

# IN THE LOOP

SJY NEWSLETTER



Saturday, October 5, 2019

## Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

October has arrived and our schedule at SJY is gearing up. Beginning today, we celebrated the joy of appreciating our friars on the Feast of St. Francis. This year is extra special as our school family was able to honor Father Tague as he celebrated Mass for the first time with our students. At the conclusion of the Mass, the students presented Father Tague with a beautiful framed prayer they produced and sang "The Prayer of St. Francis" as a blessing to him. We are very grateful for having Father Tague at St. Joseph School!



Another celebration we are happy to share is the diligent collection of Box Tops our families have participated in during these early weeks of the school year. Working together, we have raised \$504 through our first campaign. Woo Hoo! I believe that calls for a celebration.....how does a dress down day sound? **All students may dress down on Thursday, October 10.** We really appreciate when our families review and observe the handbook policies regarding out of uniform days. It makes the celebration sweeter!

We are also eager to meet our parents next week during conference time. It is a wonderful time to learn about your child's progress in the new year and learn ways to support his/her academic growth, skill development and work habits. I hope that you find them as productive as we do. Besides receiving progress reports, we are asking families to complete a few short forms during this time. We ask that you prepare to spend a few extra minutes to assist in this effort, it is very important to us. Thank you!

## Conferences / Early Dismissal

### October 9-11

Early Dismissal every day at 12 noon.

Forms were sent home with students Thursday or Friday with your scheduled conference date/time. Please be sure to review and note your conference time(s).



## No School– Columbus Day

### Monday, October 14

SJY will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

## Winter Uniform Begins

### October 15

All students are to wear their Winter Uniforms. Please be sure to review the Student Handbook for proper attire.

## Picture Day

### Thursday, October 17

All students are to wear their Winter Uniforms for pictures.

## Reminder: Handbook Verifications Due

Parents if you have not yet done so, please read the Student Handbook, complete and return the Student Handbook Verification Form to the front office. The form is located at the end of the Student Handbook which can be found online at <https://www.sjyschool.com/student-handbook>.



## Reminder: PIC Dues Due

Just a friendly reminder to please send in your PIC Dues of \$15 per family to school. To date only fifty percent of our families have turned in these funds. Please remember that these funds are used to provide all SJY students with assemblies and fun activities. Please submit no later than September 30.

## Science Explorers After School Club

Registration is now open for Science Explorers. This is a fun and engaging enrichment opportunity for students in grades 1-5. We will have three club sessions available this year, each lasting 5 weeks. You may sign up for one, or all, of the 5 week sessions. Club will meet after school on Mondays with pick up in the school lobby at 4:15 PM. The first club is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 21st. All students should bring an extra snack to eat before we begin club each day.

Please go to [scienceexplorers.com](http://scienceexplorers.com) to sign up and for more information. If we have a lot of interest we will be able to open a second class, so please add your name to the wait list if the first class is full. Our school contact person for Science Explorers is Miss Preston ([preston@sjy.org](mailto:preston@sjy.org)). All registrations and payments are handled through Science Explorers.



## Looking Ahead: November

Nov. 1: All Saints Day – Saints Costumes  
Nov. 6: Open House/Parent Info Night, 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 27: Early Dismissal, 12 noon  
Nov. 28-Dec. 2: No School – Thanksgiving break

## All Saints Day

We will celebrate the heroic lives of all saints on **Friday, November 1**. The day will begin with Holy Mass. All students will be invited to wear a costume depicting a favorite saint and to share a fact about this saint. **As you think and plan for costumes, think saints!** No Halloween costumes may be worn. Teachers will also be dressing as saints and will be presenting creative lessons on the saints throughout the afternoon on November 1. The celebration will end with the entire school body gathering to pray and sing the Litany of Saints. Stay tuned for more details!



## York Catholic Upcoming Events



Please be sure to take a look at the attached flyer for many upcoming events for your children including: **Fall Open House, Futures Sports Nights, Futures Trick-or-Treating (always a favorite!) and a YC Spirit Night at Handel's Ice Cream.** See attached flyer for more details.

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## Girls Scouts

At Girl Scouts, she'll have endless opportunities to get outdoors, inspiring her to seek adventures and overcome challenges so she can create her own success. Troops at all age levels from Kindergarten through High School! Contact the following leaders for more information:

Tina Kent 717-817-9878, Beth Fives 717-873-8220, or Lisa Klinedinst 717-515-9061.



See attached flyer for more details.

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## SCRIP Orders

Thank you to all our families that purchase SCRIP. Families are strongly encouraged to order gift cards through the SCRIP program. Orders support the school and also assist with your family's tuition the following year when you purchase the annual minimum. You may order online or purchase directly from the church on Friday mornings. To make it easier to purchase, you are also welcome to send your completed orders in to the school with your child. With your permission, your order will be sent home with your child the following week, on Friday. Please place your orders one week in advance. Every effort will be made to fill late order requests - the same week you submit, but we do ask that all orders are submitted one week in advance to ensure your order can be filled and sent home on Friday the following week. Thank you for your support.

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*St. Joseph School Mission Statement: St. Joseph School, York is an educational community, with Jesus as our cornerstone. We educate the whole child through academic excellence and faith preparation through the Roman Catholic tradition to enable our students to serve as Disciples of Christ in our global world.*