



Principal's Parent Newsletter

September 21, 2025

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 3.

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.

After School Car Pick Up

Reminder: Please display your family name card on the front passenger window. This helps the teachers who are calling family names via their Walkie-Talkies into the cafeteria. Thank you!

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.

Dine to Donate

The Home and School Association has arranged a Dine to Donate event on Thursday, September 25 at The Pour House. The flyer was emailed earlier today.

HOME AND SCHOOL GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for the first General meeting on Thursday, 9/25, 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

If you missed the meeting, be sure to contact Sister Marie Garman dresspj@sspj.net to receive your folder with important dates and information for this sacrament.

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.

SCOUT PRESENTATION

There will be a Scout presentation during lunch on Tuesday, 9/23. Students will receive more information to bring home. SSPJ sponsors a Scout troop that meets on Wednesday evenings in the school cafeteria.



PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, 9/24

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/>

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.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

The eighth graders will take the HSPT on Tuesday, 9/23 at SSPJ. This test is used for placement in their high school courses.

West Whiteland Police

We are grateful to our WW Police Department for their presence during our Friday school Masses. Their support and sensitivity is a gift to us.

Patrol Officer Nick Higgins is our school liaison this year. When he is on morning duty, he will periodically visit school, walk through so the students get to know and recognize him, and learn the layout of the school in case of an emergency.

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.