



CARDINAL WEEKLY

News for the Week of February 1, 2024

All School



Très Magnifique! Our Father-Daughter Dance attendees enjoyed a magical “Night in Paris” last Saturday. Thank you to our amazing event chairs—Lisa Northup, Nora Glover, and Janice Ghaly—for all their hard work and dedication in making this a special and memorable evening. An additional thank-you to the volunteers who helped set up, decorate, and clean up. View more photos from the dance [here](#).

A Note From the Head of School

What a wonderful week we have had at St. John's! It started with a busy weekend. First, we had **two robotics teams competing at the local qualifying tournament**.

Congratulations to our teams for their participation and for all the time and effort they put in beyond the classroom. A big thank-you to Mrs. Haggard for coaching these teams and to the parent volunteers who supported our Cardinals!

Then, it was time for my first **SJES Father-Daughter Dance!** “A Night in Paris” was so special as our parent volunteers transformed St. John's Courtyard and Gym into a setting that allowed our families to dance the night away. I wish to thank event chairs Lisa Northup, Nora Glover, and Janice Ghaly—and every other St. John's parent who

worked setup, dance support, and cleanup! Our families had such a memorable evening!

This week, **we have been joined on campus by our colleagues from the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)**, the organization that accredits St. John's. Every seven years, CAIS schools must go through a rigorous reaccreditation process, and part of that process involves an on-site visit by a group of professional educators from other CAIS schools. These professionals came to campus to review our Self-Study; visit classrooms; and speak with students, employees, and parents. I appreciate everyone's support during this process and look forward to sharing more about their visit with you next week. Our process for reaccreditation will not conclude until this summer, but I will continue to keep our community updated!

Also this week, we have been working on our one-page school calendar, and you will find a link to the **first draft of our 2024–25 one-page calendar** right after this letter. As we continue to plan for next school year, we will be working on our detailed master calendar, and those dates will be on our website come Summer 2024. Meanwhile, the major dates—first and last day of school, student holidays, inservice days, minimum days, and parent conference days—are included on the one-page calendar. As you will see, most of these dates are planned similarly to our current year's schedule.

Finally, I want to offer **a big thank-you to Lisa & Brandon Northup and Rebekah & Damion Young for hosting State of the School follow-up information meetings** for our Early Childhood Division and Elementary Division families this week! We do have one additional session scheduled for Middle Division families on Friday, February 9, at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Christine Xie and Aubrey Lu. (Please [click here to RSVP](#).)

Hard to believe that February is here already—the year is flying by so quickly! I am truly blessed and honored to serve our Cardinal Community.

See you soon!

Steve

2024-25 Draft School Calendar Now Available

To help you with your planning for next year, we have released the draft copy of St. John's one-page academic calendar for 2024–25. It is available on the Parent Gateway in the “Student Life” section, and you may also [view it by clicking here](#). Please note that this is **not the final version** of the 2024–25 school calendar. However, while some minor details may be altered before the calendar is finalized, we expect the major dates to remain the same.

Congratulations to Our Kids Cardinella T-Shirt Contest Winner!

We have a WINNER! Congrats to fourth-grader **Ella S.** for her winning artwork, which

will be featured on this year's Kids Cardinella T-Shirt. [Click here](#) to check it out.

Youth Long-Sleeve Spirit Tees Have Arrived in the Spirit Store

You asked, and they're here! Youth long-sleeve Spirit tees have arrived in the Student Store. [Order yours online here](#), or shop in-store tomorrow—Friday, February 2—from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

STUDENT STORE HOURS

Can't make it tomorrow? We are also open every school day next week, as follows:

- **Monday, February 5:** 7:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 6:** 7:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 7:** 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 8:** 7:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- **Friday, February 9:** 7:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Yearbook Dedication Pages: One Month Left to Order a Personalized Ad for Your Student

Don't miss out! There's just one month left to honor your student in the yearbook with a personalized ad. [Click here](#) for more information. With questions, please [email Beth Sarachman](#) in the Middle Division.

Book Fair Starts February 12

The week of February 12, our annual Literati Book Fair will be held in the Multipurpose Room.

- Early Childhood Division students may visit with their families before or after school.
- Elementary Division students will visit with their teacher once during the week, and may also visit before and after school with their families.
- Middle Division students may visit before school, during recess breaks, and after school.
- Families are also welcome to [shop online here](#).

Ms. Adair appreciates your support of this community-building event. Please [contact her](#) if you have any questions!

Spirit Lunch: Place Your Order by February 9

The In-N-Out Burger truck will be back on campus on Thursday, February 22, for Kids Cardinella! Order options include a cheeseburger, hamburger, or grilled cheese. All burgers are served plain and include Lay's potato chips and bottled water.

- **All orders must be placed online in advance by Friday, February 9, at noon.**
- No Choicelunch will be served on this day.
- To accommodate a limited serving window during lunch, Spirit Lunch is only available for purchase by students, faculty, and staff.
- [Click here](#) to place your order!

St. John's Athletics Update + Come Cheer on the Cardinals!

All of the Boys Basketball teams are doing exceptionally well in league play. Each has only one defeat, with one week to go in the season. Our Boys 5/6 Lacrosse team has also earned only one defeat this season and continues to win close games!

We hope you'll join us to cheer on your Cardinals at these upcoming games:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- Boys 5/6 Lacrosse vs. St. Margaret's (Home) at 3:00 p.m.
- Boys 7/8 Lacrosse vs. St. Margaret's (Home) at 4:00 p.m.
- Girls 5/6 Basketball at Mission Basilica (Away) at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- Boys 5 Basketball vs. St. Mary's (Home) at 3:30 p.m.
- Boys 6 Basketball at Mission Basilica (Away) at 3:30 p.m.
- Boys 7/8 Basketball at Mission Basilica (Away) at 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- Boys 5 Basketball vs. CVCS (Home) at 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- Girls 5/6 Basketball vs. AVCS (Home) at 3:30 p.m.
- Boys 5/6 Lacrosse at St. Serra (Away) at 3:00 p.m.
- Boys 7/8 Lacrosse at St. Serra (Away) at 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- Boys 5 Basketball vs. St. Serra (Home) at 3:30 p.m.

Important Upcoming Dates

Early Childhood Division

Friday, February 2

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Student Store Open: 7:45–9:30 a.m.*

Friday, February 9

- *Spirit Week Kicks Off!*
- *Country-Western Day: Yeehaw! Show off your fanciest duds and come dressed in your favorite country-western attire!*

Monday, February 12

- *Spirit Week*
- *Favorite Character Day: Dress up as your favorite hero or character from a book, TV show, movie—or even theme park!*

Tuesday, February 13

- *Spirit Week*
- *Super Comfy Day: Wear your favorite school-appropriate comfy clothes; remember to wear school-appropriate shoes.*

Wednesday, February 14

- *Spirit Week*
- *Favorite Sports Team Day: Show your love for your favorite sports team—St. John's, high school, collegiate, or professional! You may also wear Valentine's Day accessories, if you wish.*

Thursday, February 15

- *Spirit Week*
- *ECD Grandparents and Special Friends Morning*
- *Mismatch Day: Bring on your clashiest outfits! Mix patterns, polka dots, stripes, plaids, and even styles. Make sure your socks don't match, and choose colors that don't coordinate!*

Friday, February 16

- *Last Day of Spirit Week*
- *Spirit Wear Friday: Show off your Cardinal spirit with St. John's Spirit Wear!*

- *Minimum Day*: Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.

Monday, February 19

- *Presidents' Day Holiday*: No school

Tuesday, February 20

- *Faculty and Staff Inservice Day*: No school

Thursday, February 22

- *Kids Cardinella*

Friday, February 23

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

Friday, March 1

- *Minimum Day*: Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.
- *End of Second Trimester*
- *Spirit Wear Friday*

Elementary Division

Friday, February 2

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Student Store Open*: 7:45–9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 5

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

Friday, February 9

- *Spirit Week Kicks Off!*
- *Country-Western Day*: Yeehaw! Show off your fanciest duds and come dressed in your favorite country-western attire!
- *Noon Deadline to Preorder K–8 Spirit Lunch*: [Click here to preorder](#)

Monday, February 12

- *Spirit Week*
- *Favorite Character Day:* Dress up as your favorite hero or character from a book, TV show, movie—or even theme park!
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony:* 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents/guardians welcome
- *Video Audition Deadline for ED Variety Show*

Tuesday, February 13

- *Spirit Week*
- *Super Comfy Day:* Wear your favorite school-appropriate comfy clothes; remember to wear school-appropriate shoes.

Wednesday, February 14

- *Spirit Week*
- *Favorite Sports Team Day:* Show your love for your favorite sports team—St. John's, high school, collegiate, or professional! You may also wear Valentine's Day accessories, if you wish.

Thursday, February 15

- *Spirit Week*
- *Mismatch Day:* Bring on your clashiest outfits! Mix patterns, polka dots, stripes, plaids, and even styles. Make sure your socks don't match, and choose colors that don't coordinate!

Friday, February 16

- *Minimum Day:* Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.
- *Grandparents & Special Friends Day*
- *Last Day of Spirit Week*
- *Spirit Wear Friday:* Show off your Cardinal spirit with St. John's Spirit Wear!

Monday, February 19

- *Presidents' Day Holiday:* No school

Tuesday, February 20

- *Faculty and Staff Inservice Day:* No school

Thursday, February 22

- *Kids Cardinella*
- *K–8 Spirit Lunch*: [Click here to preorder](#) your child's lunch by February 9 at noon

Friday, February 23

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

Monday, February 26

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

Wednesday, February 28

- *Dress Rehearsal for ED Variety Show*: 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 29

- *Dress Rehearsal for ED Variety Show*: 11:30 a.m.

Friday, March 1

- *Minimum Day*: Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.
- *End of Second Trimester*
- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *ED Variety Show*: 10:15 a.m. in the Cardinal Gym; please arrive 15 minutes early to check in

Middle Division

Thursday, February 1

- *Boys 5/6 Lacrosse vs. St. Margaret's (Home)*: 3:00 p.m.
- *Girls 5/6 Basketball vs. Mission Basilica (Away)*: 3:30 p.m.
- *Boys 7/8 Lacrosse vs. St. Margaret's (Home)*: 4:00 p.m.

Friday, February 2

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Student Store Open*: 7:45–9:30 a.m.
- *MD Spring Musical Rehearsal*: 3:15–6:00 p.m.
- *Boys 5 Basketball vs. St. Mary's (Home)*: 3:30 p.m.

- *Boys 6 Basketball vs. Mission Basilica (Away): 3:30 p.m.*
- *Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. Mission Basilica (Away): 4:30 p.m.*

Saturday, February 3

- *MD Spring Musical Rehearsal: 9:00–11:00 a.m.; call time is 8:55 a.m.*

Sunday, February 4

- *Early-Bird Registration Deadline for Seventh-Grade 2024 Washington, DC, Field Studies Trip: [Click here for details](#)*

Monday, February 5

- *Formal Uniform Day for K–8*
- *Deadline to Prepay for MD Off-Campus Movie (February 13): [Click here to prepay](#)*
- *Student Store Open: 7:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
- *Boys 5 Basketball vs. CVCS 2 (Home): 3:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, February 6

- *Boys 5/6 Lacrosse at St. Serra (Away): 3:00 p.m.*
- *Girls 5/6 Basketball vs. AVCS (Home): 3:30 p.m.*
- *Boys 7/8 Lacrosse at St. Serra (Away): 4:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, February 7

- *Boys 5 Basketball vs. St. Serra 2 (Home): 3:30 p.m.*

Friday, February 9

- *Spirit Week Kicks Off!*
- *Country-Western Day: Yeehaw! Show off your fanciest duds and come dressed in your favorite country-western attire!*
- *Noon Deadline to Preorder K–8 Spirit Lunch: [Click here to preorder](#)*
- *No Spring Musical Rehearsal*
- *MD Winter Social: 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Gym; country-western theme*

Saturday, February 10

- *MD Spring Musical Rehearsal: 9:00–11:00 a.m.; call time is 8:55 a.m.*

Monday, February 12

- *Spirit Week*

- *Favorite Character Day*: Dress up as your favorite hero or character from a book, TV show, movie—or even theme park!

Tuesday, February 13

- *Spirit Week*
- *Super Comfy Day*: Wear your favorite school-appropriate comfy clothes; remember to wear school-appropriate shoes.
- *MD Off-Campus Movie and Lunch*: [Click here to prepay](#) for your child's movie (including popcorn and beverage) by Monday, February 5

Wednesday, February 14

- *Spirit Week*
- *Favorite Sports Team Day*: Show your love for your favorite sports team—St. John's, high school, collegiate, or professional! You may also wear Valentine's Day accessories, if you wish.

Thursday, February 15

- *Spirit Week*
- *Mismatch Day*: Bring on your clashiest outfits! Mix patterns, polka dots, stripes, plaids, and even styles. Make sure your socks don't match, and choose colors that don't coordinate!
- *MD Variety Show*: 1:30 p.m. in the Gym; please arrive 15 minutes early to check in

Friday, February 16

- *Minimum Day*: Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
- *Grandparents & Special Friends Day*
- *Last Day of Spirit Week*
- *Spirit Wear Friday*: Show off your Cardinal spirit with St. John's Spirit Wear!
- *No Spring Musical Rehearsal*

Monday, February 19

- *Presidents' Day Holiday*: No school

Tuesday, February 20

- *Faculty and Staff Inservice Day*: No school

Thursday, February 22

- *Kids Cardinella*
- *K-8 Spirit Lunch*: [Click here to preorder](#) your child's lunch by February 9 at noon

Friday, February 23

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *MD Spring Musical Rehearsal: 3:15–6:00 p.m.*

Monday, February 26

- *Formal Uniform Day for K–8*

Friday, March 1

- *Minimum Day: MD dismissal at 12:15 p.m.*
- *End of Second Trimester*
- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *MD Spring Musical Rehearsal: 1:00–4:00 p.m.*

Early Childhood Division

From the Interim Division Principal

Last Friday's Daddy and Me Day was an engaging experience for our Early Childhood Division students and their fathers and special guests. Interactive activities included launching rockets and digging for dinosaurs, and children had a great time navigating their blindfolded dads through an obstacle course. What a memorable event!

We'll be hosting even more family fun at Grandparents and Special Guests Day on Thursday, February 15, at 8:30 a.m. Please help us extend the invitation to grandparents and special guests to join your child in visiting classrooms and the playground, participating in some fun activities and, most of all, making lasting memories!

Warm regards,

Carole Magaldi
Interim Early Childhood Division Principal

Please RSVP: Grandparents and Special Guests Day Is February 15

Grandparents and Special Guests Day is on Thursday, February 15. We hope our grandparents and special guests will join us for a morning of activities with our ECD students from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Please [click here to RSVP](#).

Spirit Week Kicks Off February 9

Get ready to show your school spirit! Spirit Week kicks off Friday, February 9, with a fun

dress theme each day. (Please note: **Early Childhood Division's Mismatch Day and St. John's Spirit Wear Day will be on different days from the rest of the school.**)

- **Country-Western Day on Friday, February 9:** Yeehaw! Show off your fanciest duds and come dressed in your favorite country-western attire!
- **Favorite Character Day on Monday, February 12:** Dress up as your favorite hero or character from a book, TV show, movie—or even theme park!
- **Super Comfy Day on Tuesday, February 13:** Relax at school! Come dressed in your favorite school-appropriate comfy clothes—sweats, flannel pajamas, etc. You can even bring a stuffed animal, as long as it fits in your backpack. Please remember to wear school-appropriate shoes.
- **Favorite Sports Team Day (With Optional Valentine's Day Accessories) on Wednesday, February 14:** Show your love for your favorite sports team—St. John's, high school, collegiate, or professional! You may also wear Valentine's Day accessories, if you wish.
- **St. John's Spirit Wear on Thursday, February 15:** Show off your Cardinal spirit for Grandparents and Special Guests Day with St. John's Spirit Wear!
- **Mismatch Day on Friday, February 16:** Bring on your clashiest outfits! Mix patterns, polka dots, stripes, plaids, and even styles. Make sure your socks don't match, and choose colors that don't coordinate!

We can't wait to see your fun, creative outfits!

Elementary Division

From the Division Principal

School is about trying new things, especially at the elementary level. Our students often face new situations on a daily basis: new challenges, new content, and new discoveries about the world and themselves. It is an exciting time! When we think about the intrepidity of young students, it's remarkable just how brave and resilient they are. Throughout their daily experiences, students approach all this newness with eyes wide open. They exercise a growth mindset.

Just the other day, I was checking in with a group of young mathematicians. They were tackling a math problem that asked them to determine the area of a non-uniform rectangular shape. While enough information was provided to calculate the area, important pieces of information were missing, requiring them to engage in pre-algebraic problem-solving. It was amazing to see how students approached this task in such a variety of ways. It was also difficult to NOT guide them!

As adults, we often jump in too quickly when students are presented with struggle. We feel that by providing the answer—or the method by which to find the answer—we are helping and teaching them. Even as a lifelong educator, I have a hard time letting students wrestle with challenges.

We must always remember that the growth mindset students use when interacting with difficult problems and situations equips them to persevere. Let's keep this in mind as our students face challenges. These new experiences are good for them. Working together, we can instill the confidence and self-belief in students that will remain with them their entire lives.

Warmly,

Ryan Bourke
Elementary Division Principal

This Wednesday: Elementary Free-Dress Day

By now, you may have heard that Mr. Bourke's amazing basketball skills at last week's Pep Rally resulted in the Elementary Division earning one Free-Dress Day! As such, students may enjoy a Free-Dress Day this Wednesday, February 7. Enjoy!

Please RSVP: Grandparents and Special Guests Day Is February 16

Grandparents and Special Guests Day is on Friday, February 16. We hope our Grandparents and Special Guests will join us for a joyful morning of activities and fellowship. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Claim Lost & Found Items by February 9

Our Lost & Found racks are overflowing! Please stop by our Elementary Division Lost & Found (in front of the Elementary Division Office) sometime this week. Items not claimed by Friday, February 9, will be donated.

Spirit Week Kicks Off February 9

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- **Country-Western Day on Friday, February 9:** Yeehaw! Show off your fanciest duds and come dressed in your favorite country-western attire!
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- **St. John's Spirit Wear on Friday, February 16:** Show off your Cardinal spirit during Grandparents and Special Friends Day with St. John's Spirit Wear!

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Middle Division

From the Division Principal

Last Thursday, we held our Winter Sports Pep Rally—complete with the SJES Cardinal on hand to welcome everyone into Cardinal Gym! Elementary and Middle Division students enthusiastically cheered on the 60+ student-athletes in grades 5–8 who compete in boys and girls basketball and boys lacrosse. These student-athletes dedicate countless hours to practices and games and represent their school with true sportsmanship. Their season runs from late November through early February, so there is still time to catch a game and cheer them on. (Please reference the sports schedule listed in the All School section of *Cardinal Weekly*, above).

The Pep Rally included a competitive element that is always a fan favorite. Congratulations to the fifth-grade students for their clean win in the ED Basketball Dribble and to the eighth-grade students for their victory in the MD Basketball Shooting Competition. It is always impressive to see our Cardinals displaying their skills and sportsmanship in friendly competitions. The Faculty and Administration Basketball Free Throw Competition added an extra layer of fun to the Pep Rally, with Mr. Lovejoy earning the entire school Free Dress last Friday. It was a fantastic afternoon filled with Cardinal school spirit and celebration for our student-athletes.

Best of luck to all the student-athletes in their remaining games and to those participating in the upcoming spring sports tryouts in February. (Dates and times will be listed in the *Cardinal Weekly* soon.) Spring sports include coed soccer, coed track, and boys volleyball.

GO CARDINALS!

Sheryll Grogan
Middle Division Principal

Congratulations, Students of the Week!

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

- [Luke S.](#) and [Jinqi M.](#), Eighth-Grade Students of the Week

- [Eric J.](#), Seventh-Grade Student of the Week
- [Gillian M.](#), Sixth-Grade Student of the Week

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Spring Sports Begin This Month

Spring sports are just around the corner. Spring offers boys' volleyball, coed soccer, and track and field (grades K–8). Registration for these sports will begin the week of February 19. Specific dates will be listed in the *Cardinal Weekly* soon. Go Cardinals!

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Seventh-Grade Parents: Register for DC Trip by THIS SUNDAY for Early Bird Discount

Seventh-grade parents, be sure to register for the 2024 Washington, DC, Field Studies trip by this Sunday, February 4, for the Early Bird price.

- [Click here for details.](#)
- Remember, all students must register before the end of the school year if they want to attend this once-in-a-lifetime trip!
- Questions? [Email Beth Sarachman](#) in the Middle Division.

MD Spirit Week: Winter Social, Dress Themes, and Movie + Lunch!

Spirit Week is **Friday, February 9, through Friday, February 16**, and we have some fun activities planned!

- The **Middle Division Winter Social takes place Friday, February 9**, as a kickoff to Spirit Week. This year's dance has a country-western theme and will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gym.
- Students will enjoy **daily free-dress themes** during Spirit Week, February 9–16. [Click here for details.](#)
- On Tuesday, February 13, MD students will walk to Cinépolis for a movie (*Wonka*) and then enjoy an off-campus lunch. [Click here to prepay](#) for your

child's movie (including popcorn and beverage) **by tomorrow—Monday, February 5.**

Church

This Sunday: Boy Scout Sunday and Ministry Fair

This Sunday, February 4, we are excited to welcome Boy Scouts from Troop 1210 to assist with our 10:00 a.m. worship service. **If you are a Scout, you are invited to wear your uniform at this special service.** Then, **following the service, stop by our Ministry Fair at noon** to learn more about the great service opportunities St. John's Episcopal Church offers, as well as about programming like Vacation Bible School and Sunday School.

Parents May Receive Ashes During Carpool on Ash Wednesday

Fr. Jerry and School Chaplain Mrs. Patti will be available to anoint parents and caregivers with ashes during carpool drop-off and pickup on Ash Wednesday, February 14. You may either receive ashes in the carpool line or outside the church during this time. Students may receive ashes during Chapel prayer stations. **Holy Eucharist will be offered at 7:00 p.m. in the church.**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and is a day when we focus on repentance and prayer. Lent serves as a time to reflect, confess our sins, seek repentance, and prepare spiritually for the celebration of Easter.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Is June 17-21

Save the Date for Scuba Vacation Bible School the week of June 17–21! Kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

- At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word of God and discover what living water is really all about! Each day, kids will launch into field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible points and immerse kids in new adventures.
- Registration will open in early April.
- With questions, please **[email Chrissy Hennings](#)**.

We hope to see you all there!

Opportunities for Students to Sing in Church

All students are invited to perform at church with Lisa Naulls on the following dates:

- Sunday, February 4, at 12:30 p.m. Ministry Fair

- Sunday, February 25, at 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Students should wear their Formal Uniform. If interested, please [email Mrs. Naulls.](#)