



2024

Message from Principal McDonald

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 6-10 with National Teacher Day held on May 7th. I wish to thank my faculty for their dedication to their students and to Catholic education. THANK YOU!

Also, we celebrate Nurses Week 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 8th is National School Nurse Day. On behalf of the faculty, staff and families, I thank Miss Sarah and Miss Courtney for all the attention and care they provide our students! Happy Nurses Week to all SJA parents who serve in the nursing career.

Saturday, we will celebrate First Communion with Mrs. Sherburne's class. They have been preparing and rehearsing for their special day in which they join Ste. Rose parish at God's table. God Bless!



Immediately after the Ascension of the Lord Mass this morning, PAC performed Matilda Jr. for the students in the church hall. BRAVO! An evening performance for the public is tonight and Friday. Both shows start at 7:00PM. Doors open at 6:40PM.

Fourth Quarter Progress Reports are going home tomorrow, May 10th. Birthday Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 14th. As a reminder July and November birthdays will also be celebrated in May.

Pray for sunshine on Friday, May 17th! The rain date is Monday, May 20th. It is a Free Dress down day. There will be a Dollar Dress Down Day on Friday, May 24th. Lastly, members of the American Legion Post 337 will conduct a Memorial Day wreath ceremony on Friday, May 24th. SJA will be closed on Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day.



Stay Safe,
Principal McDonald



Upcoming Events

May 6-10th
National Teacher & Nurse Week

May 7, 14, 21, 28
Chess Club

May 7 & 21
Savings Makes Cents

May 9th
PAC Presents Matilda 10 am
Show for SJA Gr. 1-8 & 7 pm

May 10th
PAC Presents Matilda 7 pm

May 11th
11 am First Communion

May 12th
Crowning of Mary

May 14th
May, Jul & Nov Birthday Day

May 16th
6 pm PTO Meeting

May 17th
Field Day (Rain Date May 20th)

May 21st
Appreciation Breakfast
School Board Meeting 6pm
2024-2025 Re-Enrollment Night
in the Computer Lab 6pm

May 23rd
Reading Counts Beach Party

May 24th
Dollar Dress Down

May 27th
Memorial Day~No School

May 31st
Free Dress Down

Fundraising Updates

Thanks to everyone's participation earlier this school year, a Spring Fundraiser is not needed to meet the annual \$35,000 goal. We have exceeded the goal by **\$3,625.19!** The Walk-a-thon raised \$14,573.08, the Lottery Calendar Raffle raised \$22,178.56, Box Tops is currently at \$87.90 Coke Gives is at \$28.00, and the current Dine Out proceeds are \$1,757.65 (includes Chipotle). Based on these successes, Principal McDonald did not schedule the third school wide fundraiser! Mrs. Zyara Worthy has scheduled our next school night at D'Angelos Chicopee on May 28th.



Additionally, volunteers Mrs. Lynn Larrabee and Mrs. Linda Klein run the monthly school store. Mrs. Larrabee shops yearly for 'deals' so that our K-8 students can purchase school supplies, gifts and trinkets at very affordable prices. This store is something the students not only love, but it helps teach them math and money management skills too. In the

2023-2024 school year, the store profited **\$1,061.03** for the Principal's fund, used to buy various items for students throughout the year. In the last 10 years, the school store has profited \$6,525.31! Thank you Mrs. Larrabee & Mrs. Klein!!

Field Trips

Field trips are an education approved hands-on learning opportunity held outside the classroom. In the Fall, Pre-K visited McCray's Farm and in February they went to the Holyoke Children's Museum. Middle School students went to La Salette Shrine for Mass and toured the grounds to see the light displays. Grade 1 enjoyed a trip to the CT Science Museum.

The spring schedule includes the following trips. *Permission Slips need to be signed and returned.*

April 30: Grs. 4-7 ~ USS Constitution, Boston

April 30: Kinder ~ Amelia Park Children's Museum

May 6: Pre-K ~ Aldenville Fire Station.

May 24: Gr.3 ~ Old Sturbridge Village

May 28: Gr. 2 ~ Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory

May 30: Pre-K ~ Wildlife on Wheels

May 31: Gr. 8 ~ Boston Fenway

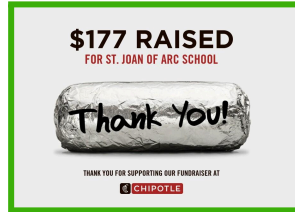
Tour & Red Sox Game

June 6: NJHS ~ Brownstone

June 7: Grs.5,6 & 7 ~ Quassy Amusement & Waterpark

SJA wishes to thank the SJA

PTO for sponsoring each student \$10 to help defray field trip costs!



Online Re-Enrollment Night-May 21st

The SJA Computer Lab will be open to parents on Tuesday, May 21st at 6pm. If you are in need of a computer and/or internet to complete the 2024-2025 online re-enrollment packets, please register with the Business Office via phone, email or a note from home. Please enter using the Visitors Door. Prior to May 21st, the intent form and registration fee needs to be returned to school.

That night you will need to bring:

- Emergency Contact Info (Name Address & Phone)
- Birth Certificate (New PK & K enrollments.)
- Baptismal Certificate*
- First Communion Certificate (Gr.2 students)
- Primary Care Doctor Contact Info, List of medications & allergies.
- Dentist Contact Info
- Bank Routing # and Account # if setting up a new FACTS Tuition Payment Account for monthly payments and/or online payment.

2024-2025 Intent forms & registration fees are due. Online re-enrollment packets due 5/30. Pay in Full payments due 6/1 for a \$100 discount. FACTS tuition payment plans start in July. ⚠



Congratulations Q3 Honor Roll & High Honor Students



Honorees with special guest Daniel Therrien of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Order.



PTO News

The Savers Drive held on Saturday, April 27th was a success and raised \$1,191.92! Thank you for supporting this annual event.

The faculty and staff wish to thank PTO for all the National Teachers Week surprises: faculty restroom refresh, bagels and yogurt breakfast bar, lunch from O'Leary's and the generous appreciation gift!



SJA PAC Presents Matilda

The St. Joan of Arc School Performing Arts Club (PAC) will present **Matilda** on Thursday and Friday May 9th and 10th at 7:00PM at the Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall Stage. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the door. Matilda will also be presented to Grades 1-8 on May 9th after the school Mass. This story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson.

FACTS Family App



Scan the QR Code or click [here](#) to download the free FACTS Family APP from the Apple Store or Google Play. Set up your profile and log in for convenient access to school and student information while on the go! The App has been customized for SJA and is integrated with features on the FACTS Family Portal. Each tile is clearly labeled and easy to use. One click and the information is ready to view.

