



## CARDINAL WEEKLY

*News for the Week of October 19, 2023*

### **All School**

#### **Reminder for Morning Student Drop-offs**

As a reminder, students are not allowed on campus before 7:40 a.m. and should not be dropped off before that time. Please do not wait at the gate or follow the teachers in. Thank you!

#### **October 31: Trick-or-Treat in the Learning Commons**

Join Library and Digital Media Specialist Tiffany Adair and the Learning Commons team of volunteers on Tuesday, October 31, for a fun trick-or-treat event on the Learning Commons Patio.

- October 31 is a Minimum Day, and this after-school event runs from dismissal to 1:00 p.m.
- Students must be accompanied by their parents.
- Please park on the street or in the designated SJES additional parking lots.
- With questions, [email Ms. Adair](#).

#### **Keep the Cardinal Fund Going**

Join us in supporting St. John's most important philanthropic effort—investing in the students, teachers, and staff who are the heart and soul of our community. Tuition alone does not cover the cost of the St. John's experience, and the Cardinal Fund bridges this gap in operational funding. In fact, **consistent year-over-year giving to the annual fund is St. John's greatest need**. Each gift to the Cardinal Fund is the purest form of giving to the School: 100% tax deductible for the donor, while St. John's receives 100% of the benefit.

- **We are grateful to those who have already contributed to this important effort, as we are now at 20% parent participation!**
- This year, our goal is to reach 100% parent participation, and we ask that every family make a gift that is meaningful for them.

- [Click here to give now.](#)

### **Wine Wall: Please RSVP**

We are so excited to invite you to St. John's annual gathering, Wine Wall, on Saturday, November 11. Paperless Post invitations were emailed last week. If you did not receive an invitation in your inbox or spam folder, please reach out to [Advancement@StJohns-ES.org](mailto:Advancement@StJohns-ES.org).

### **Congratulate Your Kids in the SJES Yearbook!**

Looking for a creative way to show your son or daughter how proud you are of them? Purchase a dedication page in the 2023–24 school yearbook! There are four different sizes from which to choose: 1/8 page, 1/4 page, 1/2 page, and full page.

- [Click here for instructions and prices.](#)
- The first price increase is Friday, December 1, so purchase your dedication page today for the lowest price!
- Questions? [Email Beth Sarachman.](#)

### **Donate Items for Thanksgiving Dinner Bags: Week of October 23**

We invite each member of the St. John's Community to bring the items needed to create Thanksgiving Dinner Bags for those in need. Each grade is asked to bring a specific item that will be given to the RSM Cares Food Pantry, a local organization that provides food to families in Orange County.

Here is the list of requested items:

- **Early Childhood Division:** Large box of dried instant mashed potatoes
- **Kindergarten:** Jars of turkey or chicken gravy
- **First Grade:** Cans or boxes of chicken broth
- **Second Grade:** Cans of cranberry sauce
- **Third Grade:** Cans of vegetables
- **Fourth Grade:** Large cans of sweet potatoes or yams
- **Fifth Grade:** Boxed or bagged stuffing mix (e.g., Stove Top)
- **Sixth Grade:** Large box of dried instant mashed potatoes
- **Seventh Grade:** Boxed dessert mix (e.g., cookies, cake, brownies)
- **Eighth Grade:** Boxed cornbread or muffin mix
- **Staff:** Two reusable grocery bags

Members of the church community will assemble all the offerings and create a full menu for each family. **Bring items to your classroom/advisory or to Chapel the week of Monday, October 23.**

Should you feel led to contribute more, grocery store gift cards for \$25 are needed for families to purchase fresh items like produce, eggs, and meat. For more information, or to make a personal contribution, visit the [St. John's Episcopal Church website](#) or contact Church Administrator Rebecca Swartz via [email](#) or at 949.888.4534.

### **SJES Families: Get Baptized at School Eucharist on November 13**

During our School Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 13, St. John's will offer the sacrament of Holy Baptism to anyone in our School Community who is interested—students, parents, members of extended families, faculty, and staff.

- According to the Catechism of The Episcopal Church, “Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ’s Body, the Church, and inheritors of the Kingdom of God.” Baptized Christians are considered full members of Christ’s Church. The sacrament is available to persons of any age.
- If you’d like more information, or if you or a family member or friend would like to be added to the baptism rolls on that day, please contact School Chaplain/Religion Teacher Patti Peebles via [email](#) or at 949.858.5144, ext. 226.

### **Wall of Saints: Submit Photos by Tomorrow**

Episcopalians believe that all who die in faith are saints. November 1 is All Saints’ Day, followed on November 2 by All Souls’ Day—also known as Día de los Muertos or “Day of the Dead.” At St. John’s, we remember all our friends and family who have died with our ofrenda, the altar set up in the columbarium of the church with traditional items such as marigolds, water, candles, and pan de muerto.

We are asking our St. John's Community members to provide photographs of loved ones who have died so the pictures can be added to our St. John’s Wall of Saints.

- Photos of family members or friends are welcome, should be no larger than 4"x6", and should feature only those we are remembering.
- Photos should be brought to any division office or to Mrs. Patti’s office no later than tomorrow—Friday, October 20.
- Photos will not be returned, as they are kept on the boards for use each year.

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

### **Early Childhood Division**

**Friday, October 20**

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

- *Deadline to Submit Photos for Wall of Saints*

### **Sunday, October 22**

- *Students Invited to Sing at 10:00 a.m. Worship: Arrive to SJEC at 9:30 a.m.; wear Formal Uniform*

### **Monday, October 23**

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

### **Tuesday, October 24**

- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

### **Wednesday, October 25**

- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 22:34–36*
- *K–8 Pumpkin Carving at SJEC: 5:00–6:30 p.m.*

### **Thursday, October 26**

- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

### **Friday, October 27**

- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

### **Sunday, October 29**

- *SJEC Trunk-or-Treat: 4:00–6:00 p.m.*

### **Tuesday, October 31**

- *Minimum Day: Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.*
- *ECD Fall Festival: 10:45–11:45 a.m.; parents/guardians welcome*
- *Trick or Treat: 12:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons; parents/guardians must accompany students*

### **Wednesday, November 1**

- *Faculty and Staff Inservice:* No school
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin:* Art should be relevant to Matthew 5:1–12

### **Thursday, November 2**

- *Conference Sign-up Links Published in Cardinal Weekly*
- *Deadline to Return Ages & Stages Questionnaire*

### **Friday, November 10**

- *End of First Trimester*
- *Minimum Day:* Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.

### **Saturday, November 11**

- *Wine Wall:* Invitations emailed October 11; please RSVP

### **Monday, November 13**

- *School Eucharist and Holy Baptism:* All are welcome to be baptized; [contact Patti Peebles](#) to sign up

### **Tuesday, November 14**

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting:* 8:00 a.m.

### **Wednesday, November 15**

- *Friday Flip Day:* Follow Friday schedule; wear Spirit Wear tops

### **Thursday, November 16**

- *Conference Day:* No school

### **Friday, November 17**

- *Conference Day:* No school

## Elementary Division

### Thursday, October 19

- *Elementary Play Practice: 3:10–4:40 p.m.*

### Friday, October 20

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear Spirit Wear*
- *Deadline to Submit Photos for Wall of Saints*
- *Last Day to Claim Items From Lost & Found Before They Are Donated*
- *Rising Cardinals Volleyball Practice (Grades 3–4): 7:20 a.m.*

### Sunday, October 22

- *Students Invited to Sing at 10:00 a.m. Worship: Arrive to SJEC at 9:30 a.m.; wear Formal Uniform*

### Monday, October 23

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

### Tuesday, October 24

- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

### Wednesday, October 25

- *Grade 3 Field Trip to Modjeska Canyon*
- *Grade 4 Walk Through California*
- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 22:34–36*
- *Rising Cardinals Volleyball Practice (Grades 3–4): 7:20 a.m.*
- *K–8 Pumpkin Carving at SJEC: 5:00–6:30 p.m.*

### Thursday, October 26

- *Grade 1 Field Trip to Ocean Institute*
- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*
- *Elementary Play Practice (Blue Cast): 3:10–4:40 p.m.*

### **Friday, October 27**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*
- *Elementary Play Practice (Red Cast): 3:10–4:40 p.m.*

### **Saturday, October 28**

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

### **Sunday, October 29**

- *SJEC Trunk-or-Treat: 4:00–6:00 p.m.*

### **Monday, October 30**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony and Cardinal Character Recognition: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents/guardians welcome*
- *Elementary Play Practice (Blue Cast): 3:10–4:40 p.m.*

