



The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane
September 11, 2026

"Today and every day, be a peacemaker."

Dear 8th Grade Parents:

Twenty five years ago terrorists attacked the United States, killing over 3,000 civilians. This attacked prompted years of war and profound changes in our country and in our lives. Those of us of a certain age can certainly reflect on life before and after the traumatic events of that day. As my generation said of Pearl Harbor, and we should now say of 9/11, never forget.

Today we will be doing a "Read-In." We will be reading with our 2nd grade buddies in various locations around the school for just over an hour to help us develop our love of reading.

The Candlemass went well. The 8th graders have been encouraged to be role models for their fellow students this year. They performed a skit explaining the Beatitudes and how they might be a light to others.

We are looking forward to the Fun Run this afternoon.

St. Matthias will be hosting a high school fair again this year. It will be Wednesday, 9/23 6:30-7:30. See attached details.

In science we are learning about Newton's Laws of Motion. We analyzed the Nicene Creed in religion class. In art we are choosing colors to emphasize seasonal themes.

Important Dates

September 15 – Summer birthdays out of uniform day.

September 22 – September birthdays out of uniform day.

September 23 – Chesterton High School visit to SJE.

St. Matthias High School Fair

September 30 – St. Lawrence Seminary visit to SJE.

Sincerely,

Mr. Courchane

8th Grade Homeroom

Middle School Science and Religion

"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate." — Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl.

