



## CARDINAL WEEKLY

*News for the Week of April 18, 2024*

### All School



*Congratulations to our SJES Track & Field team, which took home several awards at the Tustin Youth Track Meet this past weekend! Here, Kian R., Jackson M., and Levi M. celebrate a podium sweep by the St. John's team in the Third-Grade Boys' 400m event. (The complete list of SJES top finishers is available at the bottom of this section.)*

### **From the Head of School: Reminder About Student Drop-off and Pickup**

As we approach the late spring, I wanted to remind parents of a few things related to student drop-off and pickup. Because the safety of our students is paramount, it is essential that students be supervised at all times while on campus.

Supervision is available on school days beginning at 7:40 a.m. in the Elementary and Middle Divisions, and at 7:45 a.m. in the Early Childhood Division. Our campus and staff are not ready to receive students until this time, so (unless they have made prior

arrangements with staff members) we ask that parents **wait until 7:40 a.m. to drop off students in K–8 and until 7:45 a.m. to drop off ECD students.**

Please note that while the front gates do not open until 7:40 a.m. for students in K–8, the back carpool gate currently opens earlier due to construction. However, the official carpool drop-off times in both the front and back of the school are still 7:40 a.m. for K–8 and 7:45 a.m. for ECD, as there is no supervision until this time.

In the afternoon, students must be in a supervised location until they are picked up. **If you are coming late for pickup, we ask you to have your child wait in the Extended Care area.** This is the only supervised area for students after school, unless they are Middle Division students in after-school sports, drama, or a prearranged meeting with a teacher.

We understand that circumstances arise, and we will help as best we can; however, all students must be under supervision at all times while on campus, regardless of the circumstance.

Thank you—I truly appreciate your help in keeping our students safe!

Warmly,

Steve Lovejoy  
Head of School

## **School Uniforms: Important News and Updates**

### **NEW UNIFORM-SIZING APPOINTMENTS ADDED!**

If you would like to check your child's size in Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms so that you know what to order once the uniform website opens on May 1, please [\*\*click here\*\*](#) to make a sizing appointment in the Student Store.

- Each 15-minute appointment allows enough time to size one child. If you have multiple children to size or would like more time, we encourage you to make back-to-back appointments.
- Due to high demand and limited fitting-room availability, appointments are currently required for sizing and we are unable to accommodate drop-ins. Once demand for sizing slows, we will continue offering sizing appointments, but will also begin allowing drop-ins.
- Appointments are available to book up to two weeks out. New slots are added frequently—including select appointments before and after school—so check back frequently!

## **MAY 8: TOMMY HILFIGER LAUNCH & UNIFORM 101**

Join us on Wednesday, May 8, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in Cardinal Gym for our Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform (THSU) launch and Uniform 101 presentation.

- Meet our THSU representative, enter to win a THSU gift certificate, see our new uniform program in person, and enjoy light breakfast bites.
- During our presentation, we will share uniform updates and give families an opportunity to ask questions.
- Computers will be available for parents who would like assistance with ordering.
- [RSVP here](#) to let us know that you will be joining us!

## **UNIFORM GUIDES FOR 2024-25 NOW AVAILABLE**

Our Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform Guides are now available!

- 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](#).

## **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).

## **Join Us for an Amazing Mother-Daughter Morning on May 11**

Mothers and daughters, join us for a morning of celebration and fellowship on Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the SJES Courtyard.

- Guests will enjoy a **do-it-yourself donut bar** with six toppings and six glazes to choose from. (Fruit and coffee will also be provided.)
- Daughters will have the opportunity to **build a bouquet** for mom.
- The Golden Spark permanent jewelry will be available for purchase.
- The event is open to **all students from Early Childhood through eighth grade** and will include a photo opportunity with your child.
- Tickets are \$42 per mother-daughter duo, and \$12 per additional daughter.
- [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

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### **Lost & Found: Unclaimed Items Will Be Donated Tomorrow**

Our Lost & Found is overflowing! Stop by the Lost & Found racks in front of the Elementary Division Office this afternoon. Unclaimed items will be donated tomorrow—Friday, April 19.

### **Vacation Bible School: Early Bird Discount Ends Tomorrow**

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 tomorrow—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 Updates + This Week's Game Schedule**

#### **THIS WEEK'S GAMES**

Come cheer on your Cardinals this Wednesday, April 24:

- 5/6 Coed Soccer at St. Margaret's (Away): 3:45 p.m.
- 7/8 Coed Soccer at St. Margaret's (Away): 4:45 p.m.

#### **SWIM MEET ON MAY 25: INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?**

Our league is hosting a swim meet for grades 3–8 on Saturday, May 25, at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. Experienced swimmers are eligible to join three swimming events, with options including 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, 50-meter breaststroke, 50-meter butterfly, and 100-meter individual medley. If your child is interested in participating, please [email Bryan Winn](#).

## **RESULTS FROM THIS WEEKEND'S TRACK MEETS**

The SJES Track & Field team had a busy weekend! Our Cardinals did quite well at the Tustin Youth Track Meet for grades K–8, held at Tustin High School this past Saturday, April 13. On Sunday, April 14, our team competed at Santa Margarita Catholic High School against seven other schools in the Parochial Athletic League—again representing our school very well!

Congratulations to all the student-athletes who participated, including the following top finishers:

### **Tustin Youth Track Meet Top Finishers**

- Kindergarten Girls' 200m—Cammie S., Second Place
- Kindergarten Boys' 50m—Daniel Z., Second Place
- Kindergarten Boys' 50m—Han Z., Second Place
- Kindergarten Boys' 200m—Han Z., Third Place
- First-Grade Boys' Softball Throw—Kaden W., First Place
- Second-Grade Girls' Long Jump—Noelle B., First Place
- Second-Grade Girls' 50m—Rali W., First Place
- Second-Grade Girls' 100m—Rali W., Second Place
- Third-Grade Boys' 200m—Bruce H., Second Place
- Third-Grade Boys' 400m—Bruce H., Second Place
- Third-Grade Boys' 400m—Jackson M., First Place
- Third-Grade Boys' Long Jump—Jackson M., First Place
- Third-Grade Boys' 200m—Kian R., First Place
- Third-Grade Boys' 400m—Kian R., Second Place
- Third-Grade Boys' 400m—Levi M., Third Place
- Third-Grade Girls' Long Jump—Aimee L., Second Place
- Fourth-Grade Girls' Long Jump—Nicole P., First Place
- Fifth-Grade Girls' Long Jump—Cassie K., Second Place
- Fifth-Grade Girls' Softball Throw—Cassie K., First Place
- Fifth-Grade Girls' Long Jump—Rose S., Second Place
- Fifth-Grade Girls' Softball Throw—Rose S., First Place
- Sixth-Grade Girls' 200m—Kayla W., Third Place
- Sixth-Grade Girls' 400m—Kayla W., Second Place
- Sixth-Grade Girls' 400m—Haylee M., Third Place
- Seventh-Grade Boys' 100m—Rylan W., Third Place
- Seventh-Grade Boys' 200m—Rylan W., Second Place
- Seventh-Grade Boys' 100m—Zackery M., Third Place
- Seventh-Grade Boys' Long Jump—Zackery M., First Place
- Seventh-Grade Girls' Long Jump—Lily S., First Place
- Seventh-Grade Girls' 400m—Lily S., Second Place

### **SMCHS Regional Track Meet Top Finishers**

- First-Grade Boys' Softball Throw—Will H., Second Place

- Second-Grade Girls' 50m—Rali W., Second Place
- Second-Grade Girls' 100m—Rali W., Second Place
- Third-Grade Boys' Softball Throw—Kian R., Second Place
- Third-Grade Boys' Softball Throw—Luke K., Second Place
- Third-Grade Boys' 400m—Bruce H., First place
- Third-Grade Boys' 200m—Bruce H., Second Place
- Fifth-Grade Girls' Long Jump—Cassandra K., Second Place
- Fifth-Grade Girls' Softball Throw—Rose S., Second Place
- Sixth-Grade Girls' 1600m—Kayla W., Second Place
- Sixth-Grade Girls' 400m—Kayla W., Third Place
- Sixth-Grade Girls' Softball Throw—Kayla W., Third Place
- Seventh-Grade Boys' 100m—Rylan W., Second Place
- Seventh-Grade Boys' Long Jump—Zackery M., Third Place
- Seventh-Grade Girls' Long Jump—Lily S., Second Place

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

### **Early Childhood Division**

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

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

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

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

#### **Tuesday, April 30**

- *All School Open House*

#### **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 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*

## **Tuesday, April 30**

- *All School Open House*

## **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*

## **Tuesday, May 7**

- *ERB Testing for Grades 3-5*

## **Wednesday, May 8**

- *ERB Testing for Grades 3-5*
- *Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms Launch and Uniforms 101: 8:00 a.m. in Cardinal Gym*

## **Thursday, May 9**

- *ERB Testing for Grades 3-5*

## **Friday, May 10**

- *ERB Testing for Grades 3-5*
- *Spirit Wear Friday*

## **Middle Division**

## **Thursday, April 18**

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



### **Friday, April 19**

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

### **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*

### **Sunday, April 28**

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### **Monday, April 29**

- *Formal Uniform Day (K–8)*
- *5/6 Coed Soccer Game vs. St. Margaret's 2 (Home): 3:30 p.m.*
- *7/8 Coed Soccer Game vs. Stoneybrooke (Home): 4:30 p.m.*

### **Tuesday, April 30**

- *All School Open House*

### **Friday, May 3**

- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Eighth-Grade Field Trip to Knott's Berry Farm: [Purchase tickets](#) by April 26*

### **Sunday, May 5**

- *Track & Field—JSerra Regional Meet (1–8)*
- *SJES Track & Field Practice (5–8): 10:00–11:00 a.m. at Santa Margarita Catholic High School*

### **Monday, May 6**

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

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- *ERB Testing for Grades 6-8*
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## Early Childhood Division



*Cardinals' Nest students practice responsibility and use their senses to explore the world around them as they water their strawberry plants.*

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### **A Note From Mrs. Magaldi: 'Visible Learning' in the Cardinals' Nest**

In the Cardinals' Nest, we have a small group of budding two-year-olds. In this environment, "visible learning" is evident in everything these young students do.

