



## CARDINAL WEEKLY

*News for the Week of April 11, 2024*

### All School



***Petting the Farm:*** *Our Early Childhood Division friends are learning about farms and life cycles, so we brought the barnyard to them yesterday! Dressed in farm-friendly clothing, students made real-life connections with classroom lessons, learning more about farm life and safety around animals as they interacted with chickens, rabbits, goats, and more.*

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### **Uniform Guides for 2024-25 Now Available**

Our Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform Guides are now available! These quick-glance

guides make it easy to know what uniform options your child should wear each day, and are broken down by division and gender. (Please note that while uniforms are required for Elementary and Middle Division students, Pre-Kindergarten uniforms are strictly optional.)

- To view the 2024–25 Uniform Guides, [click here](#) or stop by the Student Store to pick up a printed copy. (While you're there, be sure to check out our awesome selection of Spirit Wear, which may still be worn next year!)
- Questions? Many of our most commonly asked questions are answered on our uniforms FAQ page [here](#). You are also welcome to contact Cheryl Boesch, Student Store Manager, in person at the Student Store or [via email](#).

### **This Tuesday: Last Open PTF Meeting of the School Year**

Please join us for our last open Parent Teacher Fellowship meeting of the school year this **Tuesday, April 16, at 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons**. We will have guest speakers from our Middle Division talking about all things Middle, exciting announcements regarding changes to the PTF for next year, and discussions on other interesting topics. If you cannot attend in person, please join us via Zoom:

- **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://jamsadr.zoom.us/j/95705527955>
- **Meeting ID:** 957 0552 7955
- **One Tap Mobile:** +16699006833,,95705527955#

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### **50% Off DENNIS Uniform Logo Items**

Dennis Uniform has discounted our logo items 50% off to clear! [Click here](#) to take

advantage of this fabulous deal and pick up items to last you through this year (and even next, as DENNIS Uniform items may be worn during the 2024–25 school year).

### **Claim Lost & Found Items ASAP**

Our Lost & Found is overflowing! Stop by the Lost & Found racks in front of the Elementary Division Office before Friday, April 19. Items not claimed by this date will be donated.

### **Vacation Bible School: Register Today for Early Bird Discount!**

Sign up now for St. John's Episcopal Church's [Scuba Vacation Bible School](#), taking place from **9:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, June 17–Friday, June 21**. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in new adventures, enjoy field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible lessons, and discover what living water is really all about!

- [Click here to register](#) by Friday, April 19, for an early bird discount.
- With questions, email [VBS@StJohns-ES.org](mailto:VBS@StJohns-ES.org).

We hope to see you there!

### **Athletics Game Schedule: Come Cheer on Your Cardinals!**

Come cheer on your Cardinals at the following upcoming games:

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

- Tustin Track Meet at Tustin High School

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

- Santa Margarita Regional Track Meet at SMCHS

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 15**

- 5/6 Coed Soccer vs. OLF (Home) at 3:30 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

- 7/8 Coed Soccer vs. AVCS (Home) at 3:30 p.m.
- 5/6 Boys Volleyball at St. Anne (Away) at 3:30 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

- 5/6 Coed Soccer vs. St. Serra (Home) at 3:30 p.m.

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

- 5/6 Boys Volleyball at Stoneybrooke (Away) at 3:30 p.m.

### **Cardinella Photos Now Available**

Cardinella photos are available now! [Click here](#) to view and purchase pictures from the event.

### **Buy Tickets Now: Father-Son Event Is April 28**

Plan to join us for the next Father-Son Event on Sunday, April 28, when we'll enjoy an Angels vs. Twins baseball game at Anaheim. Tickets are on sale now—[click here to purchase!](#)

### **International Fair Is May 2: Volunteers Needed**

This year, St. John's Parent Teacher Fellowship will be hosting the first International Fair on **Thursday, May 2, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.** in the Courtyard. This is to allow our community to represent and share their cultures, as well as to learn about other cultures. If you are interested in volunteering to help create this fun learning and fellowship event, please [fill out this three-question survey](#).

