



Dear Parent:

Our children are having new experiences, learning different lessons, and facing diverse challenges every day, both in and outside of school. Our role as teachers, parents, and mentors is to help them through their successes, curiosities, and struggles. Bullying is one of the current challenges facing children. It is important to educate ourselves and our children about bullying and how to treat others appropriately. Teaching and modeling social skills is a key component of social development.

Here are a couple of tips to help raise awareness of bullying and help prevent it:

- Model compassion, appropriate relationships at home. If your child(ren) see how to interact and react with others appropriately at home, they will be less likely to participate in or tolerate bullying. They also will be able to recognize bullying and intervene to prevent it from happening to others.
- Teach your child self-assertion. Teach your child(ren) how to appropriately react to challenging situations. If your child knows how to stick up for him/herself early on, he/she will be less likely to become a victim. Teach them phrases like, "Please stop that," "It's not okay to hurt," "I don't like being called that. I want you to call me by my name." Also, let your child know that he/she should tell an adult if they are uncomfortable or feel that they or someone else is being bullied.

Teaching self-respect and respect for others is a strong foundation for healthy relationships that will serve your child well throughout life.

Blessings,

Nancy Ann Andrasco

"All Praise be Yours, Lord, through all that You have made."

SCHOOL NEWS

FAMILY MASS—Sunday, October 15, at 9:30, the Grade 1 students are to be highlighted during the Family Mass. Since October is the month the Church sets aside to honor the Blessed Mother through the rosary, each 1st Grader is to receive a rosary. They are to sit together until after Communion when they will be called up to the altar to recite the Hail Mary. All St. Jane Families are encouraged to attend the Family Mass.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION—Wednesday, October 11, marks the day that the Our Lady of Fatima statue is scheduled to visit St. Jane. On that day there is an 8:30 Mass for adults, 10:00 Mass for the SJS students, hourly devotions, and a 6:15 Mass for REF families. Expect more information regarding this special celebration.

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS—There are no classes on **Monday, October 9**, in honor of Christopher Columbus. School is to be dismissed **Thursday, October 19, at 1:30**, and **Tuesday, October 31, at 11:30**.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE—If you have any uniforms that your child has outgrown, please donate them to the Uniform Exchange. This program is especially in need of girl's jumpers, skirts, and vests. Uniforms should be sent to the office in a bag marked Uniform Exchange Maria Flores. There is no charge when you obtain a uniform from this program. We are happy to have such a program so parents are encouraged to take advantage of it. Please contact Maria Flores if your child needs a uniform.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY—Representatives from the area boys/girls High Schools will be at St. Jane on **Friday, October 20**, to meet with the students in Grades 7 & 8. The co-ed schools plan to conduct their sessions on **October 3**. At that time, the various programs, curricula, and extracurricular activities which are offered by each school will be carefully explained to the students. Please speak seriously about choice of high schools with your child. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming Open Houses at the High Schools. The St. Jane students and their parents are also invited to attend High School Night at St. Daniel the Prophet on **Thursday, September 28, 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

INTERIM REPORTS—The first week of October marks the middle of the 1st Trimester. Parents are reminded to check Power School in order to monitor their child's academic progress. Grades listed for each subject indicate the current level of progress.

LUNCH HELPERS—Special thanks to the moms and dads who have volunteered to assist in the Lunchroom. If anyone else is available, please contact Liz Gazda. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of these volunteers, the Lunchroom is in good hands. All volunteers are reminded that they must complete an online Criminal Background Check, a CANTS form, a Code of Conduct form and Virtus Training if they wish to work with children. Further information is available in the office.

VIRTUS TRAINING—A Virtus Training Session is being held at St. Jane **Monday, October 23, 6:30-9:30**. Registration must be completed on line. Please check the Archdiocese of Chicago website www.archchicago.org for further information.

RECESS—It is important that the children enjoy a few minutes of fresh air at recess. Please dress your child so they will be comfortable outside. Unless a student has a doctor's excuse, they are expected to go outside during recess.

LUNCH REMINDERS—Please keep a copy of the current month's lunch order so that you know which days your child has ordered a lunch and which days your child needs to bring a lunch. When placing the order, it is important that you select which kind of milk you would like your child to have with his/her lunch. When no selection is made, white milk is automatically ordered for the child. Also, the circles on the lunch forms need to be filled in using black or blue ink. No X or -- marks are to be used. Any marks other than the filled-in circles cause errors and miscounts. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these forms.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES—Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Friday, November 17**. Request forms are being sent home on **Wednesday, October 25**, and are to be returned by **Friday, October 27**. Conference schedules can be expected on **Wednesday, November 8**.