### **Tuesday, October 31**

- *ED Halloween Parade: 8:15–8:45 a.m. on Reuland Field; parents/ guardians are welcome to cheer from the [Parent Spectator Area](#)*
- *Minimum Day: Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.*
- *Trick or Treat: 12:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons; parents/guardians must accompany students*

### **Wednesday, November 1**

- *Faculty and Staff Inservice: No school*
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 5:1–12*

### **Thursday, November 2**

- *Conference Sign-up Links Published in Cardinal Weekly*
- *Elementary Play Practice (Red Cast): 3:10–4:40 p.m.*

### **Friday, November 3**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Second-Grade Pioneer Day: 8:30 a.m.*

### **Monday, November 6**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents/guardians welcome*
- *Elementary Play Dress Rehearsal (Blue Cast): 3:00–6:00 p.m.*

### **Tuesday, November 7**

- *Grades K–5: Wear Formal Uniform*
- *Admissions Open House*
- *Elementary Play Dress Rehearsal (Red Cast): 3:00–6:00 p.m.*

### **Wednesday, November 8**

- *Elementary Play Performances (Blue Cast): 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.*

### **Thursday, November 9**

- *Elementary Play Performances (Red Cast): 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.*

### **Friday, November 10**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *End of First Trimester*
- *Minimum Day: Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.*

### **Saturday, November 11**

- *Wine Wall: Invitations emailed October 11; please RSVP*

### **Monday, November 13**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *School Eucharist and Holy Baptism: All are welcome to be baptized; [contact Patti Peebles](#) to sign up*
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents/guardians welcome*

### **Tuesday, November 14**

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting: 8:00 a.m.*

### **Wednesday, November 15**

- *Friday Flip Day: Follow Friday schedule; wear Spirit Wear tops*



- *Thanksgiving Feast (K–2)*

#### **Thursday, November 16**

- *Conference Day: No school*

#### **Friday, November 17**

- *Conference Day: No school*

### **Middle Division**

#### **Thursday, October 19**

- *High School Information Fair at The Pegasus School: 6:30–8:00 p.m.*

#### **Friday, October 20**

- *Special Dress for Red Ribbon Week: Wear Spirit Wear*
- *Service Learning for Grades 6 and 7 Through Second Harvest Food Bank*
- *Deadline to Submit Photos for Wall of Saints*
- *Last Day to Claim Items From Lost & Found Before They Are Donated*

#### **Sunday, October 22**

- *Students Invited to Sing at 10:00 a.m. Worship: Arrive to SJEC at 9:30 a.m.; wear Formal Uniform*

#### **Monday, October 23**

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

#### **Tuesday, October 24**

- *Middle Division Field Studies Week*
- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

#### **Wednesday, October 25**

- *Middle Division Field Studies Week*

- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 22:34–36*
- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*
- *K–8 Pumpkin Carving at SJEC: 5:00–6:30 p.m.*

#### **Thursday, October 26**

- *Middle Division Field Studies Week*
- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

#### **Friday, October 27**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Middle Division Field Studies Week*
- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

#### **Sunday, October 29**

- *SJEC Trunk-or-Treat: 4:00–6:00 p.m.*

#### **Monday, October 30**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*

#### **Tuesday, October 31**

- *MD Students Cheer on ED Halloween Parade: 8:15–8:45 a.m. on Reuland Field; parents/guardians are welcome to cheer from the [Parent Spectator Area](#)*
- *Trick or Treat: 12:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons; parents/guardians must accompany students*
- *Minimum Day: Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.*

#### **Wednesday, November 1**

- *Faculty and Staff Inservice: No school*
- *Deadline to Have Chapel Sweaters Monogrammed*
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 5:1–12*

#### **Thursday, November 2**

- *Conference Sign-up Links Published in Cardinal Weekly*
- *Fall Sports Awards: 3:15–4:15 p.m. in the Gym*

### **Friday, November 3**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Middle Division Fall Play Practice: 3:15–4:45 p.m.*

### **Monday, November 6**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *SMCHS Parent Info Night: [Click here for details](#)*

### **Tuesday, November 7**

- *Grade 6: Wear regular PE uniforms*
- *Grades 7 & 8: Wear Formal Uniform*
- *Admissions Open House*

