

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Junipero Serra School staff, faculty, students, and parents, along with Fr. Paul and the Carmel Mission Basilica staff, it is my pleasure to welcome several new families to the school. To the Smallwood Family (kindergarten, 3rd grade), the Schuety Family (1st and 3rd grade), the Boucher Family (1st and 3rd grade), the Costa Family (1st and 3rd grade), the Malutan Family (4th and 6th grade), and the Masters-Turner Family (preschool), we welcome you, and seek to create a school year for your children that is filled with the joy of learning, that celebrates our faith, and inspires friendship. We are honored by your decision to join the JSS community, and we thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your children.

Here's the third of ***Ten Reasons Why Catholic Education Still Matters***, by Reverend Ronald J. Nuzzi, Ph.D. Director, ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education), the University of Notre Dame.

Discipline as a Faith Expectation

Catholic schools promote self-discipline through clarity of moral vision that is based on the Gospel. Students are challenged to be Christ-like in word and action. They are asked to examine their choices and action in light of the Ten Commandments and the Gospel law of love. They are given a theological foundation for ethical behavior. Students are not good because they act in accord with rules and expectations. Rather, because students are good, i.e. sons and daughters of God, they are expected to act and make choices that are in keeping with this dignity.

Family Fun Night – Enjoy a movie with new and old friends

This Friday evening, Nov. 17, beginning at 5:30pm, the JSSPA is hosting a family fun night. A light dinner will be served beginning at 5:30pm and at 6:00pm the movie, Cars 3, will begin. Children are invited to bring their sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows!

Holiday Food Drive Seeks Your Support

The JSS Student Council is collecting nonperishable food for the Monterey Food Bank. Here's how you can help. Please bring in boxes of cereal (and other grains), nut butters, canned soups and chili, boxed side dishes, breakfast bars, canned vegetables, and other nonperishable items. There will be barrels in the classrooms to collect the food. The Food drive concludes on the afternoon of Monday, November 20.

JSS is Going to the Theater

Join us on Friday, December 1, for a fun theater outing with your JSS Community at the musical production of *Mama Mia*, now playing at the Golden Bough Theater. The JSS Group price for tickets is \$30 each for adults (regular price is \$44.); Children's (12 years old and under) tickets are \$8 each; and student tickets (13-21 years old) are \$14 each. The Gold Bough Theater is located in Carmel on Monte Verde, between 8th and 9th streets. You may pick up an order form in the JSS school office. This show is PG – recommended for ages 10 and up.

The Carmel Mission Tour of Homes

The Carmel Mission Tour of Homes will showcase four beautiful homes in the Carmel area, all beautifully decorated for Christmas. Most Reverend Richard J. Garcia, Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey; The First Murphy House, Home of the Carmel Heritage Society and two other area residences, have graciously opened their homes for this tour. Shuttles will transport guests to the showcased homes.

A fabulous luncheon in Crespi Hall, prepared by local chef, N. Monica Lal, will be available for an additional fee. As an added bonus, there will be a special Christmas Gift Boutique and Jewelry Trunk Show by Arasely Rios, in the Carmel Mission Gift Store.

In addition to being a working and thriving parish, the Carmel Mission is also one of Carmel's most popular tourist attractions for many reasons. The Carmel Mission's rich history, architectural significance and the numerous special events it hosts annually (many nationally known) make it a very desirable destination. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from The Tour of Homes will go to the Carmel Mission for the purpose of Preservation of Carmel Mission Art & Artifacts.

The Tour Dates are: Thursday, November 30 & Friday, December 1, 2017 any time from 10:00am until 4:00pm (Shuttles will stop at 3:30) Home Tour \$50.00 / Home Tour & Lunch \$75.00

Tickets are available online at www.carmelmission.org or at The Carmel Mission Gift Store. For questions and additional ticket information please call Nicki at (831) 624-1271 x 214.

A flyer is attached to this email.

Gym Floor Project

For those parents who are relatively new to JSS, here's a little history of the Murphy Center, written by Monica Lal, JSS Parents Association President. "Monsignor Murphy, Pastor of the Carmel Mission Basilica Parish, recognizing physical education and athletic programs as key components of a well-rounded education, envisioned an athletic area for Junipero Serra School students. Aware of the careful planning process in the Carmel area, Monsignor Murphy brought his previous experience of creating a school gymnasium to this important project. He deftly contributed to help design the gym to be minimally visible from Rio Road, and fit in with the existing structures of both the school and Basilica. In 2002, under the guidance of Monsignor Murphy, and in partnership with the Carmel Mission Parish community, the Murphy Center was completed. During the final stages of construction in 2001, Coach Barry Panes joined the Junipero Serra School staff, and since his hiring, he has been the only Athletic Director to work in Murphy Gym."

Coach Panes, reflects about the importance of the JSS gym: *"From the very beginning I have taken pride in the school's prominent athletic facility. By having such a nice facility, I was able to have a small school like JSS become a member of the Mission Trail Athletic League. JSS has recently branched off and has*

become the main facility for both volleyball and basketball in the Independent Parochial Athletic League. The IPAL consists of eleven schools, who all at one time will compete in our great facility this year."

I also want to thank the following families for their generous support to kick-off the fund raising for the gym floor project: The Summers and Womack families, along with an anonymous JSS family, whose combined donations of \$1,725, along with the Pizza My Heart event, which raised over \$500, gives this fund-raising project tremendous momentum.

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving break is almost here. Next Tuesday, November 21, will be an early dismissal (noon) and there will be no extended care on that day.

Peace and blessings.

Bruce Stewart

Principal