



“Christ, my hope, has risen. Alleluia!” (Easter Sequence)

Dear Families,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday and the Church celebration of Christ the King this Sunday, we prepare our hearts to be grateful for all the blessings we continually receive. The students have done a wonderful job presenting the character trait of “gratitude” all week long. Mrs. P.’s third grade presented at Morning Assembly today, listing many of our blessings in a “chain of blessing.” The preface to the Eucharistic prayer recited this week by Msgr. Williams at our school Mass stated: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.” The word Eucharist is a Greek word meaning “Thanksgiving.” When we offer the Eucharist, through the priest, we give the perfect form of Thanksgiving for the countless blessings we receive everyday through the beneficence of God’s providential love. As the students reminded us this morning, an attitude of gratitude should be our continual frame of mind and frame of reference. Let us heed the reminder from the third-grade students. Happy Thanksgiving!

--John Donohue

****Uniform Notice**** - As the forecast calls for much cooler weather in the upcoming days and weeks, the 2nd trimester uniform additions will be permitted effective immediately (ie. pants, sweatshirts, leggings under dresses/skirts with socks the same color...) Please use your best judgment, based on the weather, to ensure students are dressed appropriately for the school day. Refer to the “Dress Code” online for complete details.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR OUR SCHOOL MASSES- Each Tuesday as we come together as a faith community at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we pray for many intentions in our world, diocese and local community. If you have a special intention, memorial or request and would like to have the Mass said for that intention, please contact Lori D’Argenio at ldargenio@jp2catholicschool.org to make a request. Intentions will be granted on a first contact basis. Thank you for your understanding and be assured of our constant general prayers for our SJPII community. Our Mass book will be open for intentions in November for the next Liturgical Year. The first Tuesday Mass in the new Liturgical Year is Tuesday, December 3rd.

Aftercare is HIRING- SJPII is currently hiring Aftercare Staff. Aftercare hours are Monday-Friday 2:15-6:00, but time can be shared. If you, or someone you know, are interested please contact Leeann Felicetta at lafelicetta@jp2catholicschool.org with questions or for an application.

POSITIVITY PROJECT FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 25th: Other People Matter

PTO - Our PTO needs YOU! We have 2 open officer positions that we must fill immediately:
- treasurer - recording secretary

Both positions are great opportunities to help the school realize its vision—and fulfill your volunteer hour commitment at the same time. If you’re interested, contact PTOpres@jp2catholicschool.org.

SCRIP - Earn money for our school **AND** toward your tuition by purchasing scrip! For your convenience, orders for escrip can be processed online *at any time*. For information on how to participate, contact Erica Brower at ericabrower@gmail.com.

LIFETOUCH Please complete all picture orders **ONLINE**. **NO** orders or money will be taken in the school office. Class pictures are in the folders this week.

Piggy Banks for Pews- Is a campaign that will begin December 2nd and end December 9th (The feast of San Juan Diego). The campaign will help the community at San Juan Diego parish celebrate God’s love, family, and community through a donation for a pew. During this time we ask children to collect and bring in loose change to aid in the purchase of new pews. Please pray upon this lasting gift to the Mission of San Juan Diego, Fr. Javier’s parish. He gave so much joy to our school last year and loves SJPII immensely. He would be grateful and humbled by our willingness to help the Mission. A flyer will be in next week’s mailer including the specifics of the change drive.

Author Visit-Friday, November 22nd Shannon Messenger, author of “Keeper of the Lost Cities” series, will visit SJPII and speak to students in grades 4-8.

Thanksgiving Meal Boxes- will be picked up this Friday morning November 21st. Please make sure all donations are placed in the boxes outside the classrooms.

Christmas Pageant Grades 1-8- The SJPII Christmas Pageant will be Thursday, December 5 at 6:00pm in the Activity Center.

THIS WEEK

Wed., Nov. 20- 3:00pm Honk Jr. Cast and Stage Crew

Thur, Nov. 21- 7:00am Mathcounts; 4:00pm Basketball game away against Berean Baptist Academy

Fri, Nov. 22 - 7:00am Math Tutoring; Thanksgiving donation boxes collected; Art Club 3:30-4:30pm in Room 2

UPCOMING

Mon, Nov. 25 - 6:30am Boys Basketball practice; 3:30pm Girls Basketball Practice

Tue, Nov. 26 - 6:30am Boys Basketball practice; Mass 8:30-9:15am; Homework Club 3:00-4:30pm; LEGO 3:00-4:30pm; Girls Basketball Practice 3:30pm

Sat, Nov. 30 - Girls Basketball Practice 10:30am-12:00pm

Thurs., Dec. 5- SJPII Christmas Pageant Grades 1-8