



## CARDINAL WEEKLY

*News for the Week of October 5, 2023*

### **All School**

#### **No School Tomorrow**

Due to Fall Break, there is no school tomorrow—Friday, October 6.

#### **First Pep Rally in Renovated Gym Is October 12 + Students Wear Spirit Wear!**

On Thursday, October 12, we are excited to hold our first Pep Rally of the year in the newly renovated Gym to celebrate St. John's fall sports teams! Students and faculty will gather to participate in friendly competitions and fun cheers, and we'll enjoy some music in recognition of our amazing student-athletes. **Students are encouraged to wear their favorite SJES Spirit Wear on this day!**

#### **Select Your Child's Yearbook Photo by October 13**

The Yearbook Pose Selection option is now available for St. John's families.

- Anyone who has already placed an order will need to log back in with their key code at [www.SumnerPhoto.com](http://www.SumnerPhoto.com). The site will open to the Yearbook Selection screen, and you will be able to make your choice there. If no selection is made, the default selection will be used for both the class composite and the yearbook.
- **The deadline for ordering and/or making this selection is Friday, October 13.**
- If you need assistance with your key code, please contact [Help@SumnerPhotography.net](mailto:Help@SumnerPhotography.net).

#### **Thank You, PTF Sunshine Committee!**

A special thank-you to the Parent Teacher Fellowship's Sunshine Committee for today's delicious faculty-and-staff lunch catered by Tutto Fresco! We are grateful to all the families that came together in support of this fun event. Photos will be posted on social media later today.

If you are interested in being a part of the Sunshine Committee or have questions on how you can get involved, please [email Britani Naisbitt, PTF President](mailto:Britani.Naisbitt@stjohns.org).

### **New Youth Arrivals in the Student Store This Week**

We have received two new styles of youth girl's spirit tees in the Student Store this week. Visit [SJESStudentStore.com](https://SJESStudentStore.com) to view these and other new arrivals before they sell out!

### **Join Us Tuesday for October PTF Meeting**

Please join us next **Tuesday, October 10, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Learning Commons for our October Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting. This month's guest speakers will be Elementary Division Principal Ryan Bourke and First-Grade Teacher Danielle McLennan, who will discuss advances in the Elementary Division.

If you are unable to attend in person, please join us via Zoom or Dial-in:

- **Zoom Meeting Link (Meeting ID: 951 0923 2665):** <https://jamsadr.zoom.us/j/95109232665?from=addon>
- **Zoom Dial-in:** +16699006833,,95109232665#

### **SJES Dads, Watch the Game Together on October 12!**

Calling all SJES dads! The Dad's Club will be at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Rancho Santa Margarita next **Thursday, October 12, at 5:00 p.m.** The Dad's Club has secured a private room for this event; food and drink will be available for purchase. Mark your calendar so you can join in on this fun fellowship opportunity as we watch the Kansas City Chiefs take on the Denver Broncos.

### **Blessing of the Animals Is October 13**

Bring your pet with you to school for a special blessing from Fr. Jerry during the Blessing of the Animals on Friday, October 13, at 7:30 a.m. Students, parents, siblings, and pets are invited to come early for morning prayer in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. All pets should be on a leash or in a carrying case at all times, and they must be taken off campus by an adult when classes begin. If you don't have a pet, bring your stuffed animal!

### **Red Ribbon Week Starts October 16**

Red Ribbon Week is almost here! Held October 16–20, Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug-prevention program in the nation and a way for people and communities to take a visible stance against drugs. In order to be the most age-appropriate for our entire community, our Red Ribbon Week themes and discussions will be centered around making healthy choices. Our entire school community will be pledging to make healthy choices by signing their names on an all-school poster.

- In our Elementary Division, during Physical Education, students will learn about the differences in healthy versus unhealthy choices they can make for their bodies and minds. Our school counselors will also be visiting Elementary classrooms to discuss the importance of making responsible decisions.
- In our Middle Division, students will dive deeper into what healthy choices look like and learn about the negative effects unhealthy decisions can have on them. Middle Division will also be having a visit from an Orange County police officer to discuss responsible decision-making. Teaching the importance of health and wellness to our youths will help guide them to make positive choices throughout their lives.

### **DAILY DRESS THEMES DURING RED RIBBON WEEK**

Red Ribbon Week will have daily themes in which we encourage all St. John's students from Early Childhood Division to eighth grade to participate. The daily themes are listed below. Please note that the entire week is going to be considered "free dress" according to school guidelines (as long as the student is participating in the daily theme). For example, on Monday, if a student is wearing a red shirt, he or she is allowed free-dress bottoms, and vice versa. However, students who do not have any red clothing on will be expected to wear their regular St. John's uniform. Free dress will only be permitted to those who are participating in the daily themes.

