

SSJ School News

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— Saints Simon and Jude Mission Statement —

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary we at Saints Simon and Jude School, commit ourselves to learning, proclaiming and living the Good News of Jesus Christ. We strive to educate and develop all for Catholic leadership in the church and community, enabling one another to serve with Compassion, Courage and Competence.

Letter from Sister Regina

Our 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start! I hope many of you were able to meet with your child/ren's teacher/s these past two evenings during our virtual Back-to-School Nights. Your commitment to catholic education and in particular Saints Simon and Jude School is evident. I know the teachers are grateful for your support.

This evening, beginning at 6:00PM, our Parent Peace Committee and Home and School Association are hosting a Welcome Back Ice Cream Social. There will be ice cream and many games and activities for the children to enjoy. I hope to see many of our families there. I am most grateful for all who planned this event.

In honor of the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Saints Simon and Jude Parish, there will be a celebration "Under the Tent" this Sunday, 9/12. The celebration begins with 11:30AM Mass which will be celebrated "under the tent" in the schoolyard. Following Mass, there will be food, moon bounce, Corn Hole toss, face painting and many other activities. Something for everyone! The Eagles game will be shown on a big screen. I look forward to seeing many of our families at our "Under the Tent" anniversary celebration! Come and enjoy the fun!



Thursday, 9/16, our children in grades three through eight will receive the Sacrament of Penance. I am grateful to Monsignor Dunleavy, Father Gerlach and the visiting priests who provide the opportunity for our students to receive God's loving forgiveness and grace and to our teachers for preparing the children.

May Our Mother of Perpetual Help be with us and keep us all safe and healthy.

The SSJ Welcome Back Ice Cream Social is tonight (9/9) at 6 PM in the schoolyard. Please park in the church parking lot and walk down to the festivities.

Bring the whole family!

See old friends! Make new friends!

Kick the school year off with a sweet treat and lots of fun!



Tomorrow is the last day to RSVP for the SSJ Relief Fund 3rd Annual Golf Tournament.

[Click here](#) for tournament information on September 13 at Concord Country Club. This event is being planned by a great group of SSJ parishioners who are committed to helping other parishioners in need. Thank you for your support!

From the SSJ Administrative Offices

- Important Reminder... Your back-to-school paperwork is due. Please download these forms to your computer, type in content, print ONE sided, sign areas where a signature is required, and return to school. If you prefer to fill out the forms by hand, print and then do so. If you need a paper copy of all the forms, please email Maureen Conlon at mconlon@simonandjude.org and arrange for a pick up time at school.

(One per STUDENT) Form – Emergency Medical Information Form – [Click here to download PDF document](#)

(One per FAMILY) Forms – [Click here to download PDF document](#)

- A special SSJ tradition is “Birthday Blessings” during Morning Assembly. Blessings will start on September 13 (Monday) when we will have all students (PreK to 8) in school.
- September calendars were sent home with your children. The calendar is also posted on the [school website](#) on the “Parents” page.

From SSJ’s Home & School Association

- Thank you to Allison Musumeci and Lori Colgan for making the used uniform sale a huge success. With their efforts and your generosity, SSJ donated \$1,300 to Camilla Hall.
- SSJ logowear has a limited supply of maroon and gray hoodies (\$30) and t-shirts (\$15). Both are approved for students to wear as part of their gym uniform. If you are interested, please email ssjlogowear@gmail.com.

Other SSJ Happenings

- SSJ’s Annual Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive has begun! The Community Food Program needs you to join together with your teachers, classmates, family, and friends to start collecting as much PB&J as you possibly can! Fortunately, this drive stocks over 40 food cupboards for a whole year! Help us by donating between September 9 and October 8, so we can beat last year’s total! Thank you for your support. Students should bring donations into their classrooms.
- Cub Scout Pack 168 is now accepting registrations for all boys and girls Grades K through 5! Want to learn more about family cub scouting? Check out our table on Sunday, September 12th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., directly following Mass at Saints Simon and Jude or join us for our first Pack meeting of the year on September 23 at Oakbourne Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Kristin at 610-202-6439 or Chris at 610-742-2289. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more details.

8th Grade High School Events

- Villa Maria Academy High School is holding a number of admissions events for 8th grade girls. Please [click here](#) for more details on open houses, entrance exams, and much more.
- Merion Mercy is holding an open house and entrance exams for 8th grade girls. Please [click here](#) for more details.

Prayer Requests

- For Mrs. Lori Colgan, mother of Jimmy (room 17), who is ill. May Christ’s healing hand grant her a complete and speedy recovery.
- For Mrs. Nicole DiDomenico, mother of Tyler (room 15) and Nolan Leonhard (room 2), who is recovering from surgery. May Christ’s healing hand comfort her and grant her a complete recovery.

We are happy to pray for the needs of our school family. If any family has a prayer request please send it to srelinich@simonandjude.org.

Glimpse at the Days Ahead

- 9/9 Welcome Back Ice Cream Social, 6-8:30 PM, Schoolyard
- 9/10 Preschool Visit Day
- 9/12 Celebrate 60 Years Under the Tent, 11:30 AM-3:30 PM, Schoolyard
- 9/13 Preschool Begins & Virtual Back-to-School Night for PreK CARES (morning & afternoon), Hot Lunch, and Pretzels Begin Home & School Assn. Officers’ Meeting, 7 PM, SKD Room
- 9/15 Band Demo for Grades 3-6, 10:30 AM, Schoolyard
Parent Band Meeting, 7 PM, Meehan Center
- 9/16 School Confessions, Grades 3-8, 1:15 PM, Church
- 9/17 Opening School Liturgy, 10:30 AM, Grades 3-8 Attend, Grades K-2 Livestream

Back to School!



Welcome New SSJ Teachers!



Pictured left to right: Miss Dakota Graham (grade 8), Miss Kara Tomasello (grade 6), Miss Jennie McIntyre (music), Mrs. MaryKate Schreiber (grade 3), Miss Giana Buoni (grade 3), and Mr. Mark Griffith (grade 7).

SSJ also welcomes our new PreK Aides: Miss Mary Lastowka (preK 4) and Mrs. Becky Schmid (preK 3), and our new IU Speech & Language Therapist, Miss Blair McNamara (not pictured).