

The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane, SJE
October 17, 2025
“Live a life that reflects God’s love!”

Dear Parents and Students:

Thank you for your perfect attendance at conferences! It is always good to discuss matters face to face.

The substitute teacher provided me with a glowing report about the 8th grade and their behavior from Monday. So that was good.

What was not so good is a recent increase in homework / classwork assessments receiving 1s. Most of these are formative (meant to teach skills but not affecting final grade in a substantive way). However, they are important to ensure that students know the material, or to indicate where further instruction on content is necessary. Given that, I informed the 8th graders this week that they would need to redo any assignment that receives a one. If they have access to their books, their notes, their teacher for help, there is simply no excuse to get a one on these routine assignments.

Pumpkins are due in two weeks. Again, this is an optional activity. Class time will not be available to work on them.

Important upcoming dates

10/21 – October birthdays out of uniform day
10/22 – Student CPR training at SJE
10/23 – Field Trip to Milwaukee Symphony
10/24 – Trunk or Treat
10/27 – Wellness Warriors Fall Event
10/30 – Pumpkins for pumpkin contest due.

Sincerely,

Mr. Courchane

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“Teachers can open the door, but you must enter it yourself.”
Chinese proverb