### **Wednesday, November 8**

- *Fall Sports Photos*

### **Thursday, November 9**

- *Middle Division Fall Play Practice: 3:00 p.m.*

### **Friday, November 10**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *End of First Trimester*
- *Minimum Day: Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.*
- *Middle Division Fall Play Performance: 3:00 p.m.*

### **Saturday, November 11**

- *Wine Wall: Invitations emailed October 11; please RSVP*

### **Monday, November 13**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *Winter Sports Tryouts for Basketball and Lacrosse: Schedule TBD*
- *School Eucharist and Holy Baptism: All are welcome to be baptized; [contact Patti Peebles](#) to sign up*

## **Tuesday, November 14**

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting: 8:00 a.m.*
- *Winter Sports Tryouts for Basketball and Lacrosse: Schedule TBD*

## **Wednesday, November 15**

- *Friday Flip Day: Follow Friday schedule; wear Spirit Wear tops*
- *Winter Sports Tryouts for Basketball and Lacrosse: Schedule TBD*

## **Thursday, November 16**

- *Conference Day: No school*

## **Friday, November 17**

- *Conference Day: No school*

## **Early Childhood Division**

### **From the Division Principal**

This week has been memorable in our Early Childhood Division. The combination of fall activities has kept us busy, with the continued exploration of pumpkins and seeds, lessons on making healthy choices, and the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill. Children have had a great time all dressed in Cardinal red, with hats on their heads, learning to take care of themselves by eating well, exercising, sleeping well, and looking out for each other. These healthy choices are essential components to each child's intellectual, emotional, and physical development.

Students have been hearing from various classroom teachers, who have been introducing additional character-building concepts such as respecting and caring for friends and engaging in respectful classroom behaviors.

On the playground, children enjoyed some fun physical challenges. They got to jump through a series of hoops and create their own moves on the gym mats. Costumes, songs, and dancing also provided great entertainment.

Today, we took part in the Great ShakeOut, an international drill designed to help ensure emergency preparedness in the event of an earthquake. This drill is practiced every year across the globe on October 19 at 10:19 a.m. local time. Each classroom Dropped, Covered, and Held On, followed by Evacuation. It was a great success—everyone was safe, accounted for, and better prepared in case of an emergency!

Warmly,

Carole Magaldi  
Interim Early Childhood Division Principal

### **Last Call: Sensory Screenings Are Monday (Must Opt In)**

Southern California Sensory Screening will be here this 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**.

### **ECD Fall Festival Is October 31**

Please join your child in some fall-themed fun and games at our annual Early Childhood Division (ECD) Fall Festival on Tuesday, October 31, from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

- Tuesday/Thursday students are invited to attend this fun-filled event with a parent or special guest. No siblings, please.
- Non-scary Halloween costumes or accessories are encouraged.
- If you will be attending this event, please park on the street. The ECD parking lot is for drop-off and pickup only.
- This is a Minimum Day, with dismissal at 11:45 a.m. Please be sure to check your child out before leaving the ECD.

### **Ages & Stages Questionnaire Due November 2**

The Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) was sent home this week in your child's communication folder. Please work with your child to complete the ASQ and return it to your child's teacher **no later than Thursday, November 2**.

## **Elementary Division**

### **From the Division Principal**

This week, St. John's was fortunate enough to host New York Times–bestselling author Jennifer Chambliss Bertman. Mrs. Bertman penned the popular series *Book Scavenger* and *Sisterhood of Sleuths*. Her first picture book was recently released. While on campus, Mrs. Bertman connected with Middle Division, Upper Elementary, and Battle of the Books (BOB) students during various presentations throughout the day.

While engaging with students, she spoke about the writing process, the resilience it takes to complete a book, and the collaborative efforts that go into creating a story. Mrs. Bertman urged our Cardinals to be authors of books they want to see in the world. She encouraged them not to worry about knowing everything when beginning—just to begin and learn as they go.

Finally, Mrs. Bertman encouraged our Cardinals to read. The more a person reads, the more one learns about themselves, others, and the world. Mrs. Bertman's visit concluded with a chatter-filled lunch with our BOB students and time set aside for her to sign books previously purchased by students.

