



SJA May 2021 Newsletter

Principal McDonald's Message

I don't know about you but I am ready for some May flowers. May will be a busy month. Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated during the first full week of May each year. This year it will be May 3-7 with National Teacher Day on May 4. As a special gesture, you might want to consider having your child write and deliver a letter to their teacher. This can be an especially heartfelt gesture if the teacher taught your child how to write this year. Also during this first week of May we celebrate Nurses Week every year from May 6 to May 12 to shine a spotlight on the incredible nurses across the country that have devoted their lives to the betterment of the lives of others. May 6th (the first Wednesday of Nurses Week) is National School Nurse Day. Unfortunately, neither of our dedicated School Nurses is here on Wednesday but you could always thank Nurse Pat on Tuesday and Nurse Sarah on Thursday for their help keeping everyone at St. Joan of Arc School safe.

Other upcoming events during the month of May include Dollar Dress Down Day on Friday, May 7th and Birthday Day on Tuesday, May 11th. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th. Saturday, May 15th is the Savers Event from 9-1 at the rectory garage sponsored by the Ste. Rose de Lima Church. Walk-a-thon will be held on Friday, May 14th with a rain date of Monday, May 17th. There will be more news to follow on this event. And lastly, Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 31st and will be a no school day for staff and students. Happy May Day to everyone and please stay safe!



Upcoming Events

May 7th
Dollar Dress Down

May 11th
Birthday Day

May 12th
Zoom Bingo Meeting

May 14th
(Rain Date May 17th)
Walk-A-Thon

May 15th
Savers Event
9am-1pm Drop off at the
Ste. Rose Rectory Garage on
Lafayette Street, Chicopee

May 31st
Memorial Day
No School

COVID-19 Concerns?

Please contact the following staff at 533-1475.

Principal William McDonald

Nurse Patricia Couture

Nurse Sarah Hurley

Secretary Cara Galindo



Bingo Meeting

Bingo Meeting for all current and any interested volunteers. Please join us **Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30pm via zoom** to discuss the reopening of bingo, positions that need to be filled and any other questions you may have. The success of bingo relies on the volunteers! Thank you, Chris McDaniel - Member-in-Charge (mcdaniel@umass.edu)"

Join BINGO Zoom Meeting

<https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/91499012113>

More Important News Congratulations!

On Saturday, May 8th, Mrs. Kurpaska's Second Grade Class made the sacrament of First Communion at Ste. Rose de Lima Church. We wish to congratulate them and welcome them to the "church family table."

Cafeteria News

Miss Kerry in the school cafeteria would like to remind families that breakfast and lunch is free to the students. The "FREE" status is based on number of students participating during the school year. If participation numbers go down, the program offered by Sodexo will be impacted. When planning your lunch choices for the week, please utilize the free lunch whenever you can. Thank you.

Walk-A-Thon

Our last fundraiser of the year will be the Walk-A-Thon. Please check your child's(ren's) backpack for the pledge form and permission slip. This fundraiser pays each classroom 10% of the classroom proceeds. As we all know, there are many times that teachers buy items such as supplies, student rewards or an end of the year treat. Whatever they choose the students always benefit from the proceeds. It will certainly be nice for the students to walk to the park and enjoy an almost normal school event. Pray for good weather!

Thank You PTO

The faculty & staff wish to thank the SJA PTO for the Teacher Appreciation luncheon. It was a uplifting & delicious gift!
THANK YOU!

FACTS

SJA School, per the Catholic Schools Office, will be utilizing FACTS Advanced Accounting to manage all family tuition invoices for the upcoming school year. How does this affect your family?

If you are a current FACTS customer using the monthly installment payment plan, you will be electronically re-enrolled the same as last year. You will be charged the annual FACTS fee. You will receive an email with a summary of your payment dates.

If you are switching from Pay In Full to FACTS, please set up your account @

<https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx>.

Once your account moves from pending to active, you will be charged the annual FACTS fee and receive an email with your payment dates.

If you are planning to Pay In Full for 2021-2022, the SJA Business Office will generate an invoice in FACTS. You do not need to create an account. There is no FACTS fee. The tuition invoice will be mailed/emailed to you. You can pay in full online at [factsmgt.com](https://online.factsmgt.com) or send the payment to school for direct payment and your account will be credited.

Best Wishes

This month we say farewell to Kelley Finn, School Secretary. Miss Kelley is pursuing another job opportunity and we wish her well. We thank her for 5 years of service to the school family and will miss her energy and sense of humor.

Welcome

This month we welcome Miss Stephanie St. Denis as a long term sub for Mrs. K. in Kindergarten. Mrs. Krajewski will be going on maternity leave. Miss St. Denis has visited the classroom on several occasions to meet the children and get familiar with the classroom routine. She is ready to step in when the baby arrives! Her email is stdenis@sjachicopee.org

Mrs. Cara Galindo is joining SJA as the school secretary. Mrs. Galindo has been working alongside Miss Kelley learning the FACTS SIS and other office duties. Welcome Mrs. Galindo!

Mother's Day to Father's Day Church Raffle

Winners will be posted on the school website, Ste. Rose website and social media pages. There are great prizes all donated by the local community. We are so grateful for their generosity. Good luck!

Website News

Miss Gagnon and Mrs. Raymond researched and purchased a SSL Certificate for the school website. Our website manager, Mrs. Mary Marra, successfully uploaded it to the website. The 5 year certificate provides an extra level of security for visitors who utilize the "Donate" button for online donations. It also improves our visibility for those searching for a Catholic School in Chicopee or the surrounding area.

Before and After School Billing

Once again, Mrs. Raymond and Miss Kelley wish to thank the families utilizing the Extended Care program. Billing has been a learning process this year. Joanne Denver, from the Springfield Diocese, has worked with all the Catholic schools to perfect the billing templates and import process. Your patience has been appreciated as the glitches have been addressed. Bills will go home with students this week and then one more time. The last billing will be mailed home.



*Happy Mother's Day
to all the MOMS in
your family!*



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Our **FUNDrive**[™]
will be held at:

**Ste. Rose de Lima
RECTORY GARAGE
Lafayette St, Chicopee**

**Saturday, May 15, 2021
9 AM – 1 PM**

and will benefit:

St. Joan of Arc School

Sponsored by the St. Joan of Arc PTO

learn more:

* The event is rain or shine.

Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please email stjoanpto@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

we accept:

-  CLOTHING
-  SHOES
-  BEDDING / TOWELS
-  ACCESSORIES

FUNDrive[™]
 **savers**

We Are Collecting Clothes men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc. Household Textiles bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc. Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.