



Principal's Parent Newsletter

September 13, 2026

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

September – Hospitality and Courtesy

We are working on these two virtues during September. Some practices are: to include all classmates at lunch and recess and to show good manners. "Please" and "thank you" are important words to use. Holding the door for each other and taking turns demonstrate courtesy, also.

Some students will be recognized for practicing these virtues after the 8:30 Mass on Friday, October 2.

October Virtue: Kindness & Compassion

Morning Drop Off

Please do NOT use the driveway near the Thrift Shop in the morning. This is for BUS drop off only.

FACTS – Communication Tool

Teachers will be using the FACTS communication tool when reporting student infractions of the Code of Conduct in place of Demerit Slips. This will enable parents to receive information in a timely manner.

We are currently updating the Code of Conduct. When this is completed, we will send the revised Handbook.

Movie and Ice Cream Social

Thank you to the Home and School for sponsoring a fun social gathering on Friday evening. We had a wonderful turnout and the weather cooperated. All enjoyed the Mr. Softee ice cream treat.

i-Ready Testing

Students in K – 8 will complete the first online diagnostic screening.

9/14 – Monday – Reading

9/15 – Tuesday – Math

Teachers will use this data to plan instruction to challenge and remediate where needed.

Birthday Spirit Wear

On Wednesday, 9/16, we will celebrate the students who had a birthday in August or have a birthday in September. Students can wear their spirit wear or PE uniform.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

Thursday, September 17 @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

Both meetings will be in church.

ALTAR SERVERS

Students in grades 4 – 8 are welcome to serve at Mass. Please send in the signed form to the office. Training for new servers will begin this week.

Dine to Donate

The Home and School Association has arranged a Dine to Donate event on Tuesday, September 22 at Ron's Original Bar and Grille.

HOME AND SCHOOL GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for the first General meeting on Thursday, 9/24, 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Get involved with the many activities and events that will be happening throughout the year. Parents who attend the meeting will receive a NUT (No Uniform Today) pass for your children. Parents who attend all four meetings this year will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition credit for next year.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

The eighth graders will take the HSPT on Tuesday, 9/22 at SSPJ. This test is used for placement in their high school courses.

SAFE 2 SAY

Each year the students in grades 6 – 8 are trained in the Safe 2 Say protocol. This enables students to recognize signs that a friend or classmate may need help from a trusted adult.

BAND UPDATE

Instrumental lessons are given on Tuesdays. Band will take place during lunch recess on the same day. Students will not be required to stay after school for band.

PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, 9/30

Students may dress up or wear their school uniform for pictures. The pictures are used in the Yearbook.

CYO SPORTS

Be sure to check the various emails about CYO sports and register by the deadline. For more information, see the CYO website.

<https://sspjcyo.teamsnapsites.com/>

Volunteers Needed

There are several slots available to help in the Phone Room. If you can help for a two-hour slot, please contact Mrs. Holly Monteith who is coordinating the schedule.

If you can only do one hour, 8:00 – 9:00 would be a great help.

hollymontty@gmail.com

Times: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 – 12:00 noon

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Be sure to download the app for Boxtops for Education. When you are shopping, scan your receipt and send to Saints Philip and James School. This is an easy way to contribute to SSPJ School.

<https://boxtops4education.com/>