- **Monday, October 16:** "I'm RED-y to make healthy choices" (Wear RED clothes to show your dedication to being healthy.)
- **Tuesday, October 17:** "Hats off to being healthy" (Wear your favorite HAT to show your commitment to being healthy.)
- **Wednesday, October 18:** "Wake up and live healthy" (Wear your school-appropriate PAJAMAS or comfortable clothing to show that you are starting each day with healthy choices. Students must wear appropriate foot coverings as stated in the *Parent and Student Handbook*. Slippers and/or UGGs are not allowed.)
- **Thursday, October 19:** "We shine bright when we make healthy choices" (Wear NEON colors to show how bright your life is when you make healthy decisions.)
- **Friday, October 20:** "St. John's teams up for healthy choices" (Wear SPIRIT WEAR to show that you are part of the St. John's Community that strives to live a healthy lifestyle.)

### **Save the Date: Wine Wall Is November 11**

Save the date and book your sitter for this year's Wine Wall on Saturday, November 11. Stay tuned—more details are coming soon!

### **Play Reading Bingo With Ms. Adair!**

Librarian Tiffany Adair invites students to have a little fun these next few weeks while reading. Using the typical rules of Bingo, follow the directions in each box as a loved one reads to you or

while you independently read for a minimum of 15 minutes. This is a just-for-fun activity and should not interfere with any classwork or homework requirements.

- [Click here](#) for the Reading Bingo Sheet.
- Please [email Ms. Adair](#) if you have any questions.

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

### **Early Childhood Division**

#### **Friday, October 6**

- *Fall Break: No school*

#### **Saturday, October 7**

- *"A Tribute to Motown" Annual Church Fundraiser: 6:00 p.m.*

#### **Tuesday, October 10**

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting: 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons*

#### **Wednesday, October 11**

- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 22:1–4*

#### **Thursday, October 12**

- *Pep Rally Day: Spirit Wear for all students*
- *Dad's Club Gathering: 5:00 p.m. at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse*

#### **Friday, October 13**

- *Deadline to Select Your Child's Yearbook Photo*
- *Blessing of the Animals: 7:30 a.m.*

#### **Monday, October 16**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear red*

**Tuesday, October 17**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear your favorite hat*

**Wednesday, October 18**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear school-appropriate PJ's or comfy clothes*
- *Deadline to Return Ages & Stages Questionnaire*
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 22:15–22*

**Thursday, October 19**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear neon*

**Friday, October 20**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear Spirit Wear*

**Monday, October 23**

- *Sensory Screenings for ECD Students Ages 3+: Must register to participate*

**Sunday, October 29**

- *Trunk-or-Treat: 4:00–6:00 p.m.*

**Tuesday, October 31**

- *Minimum Day: Halloween festivities*

**Wednesday, November 1**

- *Faculty and Staff In-service: No school*

**Friday, November 3**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

**Saturday, November 11**

- *Wine Wall: Save the date!*

## **Elementary Division**

### **Thursday, October 5**

- *Elementary Play Practice: 3:00–4:40 p.m.*

### **Friday, October 6**

- *Fall Break: No school*

### **Saturday, October 7**

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### **Monday, October 9**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents and guardians welcome*

### **Tuesday, October 10**

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting: 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons*

### **Wednesday, October 11**

- *Rising Cardinals Volleyball Practice (Grades 3–4): 7:20 a.m.*
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 22:1–4*

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- *Pep Rally Day: Spirit Wear for all students*
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- *Dad's Club Gathering: 5:00 p.m. at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse*

### **Friday, October 13**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Deadline to Select Your Child's Yearbook Photo*
- *Rising Cardinals Volleyball Practice (Grades 3–4): 7:20 a.m.*
- *Blessing of the Animals: 7:30 a.m.*

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- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear red*
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents and guardians welcome*

### **Tuesday, October 17**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear your favorite hat*
- *Author Jennifer Chambliss Bertman Visits Grades 3–5*

### **Wednesday, October 18**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear school-appropriate PJ's or comfy clothes*
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 22:15–22*
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### **Friday, October 20**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear Spirit Wear*
- *Rising Cardinals Volleyball Practice (Grades 3–4): 7:20 a.m.*

### **Monday, October 23**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents and guardians welcome*

### **Wednesday, October 25**

- *Rising Cardinals Volleyball Practice (Grades 3–4): 7:20 a.m.*

### **Friday, October 27**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Rising Cardinals Volleyball Practice (Grades 3–4): 7:20 a.m.*

### **Saturday, October 28**

- *Rising Cardinals Volleyball Tournament:* 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the Gym

### **Sunday, October 29**

- *Trunk-or-Treat:* 4:00–6:00 p.m.