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

### **Early Childhood Division**

#### **Friday, April 12**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

#### **Tuesday, April 16**

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

#### **Friday, April 19**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

#### **Friday, April 26**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

### **Friday, May 3**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

### **Wednesday, May 8**

- *ECD Mommy and Me Event: 8:00–10:00 a.m.*

### **Friday, May 10**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

## **Elementary Division**

### **Friday, April 12**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. in the Courtyard*
- *Rising Cardinals Flag Football Practice: 7:20–7:55 a.m. in Cardinal Gym*

### **Saturday, April 13**

- *Track & Field—City of Tustin Meet (K–8)*

### **Sunday, April 14**

- *Track & Field—SMCHS Regional Meet*

### **Monday, April 15**

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

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

### **Wednesday, April 17**

- *Rising Cardinals Flag Football Practice: 7:20–7:55 a.m. in Cardinal Gym*

### **Thursday, April 18**

- *Spirit Lunch for K–8: No Choice lunch today*

### **Friday, April 19**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Rising Cardinals Flag Football Practice: 7:20–7:55 a.m. in Cardinal Gym*

### **Sunday, April 21**

- *SJES Track & Field Practice (K–4): 9:00–10:00 a.m. at Santa Margarita Catholic High School*

### **Monday, April 22**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *Rising Cardinals Flag Football Practice: 7:20–7:55 a.m. in Cardinal Gym*
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony and Cardinal Character Recognition: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents/guardians welcome*

### **Tuesday, April 23**

- *Rising Cardinals Flag Football Practice: 7:20–7:55 a.m. in Cardinal Gym*

### **Friday, April 26**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

### **Saturday, April 27**

- *Rising Cardinals Flag Football Tournament: 9:00–10:00 a.m. at SJES*

### **Sunday, April 28**

- *SJES Track & Field Practice (K–4): 9:00–10:00 a.m. at Santa Margarita Catholic High School*

### **Monday, April 29**

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

### **Friday, May 3**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

### **Sunday, May 5**

- *Track & Field—JSerra Regional Meet (1–8)*
- *SJES Track & Field Practice (K–4): 9:00–10:00 a.m. at Santa Margarita Catholic High School*

### **Monday, May 6**

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

### **Wednesday, May 8**

- *Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms Launch and Uniforms 101: 8:00 a.m. in Cardinal Gym*

### **Friday, May 10**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

## **Middle Division**

### **Friday, April 12**

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

### **Saturday, April 13**

- *Tustin Track Meet*

### **Sunday, April 14**

- *Santa Margarita Regional Track Meet*

### **Monday, April 15**

- *Formal Uniform Day K-8*
- *5/6 Coed Soccer Game vs. OLF (Home): 3:30 p.m.*

## **Tuesday, April 16**

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting*: 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons
- *7/8 Coed Soccer Game vs. AVCS (Home)*: 3:30 p.m.

## **Wednesday, April 17**

- *5/6 Coed Soccer Game vs. St. Serra (Home)*: 3:30 p.m.

## **Thursday, April 18**

- *Spirit Lunch for K–8*: No Choice lunch today
- *5/6 Boys Volleyball Game at Stoneybrooke (Away)*: 3:30 p.m.

## **Friday, April 19**

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## **Sunday, April 21**

- *SJES Track & Field Practice (5–8)*: 10:00–11:00 a.m. at Santa Margarita Catholic High School

## **Monday, April 22**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*

## **Wednesday, April 24**

- *5/6 Coed Soccer Game vs. St. Margaret's (Away)*: 3:45 p.m.
- *7/8 Coed Soccer Game vs. St. Margaret's 2 (Away)*: 4:45 p.m.
- *Middle Division RSM Awards*: 6:00 p.m. at RSM City Council Meeting

