



# St. Joseph Catholic School

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Weekly Newsletter – March 22, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Catholic faith, and committed to academic excellence, St. Joseph Catholic School develops personal responsibility, character, service, and leadership.

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## Preparing for Online Learning

Watch for emails and communications from your child's homeroom teacher as we continue setting up all of our online teaching programs and tools.

*Week One* (March 17 – 23) Spring Break (Moved from Easter Week in April)

*Week Two* (March 24 – 27) Teachers will be setting up online classes and programs, as well as reaching out to parents with information as we transition to online learning

*Week Three* (March 30) Teachers will be testing programs and making sure all students are ready for learning.

(March 31 – April 15) Online learning for students in grades PK through grade 8

Your child's teacher will be emailing you class specific details for remote learning.

If you have any concerns, please contact us via email: [dsuddarth@sjsfl.org](mailto:dsuddarth@sjsfl.org), or contact your child's teacher. We will be in communication with the Diocese of Venice and the Florida Department of Education, as we re-evaluate the need for any further closures as the time approaches for us to resume classes.

Tentative return date: April 16<sup>th</sup>

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## First Virtual Online SJCS Club

We will start our first virtual online school club this week. Would you like to learn to play Chess and have a chance to play against other St. Joseph Catholic School students online? You are invited to sign up for our Online Chess Club at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SJCSchess> Links and pass words will be sent to club members that will introduce members to online lessons to learn chess step by step. Students will then have an opportunity to advance to match level with other SJCS students.

Sign up today and let's get our Chess Team going!

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## Internet Assistance for Online Learning

For online learning, all students will need access to a desktop computer, laptop, or iPad, with a wifi/internet connection. If your child does not have one of these devices, please email [dsuddarth@sjsfl.org](mailto:dsuddarth@sjsfl.org) as soon as possible. Please note: Free wifi is available for families who need assistance. Call 1-844-488-8395 for more information.

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## Calendar Dates – Planning Ahead

### Mark Your Calendar

April 9	No Online Classes – Holy Thursday
April 10	No Online Classes – Good Friday
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Elementary Sports Day
April 24	April Birthday Celebrations During Lunch
April 25	6:00 pm Paul Todd Benefit Concert for SJCS & \$10,000 Raffle
April 26	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser – Painting with a Twist
April 30 – May 1	6:30 pm Spring Musical - <i>Godspell</i>
May 6 – 8	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip
May 13	Sports Banquet
May 15	May Birthday Celebrations During Lunch
May 21	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass & Brunch
May 25	Memorial Day – No School
May 29	8:00 am School Mass – Last Day – 11:30 am Early Dismissal



May we find comfort in these words from Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky as we head into a new week:

- Every hand that we don't shake must be a phone call that we place.
- Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern.
- Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise.
- So, as we keep a level of social distance, let us all remain spiritually near to each other, by responding to this health emergency with love and care for everyone's well-being.
- May God give us the wisdom to continue to react appropriately to this crisis and heal those who have been infected.

Pope Francis has asked everyone to join together at noon on Wednesday, the Feast of the Annunciation, and pray the Our Father. Let's join all of our families in prayer!

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