### **Monday, October 30**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony:* 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents and guardians welcome

### **Tuesday, October 31**

- *Minimum Day:* Halloween festivities

### **Wednesday, November 1**

- *Faculty and Staff In-service:* No school

### **Friday, November 3**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

### **Saturday, November 11**

- *Wine Wall:* Save the date!

## **Middle Division**

### **Thursday, October 5**

- *Middle Division Fall Play Rehearsal:* 3:15–4:45 p.m.
- *Volleyball-Valley 5/6 vs. St. Mary's:* 3:30 p.m. at St. John's

### **Friday, October 6**

- *Fall Break:* No school



### **Saturday, October 7**

- *"A Tribute to Motown" Annual Church Fundraiser: 6:00 p.m.*

### **Monday, October 9**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *Flag Football 7/8: 3:30 p.m. at St. John's*
- *Volleyball-Beach 5/6: 3:30 p.m. at St. John's*
- *Volleyball-Beach 7/8: 4:30 p.m. at St. John's*

### **Tuesday, October 10**

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting: 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons*
- *Volleyball-Beach 5/6: 3:30 p.m. at St. John's*
- *Volleyball-Valley 5/6: 3:30 p.m. at Stoneybrooke*
- *Volleyball-Beach 7/8: 4:30 p.m. at St. John's*

### **Wednesday, October 11**

- *Flag Football 5/6: 3:30 p.m. at St. John's*
- *Flag Football 7/8: 4:30 p.m. at St. John's*
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- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear red*
- *Volleyball-Valley 5/6: 3:30 p.m. at Mission Basilica*

## **Tuesday, October 17**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear your favorite hat*
- *Author Jennifer Chambliss Bertman Visits Middle School*
- *Volleyball-Beach 5/6: 3:30 p.m. at Aliso Viejo*
- *Volleyball-Valley 5/6: 3:30 p.m. at St. John's*
- *Volleyball-Beach 7/8: 4:30 p.m. at Aliso Viejo*

## **Wednesday, October 18**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear school-appropriate PJ's or comfy clothes*
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 22:15–22*

## **Thursday, October 19**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear neon*
- *Eighth Grade Leaves for Washington, DC*

## **Friday, October 20**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear Spirit Wear*

## **Monday, October 23**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *Middle Division Field Studies Week*

## **Tuesday, October 24**

- *Middle Division Field Studies Week*

## **Wednesday, October 25**

- *Middle Division Field Studies Week*

## **Thursday, October 26**

- *Middle Division Field Studies Week*

## **Friday, October 27**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Middle Division Field Studies Week*

### **Sunday, October 29**

- *Trunk-or-Treat*: 4:00–6:00 p.m.

### **Monday, October 30**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*

### **Tuesday, October 31**

- *Minimum Day*: Halloween festivities

### **Wednesday, November 1**

- *Faculty and Staff In-service*: No school

### **Friday, November 3**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

### **Saturday, November 11**

- *Wine Wall*: Save the date!

## **Early Childhood Division**

### **From the Division Principal**

It's that time of year! The weather is beginning to change, bringing cool nights and warm days. Pollen is filling the air, and allergies are blooming. As a result, we are seeing many children who are experiencing runny noses, sore throats, fever, and chills.

Since some of these symptoms might be the forerunner of something more serious, we ask you to watch your child's symptoms to help us prevent the spread of illness to other children and teachers. To help you determine whether your child is well enough to attend school, page 13 of the *Parent and Student Handbook* provides the following guidelines:

SYMPTOM	YOUR CHILD MUST STAY HOME UNTIL:
Fever of 100°F or above	24 hours after the temperature has returned to normal without the use of medication (acetaminophen or ibuprofen)
Diarrhea/Vomiting	Loose stools and vomiting have stopped, and the child has returned to normal eating without vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours
Pink eye	24 hours after antibiotic eye drops have been started
Strep Throat	24 hours after antibiotics have been started, and child is fever-free and feeling well enough to participate fully at school
Rash	Rash is gone, or physician sends a note saying rash is not due to a contagious disease
Impetigo	24 hours after being on antibiotics; all lesions must be kept covered at school
Lice	Child has been treated, and hair is nit-free

One of the most important indicators of how children feel is their behavior. Are they lethargic, or are they ready to play and spend the day with friends?

