



CARDINAL WEEKLY

News for the Week of May 16, 2024



This week, the St. John's Community celebrated its devoted teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Faculty and staff felt so much love and appreciation from the community. They enjoyed a Taco Lunch, jeans wear all week, Cafe Grogan & Bourke Breakfast, Crumbl Cookies, Breakfast Burritos and more. Thank you, parents and PTF!

All School

All Library Books are due back NEXT WEEK!

It's that time of year! Ms. Adair needs all library books to be returned to the Learning Commons starting Monday, May 20th. Thanks for checking your bookshelves at home and other favorite reading spots. It's easy to tell if a book is a SJES library book because it will have an SJES barcode on the back of the book in the top right corner, as well as stickers and labels on the spine of the book. Individual notices for unreturned books will be sent to families after the week of May 20th.

Happening Now! Tommy Hilfiger Sale: May 13 - 20

THSU is running a **Buy More & Save More** event this week. Parents wishing to get a jump on the 2024-25 back-to-school season can start saving with this sale. [Click here](#) and enter our school code, STJO56. Don't miss out on the following deals:

- 10% Off Orders Up To \$149.99
- 15% Off Orders \$150 - \$249.99
- 20% Off Orders \$250+

PROMO CODE REQUIRED: 3SMBMS0524

The Promotion Code is required during checkout. Enter the promotion code in the Promo Code box of the shopping cart to apply the discount (discount does not apply to tax or shipping). This offer is not valid on any previous orders, not valid with other offers, and has no cash value. Excludes custom sized items. Offer ends at 11:59 PM CT on 5/20/2024.

For more information about our new school uniforms, including details on how to make a uniform-sizing appointment, [click here](#).

Used Uniform Donations Accepted at the Student Store

Do you have Dennis uniforms that no longer fit? Drop them off at the Student Store! We will gladly accept all uniform items, including those with embroidery. Dennis uniforms can be donated through May 2025. Look for the donation box outside of the Student Store.

Well Underway, The Introduction to Robotics Program is Evolving

No pens, no papers—think pulleys, levers, chains, and springs! Our Introduction to Robotics students have been hard at work each Saturday. This past weekend, students really revved up some brainstorming, setting the stage for their next class where they will dive into different mechanisms that can bring their robots to life in new ways.

Thank you, Dr. Sean Li, for leading this fun and innovative program. Check out our [**Class Photo folder**](#) for some smile-inducing photos and videos of last weekend's robo-fun.

Join Us for the Last K-8 Parent Lunch of the Year: Thursday, May 23

The last Parent Lunch of the year is next week! On Thursday, May 23, K-8 parents are welcome to attend their student's designated lunch time. TK Burgers will be in attendance! Orders must have been placed online in advance (now closed). There will be NO ChoiceLunch on this day, so please remember to either pack a lunch or bring your child a lunch. Lunch times are as follows:

- Grades K, 1, 2 at 11:30 a.m.
- Grades 3, 4, 5 at 12:00 p.m.
- Grades 6, 7, 8 at 12:45 p.m.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your student's lunch to allow time to check-in at the front gate.

Cardinal Field Day is Next Friday, May 24

Please join us for our 2024 Olympic Cardinal Field Day next Friday, May 24! Elementary Division Field Day begins at 9:30 a.m. K-8 Relay begins at 10:40 a.m. Middle Division Field Day begins at 10:50 a.m. Please have your child wear the color of their assigned country. Parents are welcome to attend to watch their student(s) and cheer them on. Go Cardinals!

Summer at St. John's: Register for Camps Now!

The registration deadline for Summer at St. John's is fast approaching, and we still have a few spaces available! Be sure to check out our academic camps for first and second graders, as well as our exciting skills camps that will help your children become better musicians, writers, sewers, scientists, video producers, athletes, and much more! [**Click here for details.**](#)

Athletics: Upcoming Events + Deadline for Swim Meet Registration is May 18

Please note the following upcoming Athletics events:

- **PAL Track Meet:** Saturday, May 18, for grades 1–4; Sunday, May 19, for grades 5–8
- **Spring Sports Awards for Soccer and Volleyball:** Monday, May 20, at 3:15 p.m. in Cardinal Gym
- **SMCHS Swim Meet (Grades 3-8):** Saturday, May 25 at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. [**Register here**](#) by May 18th.

Piano Concert by Professional Pianist, Mrs. Mo Deng

Mrs. Mo Deng is a celebrated pianist, graduating with honors from the Tianjin Conservatory of Music, and a St. John's Episcopal School parent. Mrs. Deng will play a piano concert at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m. She will be joined by Mrs. Naulls, as well as by eighth grader Capella Zhang on cello. The concert is free! There will be a freewill offering and light reception. Please join us for an afternoon of what will prove to be a beautiful concert of music and fellowship. [Click here to view the flyer.](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

Early Childhood Division

Friday, May 17

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

Friday, May 24

- *Minimum Day: Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.*
- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Cardinal Field Day*

Monday, May 27

- *Memorial Day Holiday: No school*

Friday, May 31

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

Wednesday, June 5

- *Last Day of School for 3-Day Students*

Thursday, June 6

- *Last Day of School for 2-Day and 5-Day Students*
- *Minimum Day: Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.*

Elementary Division

Thursday, May 16

- *Elementary Division Spring Concert: 6:00 p.m.*

Friday, May 17

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

Saturday, May 18

- *Track & Field—PAL County Championship Meet (Grades 1–4):* At Aliso Viejo High School

Monday, May 20

- *Formal Uniform Day K–8*
- *Spring Sports Awards for Soccer and Volleyball:* 3:15 p.m. in Cardinal Gym

Thursday, May 23

- *K–8 Spirit Lunch*

Friday, May 24

- *Minimum Day:* Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.
- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Cardinal Field Day*

Saturday, May 25

- *Swim Meet for Grades 3–8:* 10:00 a.m. at Santa Margarita Catholic High School; [click here to register](#) by May 18

Monday, May 27

- *Memorial Day Holiday:* No school

Friday, May 31

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

Monday, June 3

- *Formal Uniform Day K–8*

Thursday, June 6

- *Last Day of School*
- *Minimum Day:* Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.

