



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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Feast of St. Jude

Good evening SJS Families,

What a great week! We had field trips, guest visitors, class pictures, dress-down fundraiser, and this evening is the Mother's Club Spooktacular Activity and Dance Night! We also celebrated our October Birthdays today!

November is just around the corner, and we have great news, we have found a fantastic addition to the SJS faculty family - Mrs. Mary Colorio. Mrs. Colorio will be teaching our students American Sign Language (ALS). American Sign Language is recognized as a modern language in 35 states (New York being one) and is one of the most widely used languages in the United States. ASL is a visual language with its own grammatical rules and semantics. It is unique in that its beauty, unlike spoken languages, is seen rather than heard. We are all excited to start this new language program. The SJS administration agrees that this is an excellent opportunity for our students, and we will continue searching for additional staff to teach a traditional foreign language in addition to learning American Sign Language. Mrs. Colorio brings years of experience and excited to be back in the classroom signing.

Just some quick updates:

All Saints Day: Whole School Mass. Students must be in Full Winter Uniform.

School Pictures: Please see the following for an update on class picture information.

8th Grade Graduation Pictures:

Tuesday, November 8, Our fantastic 8th Graders only!

Makeup Picture Day & Sibling Pictures:

Wednesday, November 30, Makeup and Sibling Pictures!

Annual Halloween Parade: will be on Monday, October 31. All grade levels (and staff and teachers, too) are allowed to wear costumes to school. If a student has an inflatable costume, it must be deflated throughout the day; students can not wear hats or face masks while school is in session – only at the designated times for the parade and if they have a classroom party/activity. Students should wear sneakers for the day! Pre-K & Kindergarten Classes at 9:00 am, Grades 1 through 8 will be at 2:00 pm.

We are so grateful for all the support and understanding this school year. Thank you for entrusting us here at St. Joseph School with your children.

Have a Blessed Weekend!

Ms. Karen Valenti, Principal