

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

8/29/2025

It was wonderful to see you all during the first week of school at both the supply drop-off morning and at Back to School - Parent Info Night. I look forward to educating your child at St. John the Evangelist. We have had a terrific start to the school year! Our classroom theme this year is: Sculpted by God. Our school theme for the year is: Live a life that reflects God's love.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have made it to their second year of middle school at SJE! The students have started the year a little more polished than last year and have shown more maturity so far this year. There are some areas that we will continue to work on such as organization, strong work habits, and positive behavior choices. Please help your child with this process by planning to arrive at school **prior to 7:45 am**. The students have been told they need to be in their seats and organized for their morning classes by 7:45 am, or they will be marked tardy. We will also continue to work on limiting socializing to appropriate times so that we can maximize learning time. I will continue to support their academic and social development throughout the school year, but I'm looking for them to take more initiative with controlling their own behavior choices.

Here are a few notes that you need to be away of as you help your child excel in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The students will be required to read 20 minutes every night. We are using the Accelerated Reading program that links with our STAR testing program. Every child will have a points goal to achieve each month. The students earn points by reading grade appropriate books and successfully completing an online Accelerated Reading test. There are books available for them to borrow from the school library and classroom libraries in both Mrs. Wisniewski's room and our room. Please direct specific questions about the program to Mrs. Wisniewski. We will also be using IXL for class practice and enrichment opportunities for literacy & math.

Physical Education class will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please make sure your child brings a change of clothes for class that are modest and appropriate for the type of movement he/she will be required to do during class. These clothes should come home daily/weekly to be washed. Deodorant is recommended.

An informational flyer was sent home Tuesday regarding the Honor Card system at SJE. You will receive direct contact from a teacher (email/call/car line) when your child receives an infraction. Honor Cards are in full effect and have been staying clean. PLEASE remember to check your child's Honor Card regularly. It is stapled inside the front cover of their assignment notebook, which should come home every afternoon. It is important for your child to hear your comments and expectations before you receive an e-mail or call from school because their green Honor Card is filling up.

The Scholastic Book Club program is no longer accepting paper orders brought into the classroom. All orders need to be submitted online. The Back-to-School flyer will come home in the Friday Folder today. All orders are due back on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Our Class Code is LT6F2. Please let me know if you need help with the online ordering process.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been invited to become a Junior Lector, Altar Server and member of the Youth Choir and/or Youth Hand Bell Choir. This information and sign-up sheets came home in yesterday's Thursday Folder or can be picked up in Mr. Courchane's room. It is not too late to submit these forms. Please encourage your child to share their talents with the SJE community. Chess Club and Lord of the Rings Club sign-up forms are available from Mr. Courchane as well. Mrs. Pitcher spoke to the students about signing up for Wellness Warriors this year. Mr. Payant is continuing photography club this year. Information regarding joining forensics will come from Mrs. Wisniewski later this fall as the season approaches. If you would like your child to sign up for these clubs and they did not bring a form home, please let me know.

I am blessed to have you on our team as we work together to sculpt the faith and knowledge of our sixth-grade students. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at [wdunning@kje.school](mailto:wdunning@kje.school). I am looking forward to a fantastic year as I work with you and your child.

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