If your Cardinal came home excited about meeting Jennifer Chambliss Bertman and would like to have her sign a book, you are in luck! Mrs. Bertman is working with her local, indie bookstore in Colorado to connect you with a signed copy (or two) of her books. Please see [this flyer and order form](#) for more information.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bourke  
Elementary Division Principal

### **Be Sure to Review Past *Cardinal Weekly* Announcements**

We encourage all parents to review the past *Cardinal Weekly* newsletters. Since there are so many announcements each week, it is important that everyone is able to keep up with everything. Past *Cardinal Weekly* newsletters are linked at the bottom of this page under "Cardinal Weekly Archives."

### **October 30: Parents Invited to Cardinal Character Recognition Ceremony**

Our next Cardinal Character Recognition Ceremony will be held immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Flag-Raising Ceremony on Monday, October 30.

- Families of students who are receiving a recognition award will be notified in advance. This is a great event, and all parents are encouraged to attend, if possible.
- If you do attend the Ceremony, please park on the street or in the LDS or Christian Science parking lots. Please do not park in the St. John's parking lot, as this creates difficulties for our Early Childhood Division parents.

### ***Cinderella* Crew Help: Attention, Fifth Graders!**

Creative Kids Playhouse (CKP) is seeking fifth graders to serve on two Stage Crews for the production of *Cinderella*—one crew to serve during the Blue Cast dress rehearsal and performances on November 6 and 8, and one crew to serve during the Red Cast dress rehearsal and performances on November 7 and 9.

- If your child is currently in fifth grade and would be interested in helping out, please complete [this form](#).
- Each crew will have five members, who will be randomly selected from the list of volunteers by CKP.
- Students who are selected must attend both the dress rehearsal and their selected performances.

### **ED Students: Wear Formal Uniform on November 7**

Due to our Admissions Open House, all students are asked to wear the Formal Uniform on Tuesday, November 7, in addition to wearing the Formal Uniform on Monday, November 6.

### **Claim Lost & Found Items by Tomorrow**

Our Lost & Found racks are overflowing! Please stop by our Elementary Lost & Found, located in front of the Elementary Division Office. Items not claimed by tomorrow—Friday, October 20—will be donated.

## **Middle Division**

### **From the Division Principal**

St. John's Middle Division students have access to an entire playground during their lunch recess. The area includes a climbing structure; handball backstops; courts for four square, hopscotch, basketball, and tetherball; a shaded garden area; and a full turf field with a walking loop surrounding it. Why is this important? Why does it matter?

Middle school students, like younger students, need an outlet to run free and explore. **Play areas provide a place for bonding, community, fresh air, and nature.**

As I walk outside to chat with students during recess, I see them interacting in so many ways. Our students have choices: They might be climbing the play structure, sitting on a bench with a friend or on the bleachers chatting as a group, doing cartwheels on the turf field, engaging in an intensive game of four square (or something that resembles four square), or playing a pickup game of basketball or an exciting game of four-on-four soccer. All the while, balls are flying overhead, laughter is heard, and connections are made. Two days a week, the Learning Commons is also open for those who would rather read a book or get homework done. **This opportunity for students to engage with each other in so many ways while having fun is an important part of their day. These activities during lunch recess promote socialization, exercise, and creativity.** Our students learn how to build relationships with each other through outside games and sports. Having a variety of equipment and areas allows for different forms of exercise, including a walk around the field complete with friendly conversation. And then there is the imagination piece, as areas meant for one game become something else.

Lunch recess can also be a time for reflection and learning when students take a friendly game of basketball a bit too far and end up in a conversation with the teacher on duty or a student sees a classmate struggling and strikes up a conversation. **This helps students to develop empathy, cooperation, and friendships.**

Middle Division lunch recess is a time for unstructured play and a vital part of the middle school day. I encourage everyone to take the time to talk with your students and find out what they enjoy doing at recess. What brings them joy, and if they are struggling, how might we help?

Sincerely,

Sheryll Grogan  
Middle Division Principal

### **Student Volunteers Needed: New Offering During MD Lunch**

Middle Division students, consider joining the Lunchtime Leadership Club! We need spirited volunteers to lead fun activities during extended lunch on Mondays.

- You can lead activities like a round of Monopoly, card games, a puzzle, Rainbow Loom, magic tricks, friendship bracelet-making, crocheting, or chess! The possibilities are endless.
- You can lead an activity by yourself or with a friend.
- You will need to bring all necessary materials.
- Interested MD students, reach out to Middle Division Science Teacher Vedha Muthu on TEAMS or [via email](#).

### **Grades 7 & 8: Wear Formal Uniform on November 7**

Due to our Admissions Open House, **all seventh- and eighth-grade students are asked to wear Formal Uniform on Tuesday, November 7**, in addition to wearing Formal Uniform on Monday, November 6. **Sixth-grade students ONLY should wear their regular PE uniforms on Tuesday, November 7**, as they will be participating in regular PE activities that day.

### **Congratulations, Students of the Week!**

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

- [Gavin D.](#), Eighth-Grade Student of the Week
- [Amalie M.](#), Seventh-Grade Student of the Week
- [Izzy L.](#), Sixth-Grade Student of the Week



## Sports Recap for the Week of October 9

- Our 5/6 Flag Football team finished the season undefeated and allowed no touchdowns all season. Congrats on winning the league title this year!
- Mrs. Dietz's 5/6 Volleyball team defeated Stoneybrooke in a nail-biter that went three games.
- Mrs. Stebbins's 5/6 Volleyball team also defeated St. Serra and Mission Basilica to improve to 6–2 on the season.
- Our first pep rally of the year was on Thursday, October 12—and it was loud! The Cardinal Community came together to celebrate our student-athletes while competing in fun grade-level games and cheering on our Cardinals.

## Make Note of These Upcoming Athletics Events

Please note that Athletics will be hosting the following upcoming events, with more details available soon:

- **Fall Sports Awards:** Thursday, November 2, in the Gym
- **Fall Sports Team Photos:** Wednesday, November 8
- **Winter Sports Tryouts (Basketball and Lacrosse):** Monday, November 13–Wednesday, November 15 (Schedule TBD)

## Claim Lost & Found Items by Tomorrow

Our Lost & Found racks are overflowing! Please stop by our Middle School Lost & Found, located in the Middle Division hallway. Items not claimed by tomorrow—Friday, October 20—will be donated.

## Important Information About Halloween Festivities

### **COSTUME GUIDELINES FOR MD STUDENTS**

Happy Halloween! We look forward to seeing all of our Middle Division Cardinals in their Halloween costumes on Tuesday, October 31. For your student's safety and for everyone's enjoyment, please review the following Middle Division Costume Guidelines with your student:

- No evil-themed, demonic-themed, or inappropriately themed costumes
- All students should be able to easily sit at their seat/table in their costumes. Costumes cannot interfere with instruction (e.g., inflatable costumes need to be able to deflate easily, etc.).
- No masks, weapons, or makeup
- Students are strongly encouraged to express their individuality (no group costumes).

- If a student does not want to wear a costume, he or she may wear free dress with Halloween accessories (optional). Free-dress rules apply, including rules related to shoes.
- If a student fails to follow these guidelines, the student puts at risk his or her ability to participate in future dress days.

Please direct questions regarding costumes to your student's advisor.

### **COME CHEER ON THE HALLOWEEN PARADE!**

On October 31, the Elementary Division will have a Halloween Parade on Reuland Field from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m., with Middle Division students cheering them on. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend and cheer from the **Parent Spectator Area**. Please arrive early so that you have enough time to go through the check-in process.

### **DISMISSAL AT 12:15 P.M.**

As a reminder, October 31 is a Minimum Day, with Middle Division dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

## **Church**

### **This Sunday: Students Invited to Sing in Worship**

St. John's students are invited to sing in worship at the 10:00 a.m. service this Sunday, October 22. Singers should arrive at 9:30 a.m. in their SJES Formal Uniform. With questions, **email Ms. Naulls**. We look forward to worshipping together!

### **Join Us for K-8 Pumpkin Carving on Wednesday**

All kindergarteners through eighth graders are invited to join us for pumpkin carving this Wednesday, October 25, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Bring a pumpkin, a safe carving kit, and your best carving ideas. A special prize will be awarded for the best masterpiece! If interested, please contact Ms. Naulls via **email** or via text at 949.306.5135.

### **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. There will be several decorated cars passing out candy and treats, plus a costume parade, DJ music, and games!

### **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 25:** Matthew 22:34–36
- **Bible Verses for Wednesday, November 1:** Matthew 5:1–12