

# CJF NEWSLETTER

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## **Thank You Task Force!** **By: Lydia Tomko and Kathryn Duffy**

As we all know, this year is remarkably different from all others before it. We are wearing masks, keeping our distance, practicing extra-good hand hygiene, filling out symptom-check forms in the morning, wiping our desks regularly, using floor signage, and sanitizing each time we enter a new classroom so that we can continue to learn in-person. CJF's plan did not spring overnight. Father Gallagher assembled a remarkable and dedicated Task Force to assist us in following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for a safe return to school. Without their generous time and talents and putting in long hours to ensure everyone's safety we would not have been able to return to school. We are immensely grateful for all they have done since last March when we had to go virtual for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. This year we are already having a lot of fun this year; it is going really well; and we are learning so much. That is a testament to their dedication and relentless work ethic.

So to all of you who have worked, and are working, with such zeal for us: we truly appreciate all that you have done to keep everyone safe. From behalf of the students here at CJF: THANK YOU!

## **Kindness Corner** **By: Alyssa Littlewood**

Do we all know what the phrase "pay it forward" means? Well it is when someone does something kind for one person and that person does something kind for another person, and it goes on and on. During the Halloween season we see this when people get "booed". "Booed" is when one person drops a bucket of candy at a different person's door-step. Then, the person who got a bucket dropped off on their door-step has to do this to two other people, and it goes on and on. What if we don't just do this during the Halloween season? Maybe we can start doing this throughout November. Maybe we could drop off a note to a neighbor, friend, family member, or teacher saying how much we are thankful for them. Then, in the note ask them to pay it forward by doing this to someone else. Let's see if kindness can really be contagious!

## **Welcome Back Mrs. Doyle!** **By: Ben Conway**

Welcome back Mrs. Doyle! The entire CJF school community missed you and are glad to have you back as our fourth grade teacher. We hope you are enjoying your school year. We really missed you. Thank you for picking to teach at CJF. Mrs. Doyle, thank you again for being an amazing teacher in our school.

Dec 5  
St. Denis Pennance

Dec 8  
Immaculate Conception

Dec 20  
Christmas Break

Dec 25  
Christmas Day

Jan 1  
Happy New Year

## **Student Survey!**

**By: Rebecca Romussi**

The Corona virus contributed in making 2020 one of the worst years by far. Its sudden appearance caused such sudden and unexpected changes in our lives that truly challenged us into accepting that such changes were even possible. Alas, hope always prevails and schools began opening their doors once more, only for some to be abruptly closed once again sadly. Besides this sudden delay in getting back to our normal lives, what did students think of being back at school? I interviewed some students from my classes to gather responses that hopefully help us respect and take advantage of the fact that we can have that opportunity.

### Mackenzie Ciotti

"I am genuinely very happy that I am back at school this year. It is a bit different with all the safety precautions we have to take, but, it's worth it since we get to see our friends. I would rather have a normal year (like most others) but am still very excited to see what new traditions this year brings. I do believe we can all make this an amazing year if we try.

Thank you. ~Mackenzie Ciotti"

### Kathryn Duffy

"I am happy to be back in school. I hope you had a good 3 day weekend and it's not a bother at all. See you Tuesday during math."

### Maeve Harvey

"I'm so happy to be back in school because now I can see all my teachers and classmates. It's also nice to have a schedule and being able to learn in person is much better. School is definitely different, but it's better than online school!"

### Patrick White

"I am glad to be back because I would rather be at school with people, moving around then be at home sitting in a chair for 7 hours doing the same thing everyday."

**Thank you to anyone who took time out of their day to contribute! This was not possible without you!**

## **Do Your Part!**

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As CJF Students we would love to keep our school open! Please wear your mask and social distance to do your part. Questions? Ask your parent or teacher! Thank you for doing what is necessary to keep us all safe.

## **Help Wanted!**

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**Help Wanted! We need writers for the CJF Student Newspaper. Contact Ryan McKenna for more information [24ryanm@cjfschool.org](mailto:24ryanm@cjfschool.org)**





## **Jokes and Riddles Column**

**By: Megan Freind**

Q: What did the cat say when he stubbed his toe?

A: Me-ow!

Q: If you have 2 coins, and you need to make 15 cents, and one can't be a dime, what are the two coins?

A: A dime and a nickel.

Q: What is the best thing about Switzerland?

A: I don't know, but the flag is a big plus!

Q: What do you call a fish with no eyes?

A: A fsh!

Q: What did the shark say to himself after he ate the clownfish?

A: Tastes a little funny.

Q: What did the traffic light say to the car?

A: Don't look, i'm about to change!

Q: Why are teddy bears never hungry?

A: Because they are always stuffed!

Q: What happens when frogs park illegally?

A: They're cars get toad.

Q: What comes up but never goes down?

A: Your age.

Q: Which building has the most stories?

A: A library.

Q: I have no life, but I can die. What am I?

A: A battery

Q: When rain falls down, I go up. What am I?

A: An umbrella.

Q: I never ask questions, but I am always answered. What am I?

A: A doorbell.

Q: You can break me easily without seeing or touching me.

What am I?

A: A promise.

Q: What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

A: The letter M.

## **SEEDS**

**By: Rachael Riehl and Conall Harvey**

The SEEDS program is a great way for students to be able to get together after school and learn new skills, while enjoying time with friends. The options this time were Lego club, Cupcakes club, Kindness club, Board games, and Basketball. The choices can be different every year.

Let's tell you some good stuff about the Lego club. It would be fun to do challenges with friends and make creative stuff. If you want to join the lego club please do it you will enjoy the whole time.

Now we need you to not be hungry because we are going to talk about Cupcake club! As you know cupcakes are delicious. In this club, you have decorations and frosting to make your own cupcake. Also, it's fun when there are friends there with you!

Now go to the mood of Kindness club. As you know our school is already kind, but we have room for more. This is a great way to make us feel kind and come up with new ways to show kindness and spread it everywhere. This group would go around the school and display kindness for everyone.

The last two clubs are Board games and Basketball. These are new to the Seeds program. In Board games, you get together and play some epic games. This is a good time to be with friends and learn new games. For basketball, it is a little bit of the same but... You can play basketball and get strong. You can have good sportsmanship with your friends.

This is the time to not be mad at your friends, so always remember we're all friends! I think if you want to do SEEDS you should try it! It goes from 3:00 to 4:30.