## **Friday, April 26**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Middle Division Musical Performance of Shrek JR.*: 5:30 p.m. in Cardinal Gym

## **Saturday, April 27**

- *Middle Division Musical Performance of Shrek JR.*: 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in Cardinal Gym



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- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Eighth Grade Field Trip to Knott's Berry Farm*

## **Sunday, May 5**

- *Track & Field—JSerra Regional Meet (1–8)*
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## **Monday, May 6**

- *Formal Uniform Day K-8*
- *7/8 Coed Soccer Playoffs (TBD)*

## **Tuesday, May 7**

- *7/8 Coed Soccer Playoffs (TBD)*

## **Wednesday, May 8**

- *Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms Launch and Uniforms 101: 8:00 a.m. in Cardinal Gym*
- *7/8 Coed Soccer Playoffs (TBD)*

## **Thursday, May 9**

- *7/8 Coed Soccer Playoffs (TBD)*

## **Friday, May 10**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *7/8 Coed Soccer Playoffs (TBD)*

## Early Childhood Division



***Chickens and Goats and Cardinals, Oh My!*** Yesterday, our Early Childhood Division students enjoyed a visit from the petting zoo, in our own ECD parking lot!

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### **A Note From Mr. Bourke: ECD Takes Learning Outside the Classroom at This Week's Petting Zoo**

Yesterday, our Early Childhood Division students enjoyed a visit from the petting zoo. This fun-filled event occurred right on the St. John's campus in our very own ECD parking lot. Dressed in farm attire, students sang along to *Old MacDonald Had a Farm* as they awaited their turn to visit with the many animals.

Once inside the petting zoo, students had the opportunity to interact with goats, chickens, rabbits, and more. It was a wonderful way to kick off April as we learn about farms and life cycles.

It was also especially nice for our ECD students to connect with nature and have the experience of spending time with animals. What a great memory for our students!

Warmly,

Ryan Bourke  
ECD/ED Principal

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### **Elementary Division**



*Mrs. McLennan's first graders hold their solar glasses carefully in place as they take in Monday's partial eclipse of the sun!*

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### **A Note From Mr. Bourke: Solar Eclipses and Other Marvelous Moments**

On Monday, St. John's students had the opportunity to experience the partial eclipse of the sun—either in person or virtually—as this phenomenon occurred over Southern California. While not all of our students were able to use the solar glasses under close supervision of a teacher, it nonetheless was a worthwhile and exciting experience. Students who were unable to view the eclipse safely outside were able to view it through the NASA website. The live coverage from parts of the country that experienced totality was fascinating. In addition to being able to see this event live from the comfort of their classroom, it was an informative lesson in science and astronomy.

This eclipse was a rare and short-lived experience. It was a blip in the lives of our students—a blip, however, that was fascinating and likely to be remembered.

I bring this to your attention as an example of the multitude of similarly fascinating events that occur on a daily basis in the lives of our students. As parents, you know that as children grow, patterns of behavior, interests, and other similar phenomena come and go. These fleeting moments in the lives of children are the brief eclipses that we as a school attempt to notice and capture.

Please know that we admire all that our students accomplish, and marvel at these moments in their lives here at St. John's. It is as exciting to us as the solar eclipse on Monday!

Warmly,

Ryan Bourke  
ECD/ED Principal

### **Elementary Division Principal for the Day**

On Tuesday, April 23, fifth-grade student Maddie C. will serve as Elementary Division Principal for the Day. As the Kids Cardinella winner of this exciting opportunity, Principal Maddie will be involved in all aspects of running the division. Parents, faculty, and students can expect to see her around all day as she leads, runs, and manages our amazing Elementary Division. It's a huge responsibility, but we know she is up to the task!

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### **SJES Summer Olympics: Opening Ceremony Is Tomorrow Morning**

St. John's Summer Olympics kick off tomorrow—Friday, April 12—at 8:00 a.m. in the Courtyard! The Elementary Division students have been assigned to represent six different countries: Italy, Germany, France, China, Spain, and Great Britain. Please have each student wear their uniform bottoms and a top that matches the color of their assigned country. Thank you!