CHILDREN'S CENTER—The before/after school program is in full swing. Welcome to all students and their families. This program is open to all St. Jane's students and a once-a-year fee is all that's needed. Your child may stay daily or occasionally. You pay only \$4.00 an hour for the actual time used. The Center is open from 7:00-7:55 A.M. and 2:35 P.M. (11:30 or 1:30 on half days) until 6:00 P.M. This program is not just for working parents. Any child registered with the Center can stay any day. Think in terms of jury duty, traffic court, family illness, or Christmas shopping. Your child will be safe, dry, and fully entertained. This program offers daily snacks, free play, homework opportunities and art and craft projects. For additional information call Sandy Ramirez at the Children's Center at 767-3450.

SCHOOL BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REMINDER—Parents are reminded that tuition is due on the 15th of each month—September tuition payment was due September 15th and is considered late if received on October 16th or later. A late fee of \$20 is charged for late payments. If you have any questions, contact the school office at 767-1130. It is important that tuition payments are made in a timely fashion as it helps us manage our budget.

CLARIFICATION OF 2017-2018 FUND RAISING COMMITMENT—As stated in the 2017-2018 Tuition Agreement, each family is expected to raise \$500 through participation in Manna, Wrapping Paper Sale, Candy Sale, Monthly Tuition Raffle, Mixed Bag Sale, or the Magazine Drive. For Manna, the family credit earned is based on the percentages offered by the retail stores. For example, if you purchase \$100 in Jewel (4%) certificates, you would earn \$4.00. Since there is a 50% profit from the Wrapping Paper Sale, 50% of your total order is applied toward your fund raising commitment. The Candy Sale also earns a 50% profit. In addition, half of the \$10 tuition raffle ticket is put towards your commitment. Likewise, St. Jane earns 40% profit from the Magazine Drive, so that amount is also applicable to the fund raising commitment. Families are expected to take care of this obligation by April 15. Those families who exceed the \$500 commitment shall receive a tuition credit equal to 60% of the additional amount. If you have not earned the \$500 by then, a check must be written for the difference or the entire amount. Hopefully, this explanation clarifies the manner in which the fund raising commitment is being administered for 2017-2018.

PARISHIONER/NON-PARISHIONER STATUS—Families are reminded that in order to maintain their Parishioner status for the 2017-2018 school year, they must attend Mass regularly and use their Sunday envelopes. Mass attendance is being monitored through the use of the envelopes. Those who do not attend Mass on a regular basis and contribute \$300 by May 15, will be considered Non-Parishioners for the 2018-2019 school year.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION—The next monthly meeting is TBD. All coaches or a representative from each team are expected to attend these meetings. The Gym Schedule and plans for the Comedy Show, scheduled for **Saturday, October 20**, are on the agenda for the next meeting.

LOST ITEMS--Be sure to mark your child's name in gym uniforms, school uniforms, lunch bags or boxes, hats, gloves, jackets, etc. Almost every day lost items are turned into the office. Many are not marked with student names and therefore cannot be traced and returned.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL REMINDERS—Since there is no playground supervision before 8:00 A.M., it is expected that students arrive in time to enter the building. There are to be no running games, or throwing of footballs or baseballs prior to entering the building. Please discuss this matter with your child(ren) as safety is an important concern as children gather for school each day. Parents are also reminded that **no** vans are to park in the front row in the parking lot as they obstruct the children's view as they look for their parents at dismissal. The alley behind school is a **No Parking Zone**. Parents are **not** to drive into the alley in order to pick up their children. Also, please be mindful of your speed as you drive in and out of the lot. No child's safety should be compromised because of drivers who are in a hurry. Our first concern is for the safety of all the children.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION LETTER

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970's contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We too have buildings that contain asbestos materials. The primary concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

Your school has been inspected and some asbestos-containing materials were identified in your building. The materials are distributed in various locations and include floor tile, pipe insulations and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students. Your Inspection Report and Management Plan outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the materials in a safe manner. You have had, or are in the process of having, your people properly trained to successfully administer this program.

A copy of the Management Plan is on file at the Administration Office, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois and at your local school office for your review if you so desire.

