

The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane, SJE
September 12, 2025
“Live a life that reflects God’s love!”

Dear Parents and Students:

The Candlemass led by 8th grade went well. They accepted their roles as leaders of the student body. They processed in and out bearing candles to represent how they were sharing the light of God with their fellow students. The homily skit pointed out that they need to focus on God’s Kingdom and not material needs on Earth so that they may live a life that reflects God’s love.

We had our first science test Thursday. Hopefully your student brought it home and shared his or her results with you.

In just six short weeks I will be accepting 8th grade entries in the annual SJE 8th Grade Pumpkin Carving Contest. The rules for the contest are simple. Each 8th grade student can enter one pumpkin. The pumpkin can be decorated, painted, carved, bedazzled, filled with props, use your imagination! I do not supply the pumpkins. I would appreciate as little parental involvement as possible (unless sharp tools are used, please supervise. 😊). The pumpkins will be due Thursday, October 30. Please don’t send in earlier. Pumpkins rot quickly!

Please keep asking your student to see his or her Friday folder and honor card at least once a week. You can ask me questions on the Friday folder slip, via email at mcourchane@sje.school, or in person, of course.

September Dates

9/12 - Fun Run and Tailgate Party, 5:00pm – Non-uniform day. Wear SJE spirit wear or blue!
9/16 – Summer birthdays non-uniform day.
9/17 – Chesterton High School visits.
9/23 – September birthdays non-uniform day.
9/24 – St. Matthias High School Information Night
9/29 – Picture Retakes.

Sincerely,

Mr. Courchane

8th Grade Homeroom
Middle School Science and Religion

The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Winston Churchill