

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to the parents for preparing a beautiful luncheon for the faculty and staff yesterday, and for providing supervision for the students during lunch recess. During the season of Advent, this was the perfect opportunity for everyone to reflect on the many blessings we experience in our ministry of Catholic education, and to pause and enjoy the friendship of our colleagues.

Please Welcome Jeanette Favaloro

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Ms. Jeanette Favaloro to the JSS faculty as our 7th and 8th grade science teacher. Ms. Favaloro, a long-time resident of the Monterey Bay area, has studied locally at CSU Monterey Bay, earning a Master's Degree in Education, a Master's Degree in Applied Marine and Watershed Science, and a teaching credential. Additionally, Ms. Favaloro earned a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Biology at Humboldt State University. Along with her classroom teaching, Ms. Favaloro has experience volunteering at the Elkhorn Slough and the SPCA, and working in both the biology and chemistry fields at UC Santa Cruz and CSU, Monterey Bay. Most importantly, Ms. Favaloro brings a love of teaching to our JSS 7th and 8th grade students.

Carmel Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

This year, the Junipero Serra School 3rd and 4th grade students have the unique opportunity to participate in the Carmel Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. **This year's event is tomorrow, December 7, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Devendorf Park, Ocean Avenue & Mission St.** The students will be leaving JSS at 4:00pm. Carmel USD will be providing the transportation to the event; parents are responsible for picking up their children at the event. Their performance is scheduled to begin at 4:40pm.

School Mass, Tomorrow, Friday, December 7

Please join your children at our school mass tomorrow, Friday, December 7, at 8:15am. The Mass will feature the JSS 4th grade students participating in the liturgy.

Junipero Serra School Fundraiser at Cibo Ristorante Italiano

Join us on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm at the award-winning Cibo Ristorante Italiano, located at 301 Alvarado in Downtown Monterey (www.cibo.com) at the corner of Del Monte, with ample parking in the adjacent parking garage.

The Cibo \$3 Happy Hour will be available in the Cibo Bar from 4pm to 7pm. The regular Cibo dinner menu will be served from 5:00pm to 10:00pm with additions. Live Jazz will be performed by Andrea's Fault Quartet and special guests from 7pm to 10pm.

Cibo will donate 20% of the revenue from the evening to the Carmel Mission Junipero Serra School when diners mention they are there for the Carmel Mission Junipero Serra School Fundraiser. There will also be a prize drawing during the evening.

Proceeds will go to providing classroom equipment and for general resources according to the school needs.

Over \$6,000 has already been raised to support this fundraiser, and items valued at over \$3,000 have already been donated for the silent auction.

Office Depot and Office Max Give Back to Schools

Did you know that Office Depot and Office Max stores will donate 5% of purchases back to JSS in quarterly credit which the school can use for free supplies? This is a small act that will make a huge difference. A flyer is going home today that you can keep in your wallet and use when making purchases. On the flyer is the school ID number: 70200217. Use this number when making your purchases at Office Depot and Office Maz.

Christmas Program

Plan to be inspired and entertained -- mark your calendars to attend the JSS Christmas Program on Wednesday evening, December 19. The event begins at 6:00pm.

Advent Season

As we begin the season of Advent, a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to the coming of Christ, we are often distracted by our busy lives and the pressures we place on ourselves during this time, and therefore deprive ourselves of fully experiencing the beauty and true meaning of Christmas. Pope Francis reminds us that Advent is a "good time to reflect on the Christian call to joyful expectancy, finding hope and consolation in waiting for Christ." May you experience peace and blessings during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Sincerely,

Bruce Stewart

Principal