FEE PAYMENT DAY/BOOK DAY—The 2017-2018 school year got off to a great start on Fee Payment Day, August 10. Thanks to the following people for giving up a Thursday evening to assist with tuition collection and the many other tasks involved in this day: Maureen Kurtovich, Sandy Ramirez, Ed Gazda, Frank Jasso, Maritza Sanchez, Theresa Dixon, Carrie Merda, Miguel Mosqueda, Roman Kwak, and Juan & Noni Perez . The 8th Grade helpers: Janessa Mosqueda, Antonia Albanese, Maya Reina, Katie Gazda and George Green, also did a good job selling the pencil cases and chair pockets and distributing school supplies. The success of this day was due to the dedicated efforts of those who assisted and for that we are most grateful.

LICE—As the weather gets colder, it is not unusual for cases of lice to surface. If your child should develop lice, they must be treated with Nix shampoo, according to the instructions on the box. In order for the child to return to school, the empty box of Nix must be brought to school as proof of treatment. 10 days later they must have a second treatment, repeating the above regulation. Due to its contagious nature, lice must be reported to school so that parents can be notified immediately. While I am aware of some of the negative attitudes concerning lice, there is no need to be embarrassed about it. If treated properly, lice can be easily remedied.

CANDY SALE—Families can expect the candy to come home **Wednesday, October 4**. The sale is then to run for the next two weeks. Those families who agreed to participate in the Candy Sale are to receive further information with the boxes of candy. Thank you and good luck to those families who plan to sell candy!

GARAGE SALE—Do you have valuable items around your house that could be sold at a Garage Sale? If you do, consider participating in the St. Jane Garage Sale on **Saturday, October 7**, 8:00-2:00. Tables are available for \$18 or two tables for \$32, which is a great price. The money from your sales is yours to keep. Interested individuals should contact Donna Flanagan at 767-6639. The Garage Sale is a win-win situation—earn a little money for yourself and support St. Jane at the same time.

TUITION RAFFLE—Once again, a monthly Tuition Raffle is being made available to St. Jane Families. Tickets are being sold each month for \$10, and must be purchased by the 15th of each month. \$5 of each ticket goes toward your fund raising commitment. The winner receives \$399.00, which is equivalent to one month's tuition for a one child family. This is a win-win opportunity as it helps families earn their fund raising commitment and raises additional monies for St. Jane. Look for the tickets in the Wednesday Folder and best of luck to the participants.

BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST—Special thanks to the SJS School board members for hosting the 6th Annual “Back to School” Breakfast for the parents following the Opening School Liturgy” and the “Meet & Greet”. It provided a wonderful opportunity for parents to gather and reconnect as their children were getting accustomed to their new surroundings. The three activities went very well and proved to be a great way to “kick-off” another of learning for the SJS students and their families.

SUMMER BRIDGE ACTIVITIES BOOKS—All students who turned in completed Summer Bridge Activities Books attended an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 31st. They also received an out-of-uniform slip to be used on five Fridays of their choice. We are very proud of these students for accomplishing this task. A word of thanks is extended to their parents for supporting this summer activity.

Kindergarten—Alannah Doran, Dexter Kleidon, Kelsey Maynard, Madison Smith, and Isabella Silvestri

Grade 1—Evelyn Aguayo, Jack Arvetis, Dominic Campana, Olivia Cuttitta, Samantha Jamro, and Olivia Zbela

Grade 2—Jonathan Aguayo, Abby Ambrose, Amelia Duran, Peyton Gollogly, Ava Kleidon, Justin Kudelko, Adriana Sanfratello, Eleanor Shorey, Meghan Tully, Holly Wood, and Daniel Zbela

Grade 3—Vincent Arvetis, Madison Bedtke, Magdalena Borzecki, Olivia Dixon, Aisling Doran, Hailey Fields, McKayla Gollogly, Abel Gonzalez, Iaan Hernandez-Taylor, Morgan Kwak, Maya Scumaci, Michael Silvestri, Faith Vasko

Grade 4—Serenity Alexander, Eddie Chibe, Manny Flores, Aidan Kelly, Alyssa Salgado, Serena Vasko, Gabriel Zbela

Grade 5—Sheila Arvetis, Haley Bedtke, Natalie Donohue, Isamar Espinoza, Ivan Espinoza, Mason Fernandez, Frank Gallagher, Samantha Golab, Nina Green, Robert Kania, Antonia Palenik, Nicolas Sanfratello

Grade 6—Nick Arvetis, Ally DiPasquale, Leah Kane, Nathan Kwak, Julia Perez, Henry Sikorski, Melanie Szymczak, Dana Tully, Lauren Weyer

Grade 7—Joey Bedtke, Maura Degnan, Meghan Degnan, Giovanni Fernandez, Javier Jasso, George Raphael-McElroy, Erin Norton, Kathleen Norton, Sonia Perez, Corinne Pinto, Kiana Rodriguez, Natalia Zavala