Middle Division

Friday, May 17

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

Sunday, May 19

- *Track & Field—PAL County Championship Meet (Grades 5–8):* At Aliso Viejo High School

Monday, May 20

- *Formal Uniform Day K–8*
- *Spring Sports Awards for Soccer and Volleyball:* 3:15 p.m. in Cardinal Gym

Tuesday, May 21

- *Middle Division Spring Concert:* 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

- *K–8 Spirit Lunch*

Friday, May 24

- *Minimum Day:* Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
- *Spirit Wear Friday*
- *Cardinal Field Day*

Saturday, May 25

- *Swim Meet for Grades 3–8:* 10:00 a.m. at Santa Margarita Catholic High School; [click here to register](#) by May 10

Monday, May 27

- *Memorial Day Holiday:* No school

Friday, May 31

- *Spirit Wear Friday*

Monday, June 3

- *Formal Uniform Day K-8*

Tuesday, June 4

- *Baccalaureate*

Wednesday, June 5

- *Commencement*

Thursday, June 6

- *Last Day of School*
- *Minimum Day:* Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

Early Childhood Division



Our curious ECD students made a visit to the SJES Garden. Students also participated and witnessed a butterfly release, harnessing all the fun that comes with outdoor learning.

A Note from Mrs. Grogan

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Best,

Sheryll Grogan
Acting Head of School

Extended Care is Available on Friday, May 24

Friday, May 24 is a Minimum Day. ECD students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Extended care is available for purchase on this day for coverage from 11:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Register by [clicking here](#).

Elementary Division



First Graders have been learning about flowers and insects and the process of pollination. As a mathematical STEAM connection, students made two dimensional symmetric flowers in Math.

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Kindergarten: Oral Health Assessment Form is 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. Parent/guardian must complete:

- Section #1. Licensed dental professional must fill out and sign or stamp
- Section #2. Parent/guardian must return the completed form to the St. John's Health Office by Friday, May 31. 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.

See You TONIGHT at the Elementary Spring Concert!

Join us for our Elementary Spring Concert for grades K-5 this evening from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Cardinal Gym! For details, **click here**. We can't wait to see you there!

Fifth-Grade Families: Please Submit 2024-25 Field Studies Deposit, DUE TOMORROW

Our 2024–25 sixth graders (current fifth graders) will be attending Pali Institute for their Field Studies trip in October, and we need to confirm our school's reservation. We are asking each family to **submit a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 to secure their student's spot**. Please submit the deposit payment electronically to SJES via **this payment link** by **Friday, May 17**.

Middle Division



During a special chapel service, Middle Division students shared their gratitude to their faculty and staff. They presented their teachers with unique remarks, along with a certificate to honor them for their dedication and the experience they provide every day.

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Mark Your Calendars for the MD Spring Concert: Tuesday, May 21

We are so excited to welcome the Middle Division families to our Spring Concert that will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Mr. Roberts (Band), Ms. Naulls (Choir), Ms. Stebbins (Dance), and Mr. Tiatia-Garaud (Drama) are so proud to showcase what the students have been working on in their respective classes. The event is divided into two separate shows, occurring on the same night but at different times:

- If your child is in Band or Choir, your portion of the show will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- If your child is in Dance or Drama, your portion of the show will begin at 7:00 p.m.

More information will be communicated by your child's respective Performing Arts teachers. We look forward to seeing everyone for a wonderful evening put on by our MD Performing Arts students.

Sixth-Grade Families: Please Submit Your 2024-25 Field Studies Deposit, DUE TOMORROW

Our 2024–25 seventh graders (current sixth graders) will be attending SEACAMP for their Field Studies trip in October, and we need to confirm our school's reservation. We are asking each family to **submit a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 to secure their student's spot**. If you haven't already, please submit the deposit payment electronically to SJES via [**this payment link**](#) by **Friday, May 17**.

St. John's First Math Olympiad Team Represents!

Since 1979, Math Olympiads for Middle Schools has been providing challenging and thought provoking mathematical problems designed to strengthen student's mathematical skills. The SJES Math Olympiad team participated in 5 math contests this year, competing against 90,000 middle school students in all 50 states and 30 foreign countries. SJES's first Math Olympiad team members were Irene Lee, Zackery Mulroy, Richard Shen, Tony Sun, Brody Tilton, Cole Toffer, Athena Tran, Jason Tse, Kaylin Wang, and Remi Wang.

The team members practiced challenging math problems twice a week all year and our practice paid off. All of our team members finished in the **top 50 percent** of competitors! In addition, Jason Tse and Irene Lee finished among the **top 3%** of the nation's mathletes. Congratulations go to Jason Tse, who was the top competitor at SJES. Go Cardinals!

Church

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Women's Breakfast: Saturday, May 25th at 8:30 a.m. in the Learning Commons

Spring is upon us and with it are thoughts of recharging, revamping, resetting. Join the women of St. John's for breakfast and presentation about financial planning for your future. We welcome all women to this free event and time of fellowship.

Register Now: Vacation Bible School Is June 17-21

[**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! With questions, email [**VBS@StJohns-ES.org**](mailto:VBS@StJohns-ES.org).