



SJRS Update

March, 2009

Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope that February break provided you all with time to rejuvenate and relax! Spring is in the air! Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow! Warm weather, cool spring breezes, and the beautiful blossoms of spring are just around the corner.

I would like to thank you all for being attentive to your re-registration information and providing the office with all the necessary paperwork. Your diligence allowed us to accept new students in a timely fashion. We are truly blessed that in spite of trying economic times, SJRS has close to full enrollment for next year. We have a few spots in PreK, grade 1, and grade 2. New students will be visiting the classrooms over the next several weeks.

I would also like to thank all the parents who attended our information night on February 4th. Please continue to get involved in whatever ways you are comfortable. The PTO, Advisory Board committees, Teams and Activities, and the office have opportunities for parents to get involved.

Please take note of the news contained in the SJRS Update, which is also available online. Important information regarding upcoming events, date changes, and informational meetings are provided here. If you have information you would like to see contained in the Update, please give me a call.

REMINDER – Interactive Progress Fair, previously our Progress Fair/Ice Cream Social held in May, is Tuesday, March 17th from 3PM – 6PM. The Ice Cream Social will be held in May. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Peace and Lenten Blessings,
Michele M. McKenna

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Calendar Updates –

- March 17th Interactive Progress Fair
3PM – 6PM
- March 28th Open House for Prospective Students grades PreK – 2
10AM – 12PM
- April 4th Open House for Prospective Junior High Students 10AM – 12PM
- April 6th Uniform Fitting 8:30 – 10:30
- April 8th Passion Play
- April 10th Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
- April 13th – April 17th Terra Nova Testing
- April 15th Coffee with Mrs. McKenna
8AM library
- April 20th – April 24th Spring Recess – NO SCHOOL

Reminder!!!

Winter Uniform is over. Pants are no longer acceptable unless they are worn under skirts and/or jumpers on cold mornings. Please be sure to remind your children and help us reflect SJRS pride, by wearing the appropriate uniform. Also...please send your child with the appropriate outdoor clothes, as we go outside daily.

Terra Nova Testing will take place the week of April 13th. Please make every effort to have your children arrive on time, after a goodnight's rest, and a healthy breakfast. PLEASE refrain from having students dismissed for appointments. We greatly appreciate your efforts in ensuring a smooth week for the children.

Advisory Board Update!

I hope all of you are having a great school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended the parent meeting in February. Our goal was to explain the role of the Advisory Board, introduce ourselves and provide information on our committees. It has been wonderful to hear your feedback and ideas. Thanks to one parent's idea, we have a new suggestion box located next to the carousel outside the office. If you have an idea or suggestion, jot it down and drop it in the box. Feel free to take credit for your idea, or remain anonymous.

The Advisory Board committee work has begun, and it has been a pleasure to see so much enthusiasm. We will continue to provide updates on the committee work in the SJRS Update. We are planning a coffee chat with Mrs. McKenna and the Advisory Board on Wednesday, April 15th at 8:00 am, in the library. We hope you can join us!

Once again, it is time to begin planning for the SJRSs Annual Auction, our school's biggest fundraiser. We hope that you will join the auction committee. It was a lot of fun last year, and we look forward to another fantastic event. We will be having an auction meeting within the next month and will most certainly put more information out through the SJRS Update and the Wednesday envelope.

I look forward to working with the entire SJRS community to continue the proud tradition of SJRS. I wish you all a Blessed Easter.

Regards,
Lisa Fauteux

Marketing Committee – has been hard at work beginning to lay the foundation for parish liaisons. If anyone is interested in getting involved, serving as a liaison, or brainstorming ways to spread the news about SJRS, please get in touch with Mike Griffin at mgriffin@sadlerinsurance.com or Lisa Fauteux at lfauteux@metrocast.net.

Policy Committee – will be reviewing the Parent/Student Community Handbook during April and May. A form will be distributed in the next Update asking for your input – points in the handbook that need clarification, additions to the handbooks, and/or suggestions. Questions may be directed to Ron Pedro at ronsusan2000@yahoo.com.

Facilities Committee – will be meeting on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30 AM in the library to discuss long-term facility needs as well as short-term needs. If you would like to get involved, please join us. Questions may be directed to Chris Mulleavey at cmulleavey@hoyletanner.com.

Strategic Planning Committee – is at work reading and digesting the plan submitted by Susan Varn this fall. In addition to guiding SJRS through the planning process this past year, Susan is the same consultant who worked with Sr. Irene in 1995 to develop our

earlier strategic plan. The committee plans to review the goals and timetables laid out in the plan and identify a few areas we can focus our attention on immediately. We will also work to develop implementation strategies for the rest of the plan. The actual work of implementing the strategic plan will be shared by all of the SJRS committees. The Strategic Planning committee will also work on summarizing and sharing the plan with the entire SJRS community. If you have ideas that you would like to share, please contact Laurel Will at laurelanddan@comcast.net.

St. John Regional School Resident Artists –

Grace Mulleavey was awarded 2nd place by the NH Water Pollution Control Association for her Clean Water Poster. A framed copy of Grace's poster will hang in Governor Lynch's office as well as at the Department of Environmental Services in Concord. Congratulations Grace!