### **Kindergarten: Oral Health Assessment Form Due May 31**

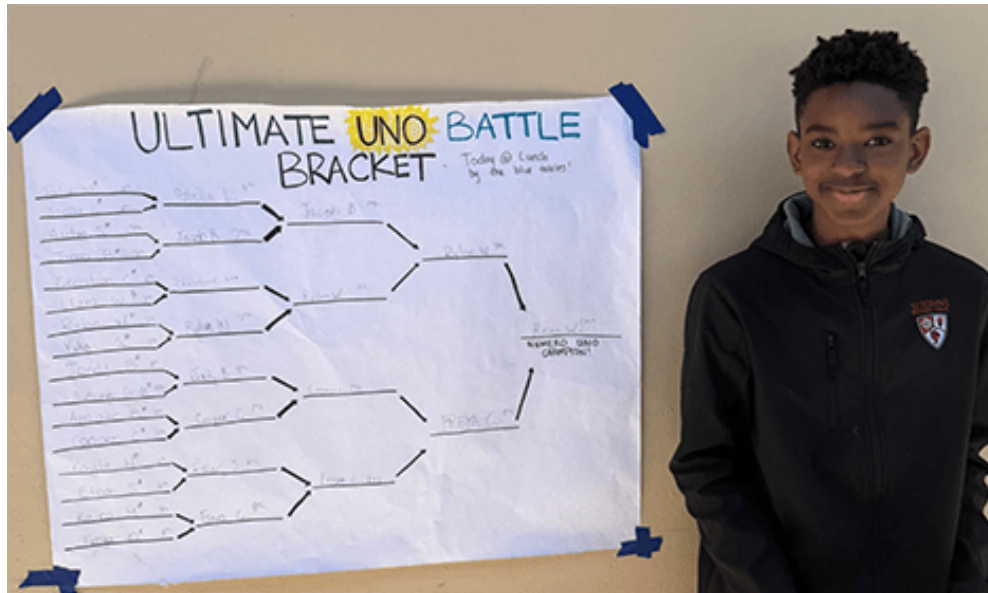
California law requires that students enrolled in kindergarten receive an oral health assessment by a licensed dental health professional, and submit a completed Oral Health Assessment Form to the child's school. Oral health assessments must occur between 12 months prior to the start of kindergarten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

## Middle Division



*Congratulations to seventh grader Rylan W., who emerged victorious as the Ultimate UNO Battle champion for the SJES Middle Division this week! Hosted by the Student Council, the single-elimination event was a tremendous success, highlighting the Council's efforts to involve more students in friendly competitions meant to build relationships across the division.*

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### **A Note From Mrs. Grogan: Ultimate UNO Battle Leads to Epic Fun!**

What do the game UNO and the SJES Middle Division have in common? For the answer, look no further than lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday, when 16 participants from grades 6, 7, and 8 participated in the Ultimate UNO Battle.

Organized by the MD Student Council, this event marked the beginning of a series of MD Monday lunch tournaments aimed at providing new and exciting activities during extended lunch recess. The inaugural competition featured a single-elimination bracket, and by the end of the first day of competition, only two students remained.

The championship round on Tuesday featured eighth grader Freya C. and seventh grader Rylan W. competing for the title. It was a suspenseful finale, but Rylan emerged victorious as the Ultimate UNO Battle champion for the SJES Middle Division!

A huge congratulations to Rylan and Freya on an epic competition, and a great big thank-you to the Student Council for coordinating the event.

The Ultimate UNO Battle was a tremendous success, highlighting the Student Council's efforts to involve more students in friendly competitions meant to build relationships

across the division. With plans for an Ultimate 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament next, the Student Council is eager to continue providing leadership and engaging activities for the MD student body.

Warm regards,

Sheryll Grogan  
Middle Division Principal

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