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WEEKLY FAMILY MEMO

September 7, 2026

Faith, Learning, and Community

Last Friday, the entire school gathered for our first All-School Mass and Flag assembly of the year. Throughout the school year, classes from 2nd grade through 8th take turns being the lectors and altar servers for the Mass. Students were reverent and participated in the liturgy, offering their attentive listening and sincere singing voices to sing and respond to the parts of the Mass. Then, for our first Flag Assembly, the Student Council definitely brought the fun and our students brought their energy! There was a fresh feeling to the assembly, with new ideas and games shaping the experience for the year. Parents and family members are always welcome at our Friday Masses and first-Friday Flag Assemblies.



This Week at SJU

Monday 9/7	Tuesday 9/8	Wednesday 9/9	Thursday 9/10	Friday 9/11
No School  Mrs. Ramirez's Birthday 🎉	Development Committee Meeting 6 p.m. (via Zoom; family dance planning)	PTG Monthly Meeting 8:15 a.m. in the library	Parent viewing day for sports practices 3:15-5 p.m. School Board Monthly Mtg 6:30 p.m. (via Zoom)	Parent viewing day for sports practices 3:15-5 p.m. Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser closes tonight

Need-to-Knows



- Family Western Dance order forms have gone home. Please return your order form for entry tickets and food orders. Returning your order forms will help the Development Committee's planning efforts and get an accurate food count for the food vendor. We hope to see you there! It will be a fun night to remember as families bond and come together in support of our school's Development Fund. The Development Fund supports projects not covered by tuition and fees and helps the school to achieve its' goal of improving the educational environment for our students.
- Cross Country practices begin this week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- STAR testing window- teachers have until 9/21/26 to have students complete these assessments. Please encourage your child to eat breakfast and have restful nights of sleep to ensure they are feeling their best in order to demonstrate all they know about the material presented to them on these assessments.
- **Parent-Viewing Days** will begin this week and will take place on Thursdays and Fridays every other week. Parents are welcome to view their child's practice from the lunch pavilion or on the volleyball courts. There will be a designated staff member monitoring the pedestrian gate and gathering areas.
- **"Coffee with Administration"** sessions are back again, and will take place in the weeks ahead. If you are interested in learning more about the following topics, please join us for small group information sessions and the opportunity to get your questions answered. Each session will be held in our school library, and will begin at 8:15 a.m. New this year: sessions will be recorded and information sent to families the following week.
 - Topic for **Wednesday 9/16**: Fundraising Obligation & Scrip
 - Topic for **Tuesday, 9/22**: All Things Gradelink & Renaissance
 - Topic for **Wednesday, 9/30**: FACTS
 - Topic for **Thursday, 10/15**: GALA

THANK YOU to our parent volunteers who showed up last week to put together the new lunch tables for our students.
Your help is GREATLY appreciated!

3 WEEKS LEFT to Fulfill Volunteer Requirements**

If you wish to/plan on volunteering at any point during the school year, for any activity that involves working with students (such as class parties or retreats, Color Run, coaching, etc.), you MUST complete the diocesan and state requirements **BEFORE 9/25/26**. A master list of volunteers will be kept in the school office FOR THE YEAR once all of the 4 requirements have been verified. The following items must be completed:

1. **LiveScan (state requirement)**- The form provided to you in your registration packet OR provided by the school office is required. This is a **one-time only** scan, and a fee will be given when requesting the LiveScan at any LiveScan facility.
2. **Safe Environment Training on CMG Connect (diocesan requirement)**- Instructions were included in the registration packet and can be emailed/picked up from the school office. You can log in to check when your certificate expires to renew. **Mandated Reporter Training (state requirement)**- This has been ADDED to the END of the Safe Environment Training on CMG Connect. You will initial an affidavit at the end of the Safe Environment Training when you complete/renew it. We are waiting to hear back from the diocese regarding parents who have completed the Safe Environment training prior to this school year and if they need to renew it before the expiration date due to the mandated reporter section added to the training.
3. **Diocesan Volunteer Policy (diocesan requirement)** must be signed and on file. This is a new form the diocese is requiring beginning this year for all volunteers. If you need another form, please come to the office.

P.T.G. EVENTS

- ★ **Football Mania tickets SOLD OUT! Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.**
- ★ **Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser runs through this FRIDAY, 9/11/26. Get your orders in. 40% of sales will go towards your fundraising obligation.**

