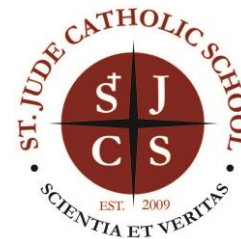


# SJCS FIRE

St. Jude Catholic School

Where Faith, Love and Leaders Grow



**SJCS Parent Bulletin**  
**January 6, 2016**

Dear Parents,

Happy 2016! I hope and pray that each of your families had a beautiful Christmas break, despite our crazy winter weather! The Sisters and I immensely enjoyed our Christmas together with Mother Assumpta and all our Sisters at the Motherhouse. Know that we prayed for our St. Jude families and thank God for each of you all throughout the year. We love to pray for and with you. This is our primary, most treasured "job" as your Sisters!

A few reminders as we begin a new semester:

- Please remember that we *strongly encourage* you, if at all possible, to schedule trips and/or outings when school is not in session. Attendance is most vital to your child's success and cultivates a love and value for education. We also understand "out-of-the-ordinary" circumstances and family events that may arise.
- Please refer to the Handbook, page 8: "All students, Grades 1-8, should arrive in enough time to be *unpacked and seated at their desk by 8:00 AM.*" Please see me if you have special circumstances that do not allow for punctuality; together we'll determine some helpful strategies.
- It is a great blessing that our children are eager to participate in so many after-school activities and sports at SJCS. Please remind your child/ren that faithful commitment for the *entire duration* of activity/sport is important, necessary, and required. If there are repeated absences from practices/games, they will be asked to reconsider their participation. Thank you for your help to cultivate the virtues of fidelity, trustworthiness, and responsibility in our children!

May Our Mother of Mercy, strengthen us to "be" mercy, especially to ourselves and our families, in a very intentional way this Year. Thank you for your support and prayers for SJCS and Catholic education!

God bless you always,

*Sr. Maria Christi, OP*

**IMPORTANT NOTES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
**ACRE Testing for Grades 5 & 8:** Good luck to our

5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will take the National Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education this week. Thanks to our solid Catholic identity, formation, and Theology classes, our St. Jude students always score above average. God is good!

**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER REPORT CARDS:** Thank you to all our students (and teachers!) who have worked so diligently this past quarter. Report cards will be published via SchoolSpeak on Friday afternoon. *PLEASE VIEW and SIGN your child/ren's report card by FRIDAY, JANUARY 15.*

**OUTDOOR RECESS CLOTHING:** PLEASE ensure that your child/ren are dressed for our winter weather. Coats, hats, and mittens (Boots, when necessary) are required dress for these cold days.

**PAPA JOHN'S FUNDRAISER:** THANKS to DJ Larson for organizing our Papa John Pizza fundraisers! The December Pizza Night raised \$250! CONGRATS to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade who brought in the most sales! Their class and Miss White will receive a pizza party soon. *Our next Pizza Night is Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.* Delivery is available to the Dunlap area.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Monday, January 11:**

Declamations begin, 1<sup>st</sup> Practice, 3:10-4:10

**Thursday, January 14-Friday, January 15:**

NO SCHOOL; Diocesan Teacher Institute Days

**Monday, January 18:**

NO SCHOOL; Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Wednesday, January 20:**

Spirit Day

**Sunday, January 31:**

Catholic Schools' Week begins! Children's Choir sings at 9 AM Mass; Open House, 10-1 PM. Join us and bring a new family along to experience SJCS!