

*Under the guidance of Saint Joseph, Patron saint of the Universal Church, Saint Joseph School endeavors to achieve academic excellence in a faith-filled and safe environment. School staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.*

January 10, 2024

Dear Parents,

As the Christmas season has come to an end, let us hope that we keep the real Christmas spirit of Jesus' call to love one another and to go out of our way to be extra kind and helpful to one another. Saint Joseph School is part of the Feinstein Foundation Kindness Grant. Students who have been witnessed by a staff member of going out of their way to show kindness and compassion to someone else have their name and what kind act that was been witnessed into a box. Three names are drawn each month and are publically acknowledged in our school community.

**For the month of December:** Ben May for helping another student with class work without being asked; Rocky Morse who gave his classmate his special super hero napkin to help clean up a spill, and Gabriel Garganese who helped a classmate with a coat zipper when struggling to zip it up; **For the month of January:** Tanksley Woodruff who cleaned up the art tables during Before Care without being asked; Thomas FitzGerald for assisting his classmate with class work; Flynn Currier who left his spot/turn in line kickball game where he was about to score to help his sister Aurora who fell on the playground. Whether or not a student's name has been drawn, we encourage our students to always look out for one another as this is the Christian way of life.

Enclosed you will find a flyer regarding the Catholic Foundation Grant for tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year. All the directions are there and **the deadline is on March 6, 2024.**

Also enclosed is a letter informing you of our yearly asbestos inspection.

We are starting our World's finest Chocolate sale this week. Mr. Mike Marks will be here on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, for a presentation and kick-off for this fundraiser. We are hoping that all of our families will participate in this fundraiser.

May I ask that when your child is absent, please call the school to inform us. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

We will begin the winter segment of the NWEA testing which will be done between now and January 31<sup>st</sup>. As always, I have asked that our students come to school well-rested, .not only for these tests, but on a daily basis so that they can perform well in school.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>                      Beginning of the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser**

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>                      NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

**Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>                      SJS Parent Group Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.**

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal