



CARDINAL WEEKLY

News for the Week of February 8, 2024

All School



Project-Based Learning Spotlight: Fractions Can Be Fun! Mrs. Girolamo's fourth graders play "Tough Terrain," a board game created by Mrs. Galus's seventh-grade Pre-algebra Advanced students to help their Elementary Division friends practice fractions. Through Project-Based Learning, our seventh graders practiced setting objectives, designing for a positive user experience, providing clear instructions, peer editing, and revising through multiple iterations—with the end goal of creating amazing games!

Reminder: Re-enrollment Deadline Is Tomorrow

Please note that **the deadline to re-enroll current students for the 2024–25 school year is tomorrow—Friday, February 9**. Re-enrollment contracts were issued via email on January 31, and the email outlined the steps needed to complete the process. If you have any questions about your student's re-enrollment, please **[email the Admissions team](#)**. We look forward to seeing your family on campus for the 2024–25 school year!

Boys 6 Basketball Wins League Title!

Congratulations to the boys' sixth-grade basketball team on winning the Beach League Championship on Friday vs. Mission! Go Cardinals!

See You Tomorrow? Final SoS Follow-up Coffee Now Open to All Families

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our State of the School follow-up coffees! If you haven't been able to attend one yet, we hope you'll join us for our final session this Friday, February 9, at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Christine Xie and Aubrey Lu. We've opened it up to everyone, so **all families are welcome to attend, regardless of division!** For location details and to RSVP, please [click here](#).

Chinese New Year Celebration: Join Us Monday Morning

Join us for a lively **Chinese New Year Celebration this Monday, February 12, from 8:00 to 8:20 a.m. in the Cardinal Gym**. All parents are invited to enjoy the cultural performances, and parents with children in the Early Childhood Division are welcome to attend with their little ones. We look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion together—Happy Lunar New Year to all!

Book Fair Starts Monday

St. John's annual book fair is coming to the Multipurpose Room next week—Monday, February 12, through Friday, February 16. The book fair flyer that was sent home shows just a small sampling of the hundreds of books we'll have available! Shopping times are before school, during library time, on recess breaks, and after school. You may also [shop online here](#). With questions, please [email Ms. Adair](#).

Volunteers Needed to Help Serve Lunches to Students

We are looking for parent volunteers to help serve lunches to St. John's students who order Choicelunch. At this time, we could really use some extra help from now until the end of the school year.

- This is a fun and easy way to meet other parents and see students at lunch.
- A shift runs from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and you earn a free Choicelunch for each shift you work.
- Please [email Melissa Bonhall](#) for more details.

We would love to have you join the parent Choicelunch team!

February PTF Meeting: Join Us Tuesday

Please join us this **Tuesday, February 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons** for our February Parent Teacher Fellowship meeting.

- This month's guest speaker will be our Head of School, Mr. Lovejoy, as he recaps the State of the School and answers any questions you may have.
- If you are unable to attend in person, please [join us via Zoom](#) with Meeting ID: 957 0552 7955.

Parents May Receive Ashes During Carpool on Ash Wednesday

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Save the Date: Cardinella Is March 16

You won't want to miss this year's annual school benefit, Cardinella, which will be held Saturday, March 16, at the [Inn at the Mission, San Juan Capistrano](#). Tickets go on sale soon—watch your inbox for important details!

Vacation Bible School Is June 17-21

St. John's Episcopal Church is hosting 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. Registration will open in early April. With questions, please [email Chrissy Hennings](#).

LAST CALL: Order Spirit Lunch by Tomorrow at Noon

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 tomorrow—Friday, February 9—at noon.**
- No Choice lunch 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!

Important Upcoming Dates

Early Childhood Division

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!
- *Student Store Open:* 7:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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- *Student Store Open:* 9:30 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 15

- *Spirit Week*
- *ECD Grandparents and Special Guests 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!
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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.*
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Monday, February 19

- *Presidents' Day Holiday: No school*

Tuesday, February 20

- *Faculty and Staff Inservice Day: No school*

Thursday, February 22

- *Kids Cardinella*
- *Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-ups Open Today*

Friday, February 23

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Friday, March 1

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Thursday, March 7

- *Parent-Teacher Conferences: Sign-ups open February 22*

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- *Video Audition Deadline for ED Variety Show*

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- *Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-ups Open Today*

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

Thursday, March 7

- *Parent-Teacher Conferences*: Sign-ups open February 22

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Saturday, March 16

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Middle Division

Thursday, February 8

- *Boys 7/8 Basketball Playoffs at St. Anne School, Laguna Niguel (Away)*: 4:30 p.m.

Friday, February 9

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- *Noon Deadline to Preorder K–8 Spirit Lunch*: [Click here to preorder](#)
- *No Spring Musical Rehearsal*
- *Student Store Open*: 7:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *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.

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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*
- *Student Store Open*: 7:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting*: 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons
- *Boys 7/8 Basketball Playoffs*: Time & location TBD

Wednesday, February 14

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Thursday, February 15

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- *Student Store Open*: 7:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
- *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*
- *Track & Field Registration Opens*
- *Student Store Open*: 7:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Monday, February 19

- *Presidents' Day Holiday*: No school

Tuesday, February 20

- *Faculty and Staff Inservice Day*: No school

Wednesday, February 21

- *Spring Sports Tryouts*
 - Coed 7/8 Soccer: 3:15–4:30 p.m. on Reuland Field
 - Boys 7/8 Volleyball: 3:15–4:30 p.m. in Cardinal Gym

Thursday, February 22

- *Kids Cardinella*
- *K–8 Spirit Lunch*: [Click here to preorder](#) your child's lunch by February 9 at noon
- *Student-Led Conference Sign-ups Open Today*
- *Spring Sports Tryouts*
 - Coed 5/6 Soccer: 3:15–4:40 p.m. on Reuland Field
 - Boys 5/6 Volleyball: 3:15–4:30 p.m. in Cardinal Gym

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*

Tuesday, February 27

- *Spring Sports Awards*: 3:15 p.m. in Cardinal Gym

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.

Thursday, March 7

- *No School for Students*
- *Student-Led Conferences*: Sign-ups open February 22

Friday, March 8

- *No School for Students*
- *Student-Led Conferences*: Sign-ups open February 22
- *MD Spring Musical Rehearsal*: 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 16

- *Cardinella*: Tickets to St. John's annual school benefit go on sale soon

Early Childhood Division

From the Interim Division Principal

Winter weather has brought new excitement to the Early Childhood Division! What fun our young learners have been experiencing these recent rainy days. Decked out in rain gear, children were excited to run outside, splash through puddles, find a small rivulet of water in which to float rubber ducks, and collect water as it streamed from the corner of the roof like a waterfall. With heightened senses, they listened to the sound of raindrops hitting various surfaces and felt the rain on their face, hands, and bodies as they jumped into the puddles from the bench around the sandbox.

Experiences like these create a new awareness of the environment and weather changes. What better way to learn than through hands-on experience? Kudos to all of the Early Childhood teachers for giving our young learners the opportunities to play, explore, get wet, and share this memorable day with their friends.

We have gathered some rainy-day photos. Be sure to check out the pictures on the wall by the front desk!

Warm regards,

Carole Magaldi
Interim Early Childhood Division Principal

Parent-Teacher Conferences Are March 7 & 8

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 7, and Friday, March 8. Sign-ups for conferences will open on Thursday, February 22, when a SignUpGenius link will be provided via *Cardinal Weekly*. Conference sign-ups will close on Sunday, March 3.

Spirit Week Starts Tomorrow

We kick off Spirit Week tomorrow—Friday, February 9—with Country-Western Day.

Students are invited to come dressed in their favorite country-western attire! The remainder of the dress themes for Spirit Week are as follows:

- **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!

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. For additional details, please [click here to view the email](#) that was sent to grandparents and special guests last Friday.

Elementary Division

From the Division Principal

What a rainy week! With the recent and anticipated inclement weather, please take a moment to review St. John’s *Inclement Weather Pickup Procedure* for students in K–8, *as follows*:

- On rainy days, parents may still enter campus and meet their child at the classroom door (or other arranged location); however, parents are also welcome to drive through carpool.
 - **Students will be sheltered from the rain under the eaves of the fifth-grade classrooms (in back of Sillers Hall).**
 - Upon your arrival in the carpool lane, a teacher will escort your child(ren) out to your car.
 - Please clearly announce to the teacher which students you are picking up, including their grades and teachers.

- **Elementary Division:** If your child is in kindergarten through fifth grade, you may drive through carpool like normal (both lanes at 2:45 p.m., depending on your child's last name).
- **Middle Division:** If your child is in grades 6–8, you may drive through carpool beginning at 3:05 p.m. Middle Division faculty will help escort students.

It is our hope that this procedure will make carpool pickup easier for our families at the end of a rainy day! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Warmly,

Ryan Bourke
Elementary Division Principal

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Kindergarten: Oral Health Assessment Form Due May 31

California law requires that students enrolled in kindergarten receive an oral health assessment by a licensed dental health professional, and submit a completed Oral Health Assessment Form to the child's school. Oral health assessments must occur between 12 months prior to the start of kindergarten and the end of the kindergarten year on May 31.

To fulfill the requirement, please **complete and submit this Oral Health Assessment Form**, as follows:

1. Parent/guardian must complete Section #1.
2. Licensed dental professional must fill out and sign or stamp Section #2.
3. Parent/guardian must return the completed form to the St. John's Health Office by Friday, May 31.
4. To claim an exemption from this requirement, parent/guardian must complete Section #3 and return to the Health Office by Friday, May 31.

If you have any questions, please call the Health Office at 949.858.5144 x223.

Lost & Found: Unclaimed Items Will Be Donated After Tomorrow

Our Lost & Found racks are overflowing! Please stop by our Elementary Division Lost & Found (in front of the Elementary Division Office) by tomorrow—Friday, February 9. After tomorrow, all unclaimed items will be donated.

Spirit Week Kicks Off Tomorrow

Get ready to show your school spirit! Spirit Week kicks off tomorrow—Friday, February 9—with a fun dress theme each day:

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Middle Division

From the Division Principal

One of this week’s collaborations involved Project-Based Learning across the divisions. Fostering teamwork and creativity, small groups in seventh-grade math class were charged with creating board games for students in fourth grade, to promote a deeper understanding of a particular math concept.

First, the Middle Division students needed to know what the Elementary Division students were studying in math. The answer was, “all things fractions.” Next came the design process, where all MD groups were required to state educational objectives, provide clear instructions, and define how to win the game. Design considerations included color, theme, engagement, and simplicity. Peer editing offered a structured

approach to game development to ensure the games were appealing and enjoyable for the ED students. The MD students revised and redefined through multiple iterations, with the goal of creating amazing games!

The excitement on game day highlighted the success of the project for the MD creators and ED participants. The fourth-grade students eagerly traveled upstairs to play games such as Tough Terrain, Dora's Land, Save the Lorax, and Fraction Machine, crafted by their seventh-grade buddies.

The opportunity for MD students to influence the learning of their younger peers in energizing ways created a sense of community. The ED student groups enjoyed the games and the time spent with their new MD friends!

Warm regards,

Sheryll Grogan
Middle Division Principal

Spirit Week Begins Tomorrow

Spirit Week activities begin tomorrow—Friday, February 9—with Country-Western Day, followed by the Winter Dance from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Cardinal Gym. [View the Spirit Week flyer](#) for a complete list of all activities.

Can You Help? Parent Volunteers Needed for Cleanup After MD Dance

We need a handful of parents (and students) to help take down and put away the decorations after the Middle Division Winter Dance, so that the gym is all cleaned up in time for an event early Saturday morning. This shouldn't take more than 10 to 15 minutes, and no special skills are required. If you are able to assist, please [click here to let us know](#). Thank you for your help!

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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:

- [Jordy B.](#) and [Colby W.](#), Eighth-Grade Students of the Week
- [Max H.](#), Seventh-Grade Student of the Week
- [Vincent L.](#), Sixth-Grade Student of the Week

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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.

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- 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 with Lisa Naulls at St. Francis Episcopal Church's 10:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, February 25. Students should wear their Formal Uniform. If interested, please [email Mrs. Naulls](#).