To facilitate their growth, we are purposeful in setting up the environment and introducing new activities. As a result, we see children demonstrate learning and problem-solving through their play, explorations, social interactions, and rapidly developing language skills. Recently, our focus has been on music and a variety of art skills, including painting with different kinds of brushes, finger painting, drawing with colored pencils, and sculpting with clay.



We hope you enjoyed these photos of our Cardinals' Nest students creating art and exploring the world around them!

Warm regards,

Carole Magaldi

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## **Elementary Division**





*In last Friday's Cardinal Olympics Opening Ceremonies, St. John's Elementary Division students dressed in the color of their assigned country as representatives of Italy, Germany, France, China, Spain, and Great Britain.*

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### **The Cardinal Olympics Take Flight!**

Our Elementary Division students arrived on campus last Friday proudly wearing their assigned colors to represent the six countries participating in the Cardinal Olympics—Italy, Germany, France, China, Spain, and Great Britain. Their faces lit up with excitement as they walked through the gates and noticed their school transformed into the backdrop for the Cardinal Olympics Opening Ceremony.

The morning started with a procession of Cardinal Olympians waving their country's national flag, which they previously made in art class with Mrs. Heys. We then gathered in the Courtyard, where Mrs. Naulls and Mr. Roberts led us in singing the national anthem of the United States.

Our fifth-grade Student Council representatives led the ceremony, sharing information about the 2024 Summer Olympics and a brief history of Olympic opening ceremonies. After we raised our Olympic flag, all students recited the athletes' oath. We then lit the Olympic torch and concluded the ceremony with a spectacular performance by a group of our Elementary dancers.

In preparation for the Cardinal Olympics, our Elementary students have been involved in our Olympic-themed unit, involving cross-curricular connections within enrichment classes.

- In Music, they have been singing and moving to Olympic theme songs and listening to their country's anthems.
- In Art, students created their country's flags, which they proudly displayed at the Cardinal Olympics Opening Ceremony.
- In Library, each grade researched their Olympic country to learn fun facts and see famous landscape pictures.
- In Science, they will extend this learning by discovering the physics behind some of the summer events.

Finally, the students will participate in six different Cardinal Olympics events during their Physical Education classes for the next three weeks: 50m hurdles, discus throw, soccer, team rhythmic gymnastics, equestrian races, and kayaking. Points will be collected throughout the unit, and the three winning countries will be medaled at the Cardinal Olympics Closing Ceremony on Monday, May 6.

Let the games begin!

Kelly Dietz  
Physical Education Teacher

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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.

## Middle Division



*Eighth grader Caelin T. reads to Preschooler Jameson V. as part of St. John's Peer Assisted Leadership (PAL) Program.*

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### **PAL Program Promotes Academic Achievement and a Culture of Kindness**

In the Peer Assisted Leadership (PAL) Program, St. John's seventh and eighth graders are selected and trained to serve as peer helpers with younger students at St. John's. Our program provides meaningful and relevant learning experiences, while promoting academic achievement and acceptance of and respect for diversity.

Our PAL members have been working with Mrs. Townsend's and Mrs. Kamholz's classes for several weeks, cultivating relationships with these young students. Middle Division students have enjoyed reading with their buddy, going on color scavenger hunts, watching their shadows for Groundhog Day, finger painting and, most recently, collaborating with their buddy to create an art piece from recycled materials.

We look forward to providing many more memorable experiences for everyone involved!

Warm regards,



Tiffany Garrett  
English Teacher

### **Important End-of-Year Details for All MD Students**

The excitement is building as we near the end of April, and the final days of the school year are right around the corner. There are many activities and events taking place over the course of the next several months, and we want to make sure you are aware of each one to help you plan.

### **CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATES: END-OF-YEAR INFORMATION**

Information about end-of-year activities and events for eighth graders was emailed to all families on Tuesday, April 15. [Click here](#) to review the email completely, and please respond to the [Knott's payment link](#) and the [Commencement RSVP link](#) if you have not done so already.

### **GRADES 6 & 7: END-OF-YEAR INFORMATION**

Information about end-of-year activities and events for sixth and seventh graders was emailed to all families on Tuesday, April 15. [Click here](#) to review the email completely, and please respond to the [MD Dance payment link](#) and the [Boomer's payment link](#) if you have not done so already.

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