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's symptoms or well-being, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you,

Carole Magaldi  
Interim Early Childhood Division Principal

### Coming Soon: Ages & Stages Questionnaire

The Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) will be sent home on Tuesday, October 17, and Wednesday, October 18. The ASQ is a developmental and social-emotional screening for children between birth and age 6 that is completed by the parent. This tool is designed to pinpoint developmental progress and catch delays in young children, paving the way for meaningful next steps in learning, intervention, or monitoring. Please complete the ASQ and return it to your child's teacher **no later than Thursday, November 2**.

### Sensory Screenings Are October 23 (Must Opt In)

Southern California Sensory Screening will be here Monday, October 23, to provide Preschool Health Assessments for preschool and Pre-K children, ages 3 and older. Tests include hearing screening, vision screening, speech/language screening, and gross/fine motor screening. If you would like your child to participate in this optional service, please complete and return the permission form that was sent home with your child, along with your **check payable to SCSS**.

### Change for Change Drive

St. John's Middle Division Student Council presents the Change for Change drive. MD student Delanie M. provides details about the drive:

*"Change for Change is happening throughout the month of October! This fall, our donations will go to the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii—specifically to Holy Innocents Episcopal Church of Lahaina. This beautiful church was sadly burnt down during the Lahaina fires, but the metal cross on the top was able to survive. As an Episcopal school ourselves, we think it's important that we should give back to this community that is going through a hard time, so if you can, during the month of October, bring your spare change and drop a few coins or dollars into the buckets in your classroom, the chapel, or the division offices. **Student Council members will also be out at morning drop-off during the month.** Anything as small as a penny can make a huge difference for this community. Thank you for your support."*

## Elementary Division

### From the Division Principal

As we usher in October, I would like to thank everyone for a great first month of school. Even though October ends with the excitement of Halloween (and ushers in the holiday season), the weeks between now and Thanksgiving present many essential learning opportunities.

With September behind us, students are now well into the school year. Teachers are working diligently at meeting everyone's learning needs; at the same time, students are working on assignments, participating in activities, and completing the occasional quiz. Before we know it, December will be here!

With how quickly the next months will go by, I want to remind everyone that this time of year is what is referred to as the *mid-trimester period*. I encourage all parents to reflect with your child on the progress made so far. Please review any work that is sent home, including copies of assignments and quizzes. I also ask that you reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. We are here to support you and are committed to your child's continued success.

Speaking of success, it was amazing to have so many of our Cardinals recognized on Monday at the Cardinal Character Recognition Ceremony! Each month, we will hold this special event during which students will be presented with a certificate acknowledging their demonstration of a Cardinal Character Trait. Every student will be recognized at some point this year. Parents will be notified in advance so that you can be here when your child is celebrated.

I hope that everyone has a great (long) weekend! With Friday being our Fall Break, I hope that all families are able to spend a little extra time together.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bourke  
Elementary Division Principal

### **Congratulations, Cardinal Character Recognition Recipients!**

During the Elementary Division Flag-Raising Ceremony this week, these students were recognized for displaying Cardinal Character Traits. Congratulations, Cardinals!

### **SJES Athletics Recap for the Week of September 25**

The 7/8 Girls' Volleyball team won in a tight match at Mission Basilica. The 5/6 Girls' Volleyball-Valley team beat St. Serra on September 26. Our 5/6 Flag Football team remained undefeated and beat the Swallows of Mission Basilica, 32-0. The 7/8 Flag Football team also won their game at Mission, 28-16.

### **First-Grade Physical Form Due to Health Office by December 1**

California law requires that a completed First-Grade Health Examination Form be on file at school within 18 months prior to the start of first grade or within 90 days after the start of first grade. This completed form is **due to the Health Office by December 1**. If you have already turned one in, please disregard this note. If you are unsure whether you have turned one in, please email the Health Office.

### **Join Us! ED-Focused PTF Meeting Is Tuesday**

Learn more about this year's curricular goals at the Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting on **Tuesday, October 10, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons**. This month's guest

speakers will be Elementary Division Principal Ryan Bourke and First-Grade Teacher Danielle McLennan, who will share a brief presentation that outlines some of the exciting instruction at St. John's, as well as advances in the Elementary Division.

