November 2026

Monthly School Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dear SJE Families,

November reminds us to give thanks for the blessings of our school community. I am grateful for our hardworking students, dedicated faculty and staff, and supportive families.

As we focus on compassion this quarter, we encourage our students to show Christ's love through kindness and service. Thank you for helping these values grow at home.

May God bless your family with a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. Justin Goletz
Principal

Best in Fayette for Four Years

SJE was named the #1 Private School in Fayette County for 2026—our fourth consecutive year! Our preschool also earned Silver for the second year in a row. Thank you to our families, faculty and staff, alumni, and friends for your votes and continued support. We are proud to celebrate with our entire school family!

Welcome Miss Kotarsky

Please join us in welcoming Miss Kaitlyn Kotarsky as our new fourth-grade teacher! We look forward to the learning, growth, and memories she will share with her students. Welcome to the Eagles' nest, Miss Kotarsky!

Growing in Compassion

During the second nine weeks, we will focus on compassion while continuing to practice respect and responsibility. Please encourage these values at home. Students will continue to hear daily inspirational messages at school.

November Dates and Events

Please note the following school dates and events.

DATE	EVENT
Nov. 2	Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences; no school, PreK–8 Children must attend Book Fair open during conferences
Nov. 3	Book Fair
Nov. 4	Book Fair Leo Club Core Team Meeting
Nov. 5	Early dismissal; teachers' meeting
Nov. 6	Academic assembly for academic excellence and/or perfect attendance
Nov. 9	Choir
Nov. 11	Veterans Day; no school
Nov. 12	Geibel Discovery Day for Grade 8
Nov. 13	Father–Daughter Dance
Nov. 14	Mother–Son Dance
Nov. 16	Christmas Pictures fundraiser
Nov. 18	$1 dress down day and bake sale
Nov. 19	Mass
Nov. 24	Forensics tournament at SJE
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Mass and early dismissal
Nov. 26–Dec. 1	Thanksgiving break; no school
Dec. 2	School resumes
Dec. 4	Yearbook ads due

Thanksgiving Schedule

Thanksgiving Mass and early dismissal will be on November 25. School will be closed for Thanksgiving break from November 26 through December 1. Classes resume on December 2.

School Life and Community

Cross Country Congratulations

Congratulations to our runners at the October 18 championship at St. Vincent College!

JJV: Aurora Garrison finished 2nd overall.

Varsity: Khamari Wilson finished 1st overall, and Nate Goeltz finished 3rd overall.

Thank you to coaches Amanda Voithofer, McKenna Vargo, and Todd Jessup for your time, dedication, and encouragement throughout the season!

LEO Club Serves Our Community

Our Leo Club made and distributed 75 Halloween-themed lollipops for Senior Life. Great job helping those in our community!

Flag Football

Flag football has been moved to the spring. Details will be provided closer to the time.

Girls Basketball

We are grateful to coaches John Daniloski, Mallory Daniloski, Marissa Gudac, and Megan Reda for sharing their time and talent to help make this basketball season a success.

Forensics Tournament

Mrs. Emerson is preparing our seventh- and eighth-grade students for the forensics tournament at SJE on November 24. Best wishes to our students!

With Thanks

Thank you to Jaclyn Pheasant, McKenna Vargo, and Colleen Bauer for packing the Halloween bags, and to Jaclyn for purchasing the items. We also thank Mrs. Poninsky for continuing to donate marathon prizes and Rose Sokol for the Pope Prayer Cards.

Fundraiser News

Our Sarris Candy Sale was a huge success! Thank you for supporting the ninth year of this fundraiser.

Gym/Cafeteria Ticket

October's winning gym/cafeteria ticket was #069, won by Sandy Burns and sold by the Burns Family. Congratulations!

Christmas Pictures November 16

Christmas pictures will be taken on November 16! Thank you to Kim Brown for coming in and setting up this fundraiser for our school. We appreciate your time and support! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Coming Soon Project Stuff a Bus

SJE is getting ready to spread some Christmas cheer! Help us fill a bus with toys for children in need. Stay tuned for more details!



Family Reminders and Office News

Parent Teacher Child Conferences

Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences will be held on November 2. Children must attend. Please use the glass doors or the door by Grade 1; all other doors will be locked. November 3 will be a regular school day.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be on display November 2–4. Families may visit during teacher conferences on November 2. The fair will also be open on November 3 and 4.

Uniform and School Reminders

Hair. Boys' hair must not extend below the earlobe or cover the eyes. Hair should be trimmed above the brow and should not be unkempt or shaved.

Uniforms. Girls' uniforms and boys' blazers must display the school emblem. Blazers are mandatory after November 1 for Grades 6–8. Shorts may not be worn after October 31. Only the gym sweatshirt may be worn.

Doors. Doors must not be left open or propped open.

Cell phones. Cell phones are not permitted in school. In a family emergency, a phone may be kept in the office, though this is discouraged because children can be reached through the school's phone lines.

Car pickup. Please stay in your car when picking up your child at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bullying policy. Our diocesan anti-bullying policy is available in the school office upon request.

Santa Secret Shop Donations

We need gift bags, bows, tape, and tissue paper. Please send donations to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

School Directories

School directories will be sent home to families who ordered them once they are complete. Thank you for your patience!

Yearbook Orders and Ads

Mrs. Palya is creating this year's yearbook. Order forms will be included in next month's newsletter. Mrs. Palya handles ads, and Mrs. Hearn tracks payments and orders. Every eighth grader is responsible for placing an ad. Ads are due December 4.