



CARDINAL WEEKLY

News for the Week of May 23, 2024



Let's Go LEGO! One lucky winner of Mr. Bourke's Kids Cardinella Teacher Experience got to invite nine friends to participate in a LEGO MASTERS CHALLENGE. Students were tasked with several LEGO challenges, including a Creative Challenge, a Durability Challenge, a Height Challenge, and a Bridge Construction. From building a bridge span on which to hold up to 2 kilograms to protecting a raw egg from a falling basketball, to constructing a tower, our Lego Masters Contestants had an exciting time! The grand prize winner took home a rare Hogwarts LEGO Set. For more photos from this fun afternoon, [click here](#).

All School

Cardinal Field Day is TOMORROW, May 24

Please join us for our 2024 Olympic Cardinal Field Day TOMORROW! Please have your child wear the color of their assigned country from the SJES Olympics. Parents are welcome to attend to watch their student(s) and cheer them on. Go Cardinals!

- 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.

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 beginning on Monday, June 17 through 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.

Interested in Being a Room Parent Next Year?

Room Parents (RPs) are an important extension of the PTF as they serve as a liaison between teachers and parents. RPs help carry out grade and class level responsibilities. If you are interested in being a Room Parent for the 2024-2025 School Year, please [sign up here](#). Room parents will be selected prior to the first day of school, so if you are interested, please submit your request prior to July 15, 2024.

THSU Sizing Appointment Times Added

Would you like to size your student in Tommy Hilfiger uniforms before the end of the school year? New time slots have been added through the last week of school. Appointments can be scheduled on our Student Store website at www.sjesstudentstore.com. We will also be open in July and August for sizing and back-to-school shopping.

Mother Daughter Event Photos

Thank you to those of you who participated in the Mother Daughter weekend fellowship event on Saturday, May 11. Photos from the event can be viewed and downloaded by [clicking here](#). Thank you to our wonderful event chairs, Rose Schneider and Allison Wood, for their time and effort in organizing this lovely event!

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.

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

Please note the following upcoming Athletics events:

- **SMCHS Swim Meet (Grades 3-8):** Saturday, May 25 at Santa Margarita Catholic High School.

Important Upcoming Dates

Early Childhood Division

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**Friday, May 24**

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- *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*

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 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

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



Mrs. Bosanko's Pre-K students are working on their "My Books". They are studying tall and short and observing how they have grown over the year.

Important Reminder: Tomorrow is a MINIMUM DAY

Tomorrow is a minimum day with ECD dismissal at 11:45 a.m. There will be no extended care available. We ask that all parents pick up their child(ren) promptly at this time. Thank you.

Elementary Division



Bravo to our K-5 students for their performances in this past Thursday's annual Spring Sing Concert. Our confident Cardinals have been hard at work these past couple of months, exercising their talents and building their courage for this special evening. Thank you to Mr. Roberts, Ms. Naulls, and Mr. Morrell for their dedication and care in making this an entertaining and enjoyable show for all. More photos from the event can be found [here](#).

Important Reminder: Tomorrow is a MINIMUM DAY

Tomorrow is a minimum day with Elementary dismissal at 12:00 p.m. We ask that all parents pick up their child(ren) promptly at this time. Extended care is available for K-8 students until 5:00 p.m.

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.

Middle Division



Was it Colonel Mustard, in the library, with the candlestick? Or maybe Mrs. Peacock, in the lounge, with the rope? In preparation for their last novel study of the year, 8th-grade English students played the board game Clue, channeling their inner detectives. Each roll of the dice brought strategic accusations as they attempted to unravel the mystery of who killed Mr. Body. Through lively discussions and strategic game play, they sharpened their detective instincts and honed their skills of deduction. The game not only served as a fun activity but also as a valuable training ground, preparing them to unravel the secrets of the upcoming mystery novel The Westing Game with confidence and enthusiasm.

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Tomorrow is a minimum day with Middle Division dismissal at 12:15 p.m. We ask that all parents pick up their child(ren) promptly at this time. Extended care is available for K-8 students until 5:00 p.m.

6th & 7th Grade Families: IMPORTANT INFO

Current 6th & 7th grade Families: LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE dates and times for finals week, dance, and last day festivities information can be found [HERE](#) (information also included in email sent to all families).

8th Grade Families: IMPORTANT INFO

Current 8th grade Families: LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE dates and times for finals week, graduation dance, and commencement information can be found [HERE](#) (information also included in email sent to all families).

Congratulations to our Students of the Week!

8th grade: [Freya Camp](#), [Keira Mendoza](#), and [Jason Zhong](#)

7th grade: [Lily Sarachman](#)

6th grade: [Max Freeman](#)

Church

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.](#)

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.

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