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### **Grades 3-5: Bestselling Author to Visit and Sign Books on October 17**

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- **Ms. Bertman has generously offered to sign copies of her books while she is visiting for the day!** If you and your upper elementary student are interested in this option, please purchase one of her books through a local bookstore or wherever you may buy books. **This purchased book must be given to Ms. Adair no later than Friday, October 13.** It is imperative that you write your child's name on a sticky note and place it on the purchased book so that Ms. Adair and Ms. Bertman know who owns the book.
- To learn more about Ms. Bertman's books, [visit her web page here](#).
- Please feel free to [email Ms. Adair](#) with any questions.

## **Middle Division**

### **From the Division Principal**

Although we have just started the second full month of school, Middle Division students are already at the halfway point of the first trimester! Progress reports will be sent home electronically to all families on Thursday afternoon.

The Middle Division years are a time of maturity, growth, and independence for our students, and parental involvement remains an important and necessary component. It is crucial for both teachers and parents to work together to support academic growth and student independence through individual encouragement, support, and conversation. It is a gradual process, with sixth-grade students beginning to learn independence; seventh-grade students practicing these skills; and eighth-grade students nearing readiness for the next level in their education. Our job is to "fill their toolbox" with strategies that give them the necessary confidence to take ownership of and responsibility for their own student life by the time they head off to high school.

The purpose of the electronic progress report is to provide all families with a snapshot of their student's academic progress on the day the report is sent. The progress report may include relevant comments that are meant to provide clarity to the progress report grade. Parents may also access their student's grades at any time through the Achieve portal (located on the Parent Gateway), which allows for ongoing monitoring of academic progress. Teachers may enter individual comments next to specific assignments to provide additional information about the grade received on a specific assignment. Should you or your student have questions about a grade earned or the overall grade noted on the progress report, please encourage your student to reach out to the specific teacher individually to ask for clarity and understanding, and then have a conversation.

I encourage every family to spend 15 to 20 minutes per week reviewing Achieve grades together and discussing a plan for the week. Likewise, review the first trimester progress report, discuss specific strategies to improve any areas where your student might be struggling, and celebrate successes. Remember that Achieve grades and mid-trimester progress reports do not include citizenship and work habits. These are only reported on the end-of-trimester report cards, but they are a vital component for a complete understanding of your student's overall performance.

I hope you enjoy the three-day weekend and that you are able to spend time doing the things that bring joy and happiness to your family.

Sincerely,

Sheryll Grogan  
Middle Division Principal

### **Congrats, Student of the Week Winners!**

Congratulations to our Student of the Week winners! Click on each student's name below to learn a little more about him:

- [Alex S.](#), Eighth-Grade Student of the Week
- [Cooper C.](#), Seventh-Grade Student of the Week
- [Brody T.](#), Sixth-Grade Student of the Week

### **Come Cheer on the Cardinals**

Join us on the following dates to cheer on our Cardinals Flag Football and Volleyball teams:

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

- Flag Football 7/8 (Home) vs. Aliso Viejo at 3:30 p.m.
- Volleyball-Beach 5/6 (Home) vs. Aliso Viejo at 3:30 p.m.



- Volleyball-Beach 7/8 (Home) vs. Aliso Viejo at 4:30 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**

- Volleyball-Valley 5/6 (Away) at Stoneybrooke at 3:30 p.m.
- Volleyball-Beach 5/6 (Home) vs. Stoneybrooke at 3:30 p.m.
- Volleyball-Beach 7/8 (Home) vs. Stoneybrooke at 3:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

- Flag Football 5/6 (Home) vs. Mission Basilica at 3:30 p.m.
- Flag Football 7/8 (Home) vs. Mission Basilica at 4:30 p.m.

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- First Pep Rally in the Gym at 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. (students only)
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### **SMCHS Parent Information Night for Students in Grades 6-8**

Santa Margarita Catholic High School is hosting a [Parent Information Night](#) at SJES. The event is

scheduled for **Monday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Siller's Hall, Room 25**. Interested families of current St. John's sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students are encouraged to attend.

## **Church**

### **Decorate Your Car for Trunk-or-Treat**

On **Sunday, October 29, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**, we will hold our Trunk-or-Treat event in the front parking lot of St. John's. We are seeking volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out candy or goodies to our students and community members. [Sign up here](#), and [email Rebecca Swartz](#), Church Administrator, if you have questions.

### **Calling Student Artists! Submit Artwork for Sunday Bulletin**

We invite all students to submit artwork to be featured on the Sunday bulletin. Every week, we will choose a new piece of art to feature. Artwork should be relevant to the provided Bible verses. Students should submit work to SJES Art Teacher Lee Heys by Wednesday each week.

- **Bible Verses for Wednesday, October 11:** Matthew 22:1–4
- **Bible Verses for Wednesday, October 18:** Matthew 22:15–22