Jennay Gunderson. The book is called *Opening Your Heart* and no previous experience with bible study is necessary. We especially welcome all SJA moms interested in the study. Please contact Jennay Gunderson at 760-815-0491 or jennaymarie@cox.net or Katie Pelisek, St. James Parishioner at pelicandesign@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for considering. We hope you'll join us.

USD Catholic Schools Week Basketball Game - January 26th at 7:00 p.m.

The Diocese of San Diego is kicking off Catholic Schools Week 2019 with a basketball game at USD. Tickets to this inaugural event (the game between USD and the University of San Francisco) are \$10 and include a concessions voucher. Schools that sell the most tickets will be invited to participate in fun activities during the game. Questions? Email Julie Cantillon: jcantillon@sdcatholic.org See the [flyer](#) for more details.



VOL_NTEER_! WHAT'S MISSING? UR!

2nd Grade has Lunch Yard Duty for the month of December, but any and all parents are encouraged to sign up for a convenient time. Yard duty is worth double hours toward your 30 hours of service. Sign up here: [Yard Duty Sign-Up Genius](#) .

Additional Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to Yard Duty, there are a variety of ways to volunteer, get involved, and get to know others in your SJA family. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Christmas Fair, SJA Open House, and our annual gala. Reference this [Volunteer Opportunities Sign-Up Genius](#) to help at events and activities throughout the school year. Parent involvement and participation is the key to building our beautiful community!



THANK YOU ANGELS for DONATING TO THE ANNUAL FUND

WOW! The SJA Annual Fund has earned \$44,695 an amount that covers the tuition shortfall for almost 25 students! We are almost half-way to meet our goal of \$90,000, the amount that will cover the shortfall for 25% (50) of our students!

We are profoundly grateful to the following individuals and families for their support:

Marilyn Ambrose

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This year, **every family is encouraged to make a minimum, tax deductible \$100 donation to the Annual Fund (\$14.29/month for the remaining 7 months of school), 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!

With Gratitude,
Christine