

Dear SJS Families,

Below is a summary of highlights from our **HSA meeting on January 28**. Thank you to all who attended and for your continued support of our school!



### **Open Houses**

- **Dates:** Sunday, **February 1** and **March 20**
- **Time:** 10:00 AM–2:00 PM
- **Enrollment Update:** Two families toured the school this week, and one family has already confirmed enrollment.



### **Principal's Report**

#### **Enrollment**

- Since November 1:
  - New students: 1 Kindergarten, 1 Fourth Grade
  - Withdrawals: 1 Third Grade, 1 Fourth Grade
- Expected enrollment next year: approximately **90 students**



### **Academic Highlights**

- Winter MAP assessments show SJS students performing **at or above achievement levels** in Reading and Math.
- Grades K–4 are performing **64% above the national average in reading**.



### **School Life & Programs**

- **Shoreline Youth Group** begins in February .

- **Little Flowers** program began in January .
- **First Penance** for second graders will take place on **Saturday, February 28** .



### Upcoming Events

- **Chili Fest – February 28**
  - Goal: Win the **Spirit Award**
  - Volunteers needed
  - Organized by the **Carr family**
- **St. Patrick’s Day Parade**
  - SJS will march in the Essex parade the Saturday after St. Patrick’s Day
  - Little Flowers will participate
  - More details coming soon



### Fundraisers

- **See’s Candy Fundraiser**
  - February 1–March 20
  - Orders placed via QR code on the flyer
  - Candy ships directly to homes
  - **40% of profits** go to SJS
- **Clare Rayder Walk-a-Thon**
  - Friday, **May 1** (after First Friday Mass)
  - Volunteers needed
  - Event honors Clare Rayder for her many years of service to SJS
- **SJS Yard Goats Game**

- Saturday, **May 17 at 1:30 PM**
- more info to come!



### **Parent & Teacher Chair Updates**

#### **Shoreline Youth Group**

- Chairs: Mrs. Menga, Mrs. Robinson, and Father Michael
- Meets two Friday evenings per month starting in February (Summer schedule reduces to once per month)
- Open to students in **grades 4–10** (all faiths welcome)
- Volunteers needed to help cover meetings when chairs are unavailable



#### **SJS 5K Run**

- Chair: Noelle Robinson
- **Date:** May 30, 2026
- **Location:** Fort Saybrook Monument Park
- Permit secured; registration through the 5K website
- Volunteers, business sponsors, and raffle baskets needed
- Police Department will assist with road closures



#### **Finance Report**

- Charleston Wrap: **\$1,032.70**
- Holiday Raffle Basket: **\$2,005.00**
- Penguin Patch Holiday Shop: **\$281.60**
- Hartford Wolf Pack Tickets: **\$136.00**

**Next HSA Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 25**

**3:30 PM**

Thank you for being such an amazing part of our SJS community—we truly appreciate your support!

Warmly,

Ellie Sykes, Caitlin Van Togerren & Mrs. Poeschl