

**The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane, SJE**  
**September 23, 2022**  
*Keeping our Eyes Fixed on Jesus*

Dear Parents and Students:

It is hard to believe autumn is here! Time to start thinking about pumpkins, longer nights, and All Saints Day (November 1). On that day, at mass, SJE students come dressed as their favorite saint. It is a tradition that **every** year **every** 8<sup>th</sup> grade participates in this activity. It shows what wonderful role models they are for the younger students.

Please keep asking your student to see their Friday folders and honor cards at least once a week. Honor cards can be found stapled inside their **assignment notebooks, which should be filled out every day for every subject**. You can ask me questions on the Friday folder slip, via email at [mcourchane@sje.school](mailto:mcourchane@sje.school), or in person, of course.

Speaking of honor cards. They might soon start filling up with infractions if the 8<sup>th</sup> grade cannot improve at following basic procedures.

- Lining up promptly and quietly.
- Handing in work on time.
- Following directions the first time.
- Praying respectfully in the morning and afternoon.

For example, there is no reason it should take us ten minutes to pack up each day and get out to the carline. I refuse to cut into class time to give them unnecessary extra time to get ready for dismissal. They know the routine. They just need to socialize less and get moving. Polite reminders are not getting the attention of many of them; perhaps infractions will.

**Important September Dates**

**September 26 – Picture Retakes. Chesterton Academy high school visit.**

**September 27 – Catholic High Schools open house, St. Matthias.**

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**Service Hours** –Keep those slips coming! Remember, the expectation is 5 hours each for fifth and sixth grade, 10 hours from 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 10 more from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These are guidelines. All the hours must be completed but if more need to be done in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we can accommodate that. Here are the basic rules for service hours.

- Service must be done outside school hours.
- Service hours must help an individual or organization outside the student's immediate family.
- Student must fill out a service hour slip provided by Mr. Courchane. The slip contains questions which must be answered.
- There must be no compensation for the service rendered.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Courchane*

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom  
Middle School Science and Religion

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:

