

Dear Parents,

It was a very busy 4-day week which was highlighted by our 4th and 5th grade students participating in today's all school Mass Liturgy. A special thanks to their teachers for ensuring their preparation and to the parents who were able to attend the Mass.

Now that all students have completed the STAR Assessments, we have been allocating time to study the results. These results provide valuable information that informs instruction and enables all teachers to measure specific benchmarks. In two weeks we will be sending these results home along with your child's report card.

### **JSS Hurricane Outreach**

It is with great gratitude and appreciation that I share with you that the "JSS Hurricane Relief Fund" was blessed by an opening gift of \$1,500. This generous donation will bless many people and provide much needed support and encouragement, along with bringing hope and joy to the people of Puerto Rico. Following today's all school Mass, I asked all students that when they go home today, to set aside a donation to bring to school on Monday. Please join me in supporting the efforts of our students, the leadership of the JSS Student Council, and by giving thanks to the Walker Family (Erica, William, and their sons, Johnathan and William) for their generosity and for their inspirational gift to kick off the Hurricane Outreach.

### **JSSPA**

Through the leadership of the JSSPA, along with the approval and support of the Parish, we will be raising funds to resurface the gym floor, and to paint new sports boundary lines. To protect the refinished floor, a portable floor covering system needs to be funded and purchased. The protective floor covering system will be light weight, portable, and specifically designed to protect gymnasium floors from damage while being used in non-athletic events. The cost to refinish the floor is approximately \$5,000; the cost of the floor covering system is approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000. The JSSPA will be reaching out to the greater JSS Community, including the alumni, to support this project.

### **Pizza My Heart**

The JSSPA is sponsoring a Pizza My Heart Fundraiser on Thursday, October 19th at Del Monte Center in support of cleaning, recoating, and painting game lines on the Murphy Gym Floor. We will be selling \$20/\$10 gift cards. They make great gifts and can be used on the day of the event, where 30% of sales from Pizza My Heart go to JSS. Our goal is to raise \$4500 for the first phase of this project, and an additional 15K for a new cover. We will be reaching out to alumna and community members and fully believe we can achieve this. Supporting Pizza My Heart is a fun and small way our active families can participate in our larger goal. Please look for the order form that was sent home with your students.

### **Professional Development Day**

Friday, October 27, is a Diocesan Professional Development Day for all teachers and there will be no school.

### **Teacher Luncheon Thank You**

A special thanks to the JSSPA and to all of the parent volunteers who hosted a teacher luncheon last Wednesday. These lunches are truly welcomed by all the teachers as they provide an opportunity for them to socialize and enjoy a delicious and relaxing meal.

**2:00pm Dismissal on Wednesday, October 18**

Next Wednesday, October 18 is an early dismissal day (2:00pm dismissal).

Peace and Blessings to everyone and enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Bruce Stewart

Principal