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**Jenn DeSablo**  
1st year with  
SJPII!

# Eagle News

October 18, 2024

For God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26



Virtue of the Week: Modesty. Purity of heart in action, especially in regards to dress and speech.

Dear SJPII Families,

On Wednesday, Fr. Jay, associate priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, celebrated Mass and began his homily by asking the students, "Why would an eagle, our school mascot, choose to fight a snake in the air rather than on the ground?" He explained how the eagle swoops down, lifts the snake off the ground, and continues the battle in the air, where the eagle holds the advantage, instead of on the ground where the snake would be stronger. Fr. Jay used this imagery to encourage us to keep our eyes lifted to the heavens, reminding us that God is always there to help us. He urged everyone to acknowledge God's presence daily in their lives. Additionally, the Visitation of Mary Baskets were sent home with the Hernandez family (Vincent, Antonio, Noah) and the Stivers family (Lydia, Luca). Enjoy honoring Mary with prayers as you welcome the Mary basket into your home!

We continue to lift up in prayer all those impacted by Hurricane Helene in western NC. Schools across the Diocese of Raleigh have come together, pledging over \$66,500 to support the hurricane relief efforts for the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Charlotte. At SJPII, we collected donations and celebrated with a Legacy Apparel Day to express our gratitude for the community's generous contributions. SJPII is truly blessed to have such compassionate and giving families!

Wishing you a wonderful autumn weekend! We applaud our students for their continued focus and dedication as they grow spiritually, academically, in personal responsibility, and in service to others!

Pax vobiscum

Marian V. Kajfez, Principal

## Shout Outs

- **SJPII Families and Staff:** We are thrilled to announce that we collected and will be donating a generous amount of \$5,000+ to support the Diocese of Charlotte Catholic Schools. This donation, made in cooperation with the Diocese of Raleigh Office of Education, will aid in relief efforts following Hurricane Helene. A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone for your incredible generosity!
- **Adopt a Highway:** A big thank you to Mary Ann Richard, Ignacio Baeza, and their amazing "Crew" of students, parents, teachers, and extended families for coming together to clean up Camp Easter Road on Tuesday! Your efforts truly demonstrate "Care for God's Creation"!

## Dates to Remember

**Oct 1-25:** Collection drive of diapers and wipes for the Life Care Pregnancy Center

**Oct 21 - 25:** Charlotte Diocese Catholic Schools pledge payments due to office

**Oct. 23:** Pumpkin Decorating contest

**Oct. 23:** Used uniform sale 2:30 PM in the Tru-Legacy Activity Center

**Oct. 25:** Living Rosary at 2:15 PM/Collections of diapers & wipes delivered to the LCPC

**Oct. 25:** Academic Quarter 1 concludes

**Oct. 31:** Noon Dismissal (Parent Teacher conferences)

**Nov. 1:** No School (Parent Teacher conferences); Q1 report cards distributed

**Nov. 8:** Noon Dismissal

**Nov. 20:** Picture Day make-ups

## Did You Know

- **Winter Uniforms:** Autumn is here! Please remember to wear or bring a jacket each day, and it's time to start wearing long pants for classes and sweatpants for PE. If the forecast predicts temperatures of 70+ degrees, shorts are still acceptable. We'll let everyone know in early November when shorts will no longer be allowed until spring. See pages 26-28 in the Family Handbook for details.
- **Lost & Found:** Our lost and found pile in the AC is "growing" with jackets and other items! Please make sure your child's name is on their clothing. Don't forget to check the AC for any lost articles and water bottles.
- The 7th & 8th graders are selling beautiful **Christmas wreaths and pointsettas!** Order yours today (form attached)!
- Our **Tiny Saints** fundraiser is still on. Order yours today and enter to win a tiny St. John Paul II on Facebook!

## Sports Corner

**Congratulations** to the **Boys' Soccer** team and the **Girls' Volleyball** team for securing the number 1 seed in each of their sports!!!

- Mon, Oct. 21: Soccer semifinal game - Covenant Prep Academy (seed #4) vs SJPII (seed #1) (HOME-4pm)
- Wed, Oct. 23: Volleyball semifinal game - St. Patrick's (seed #4) vs SJPII (seed #1) (HOME -4pm)
- Thurs, Oct. 24: XC Championship @ SCCS
- Fri, Oct. 25: Both Volleyball and Soccer will be played for the games (TBD - 4pm)

Volunteer website:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/>

Safe Environment Training:

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/calendar?office=2249>