Erin Barrett, Madison Crutchfield, Caroline Urbanek, and Nicholas Feltham, are displaying artwork at the Red River Theatre in Concord, from March 2-31, as part of an exhibit sponsored by the New Hampshire Art Teachers' Association. Congratulations Erin, Madison, Caroline, and Nick!

Catherine Martel, Rachel Achong, Andrew Leonard, Alexandria Savage, Joseph Chadwick, Chris Mulleavey, Andrew Yvars, Jamie Puckett, Brittany Catcher, Gabrielle Eaton, Jessica Malfait, and Margaret McKenna will display artwork at Kimball –Jenkins School, as part of the Concord Art Educators' Art Exhibition from May 8-29.

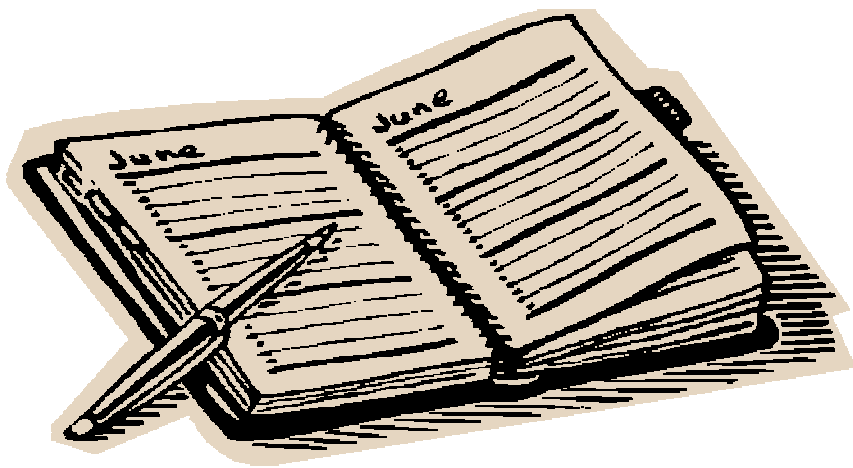
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RESIDENT ARTISTS!

PTO news...the PTO meeting scheduled for March 12th will be rescheduled. PTO is looking for volunteers to help us plan this year's Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 4th – 8th). If you have any ideas and/or would like to help with this special event please join us at the PTO meeting. If you want to help, but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Lisa Tierney at ltkierney@yahoo.com or 774-5548.

PTO minutes are now available online. Go to the SJRS website and visit the PTO page. Click on the date and view the corresponding minutes.

PTO is in the process of planning a Family Fun Night for the Junior High students. We would love to hear any suggestions. We are also looking for a few parents of Jr. High students to coordinate the evening. Let us know if you can help!

Preparations for Kids Fair (held the last day of school), are already underway. The 7th grade room parents organize the event, but they can use help from everyone. If you have a connection, an idea, and/or would like to help with our "Carnival", please contact Diane Gadoury at [dgdoury@gadourynh.com](mailto:dgadoury@gadourynh.com)



Year End Dates to remember

...as of today, the last day of school is scheduled to be Friday, June 19th, with dismissal at 1PM. The Kids' Fair will also be held on that day. As a result, the dates for the following year end activities have been changed. PLEASE mark your calendars accordingly.

June 10th - 8th grade Social Dinner

June 15th - Year End Liturgy, 9AM, all parents welcome

June 16th - Graduation, 7PM

June 18th - Awards Ceremony, grades K-7/Moving Up Day!

June 19th - Kids' Fair, 1PM Dismissal, Staff Appreciation Dinner, LAST DAY of SCHOOL

PAY IT FORWARD. Help us continue the traditions of excellence for many generations to come. Given the current state of the economy, it is not an easy task to ask parents, friends, and long-time supporters of the St. John Community to give money, but in order to ensure the long-term security of our school, it is critical. Time, talents, and treasures are key ingredients to a successful community that lives Christ's message by giving generously.

The Annual Fund request will be coming to you shortly, and I pray that every SJRS family will consider making a contribution. Money given to the Annual Fund helps us to meet our financial commitments and allows us to give financial assistance to families in need. EVERY DOLLAR HELPS, AND NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL. I appreciate your consideration.

The following students were winners of a Safety-themed Coloring Contest, sponsored by the Catholic War Veterans:

1st place

Peter Bittman, grade 1

2nd place

Maggie Connolly, grade 2

3rd place

Christa DeMichelis, grade 2

Honorable Mention Alexcis Mahoney, grade 1

Talia DeBlasie, grade 2

Haley Royce, grade 2

PTO would like to thank Kelly Finemore and her mother, Bette, for the fabulous cookies they baked for the Advent Con cert.

Reminder...mark your calendars that testing week for grades 2-8 is April 13th-17th. Please make every attempt to not schedule appointments during the day, so that students will not have to make up portions of the test.

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE remember to send in CAMPBELL soup labels from Campbell products, Box Top for Education labels, as well as any Hannaford Helps School Certificates you may acquire. Every little bit helps the school. Many thanks to Diane Gadoury for facilitating this program. You may call her with any questions at 848-2482.

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