

The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane, SJE
September 5, 2025
"Live a life that reflects God's love"

Dear Parents and Students:

We had our first school mass. While the students were quiet, they were not participatory. I like the 8th grade to sing, help their buddies, and join in the prayers. Some did, some did not. I realize this is not exactly breaking news when it comes to 8th graders. I have spent decades cajoling and encouraging more participation in mass. The way I see it, mass is an integral part of a Catholic education. We are a Catholic school. I expect participation in mass the way I expect students to do their work on time. If a student does work late, they receive an infraction. Perhaps failure to participate at mass should be handled the same way? Let us hope that does not become necessary.

Our upcoming mass is the Candlemass. This is an annual tradition where the 8th graders process in and out carrying candles to show they are a light to the other students as role models and leaders. 8th graders may dress UP for that mass and then stay in dress up clothes (think Sunday mass best) all day or change after mass into their regular uniforms.

We have settled into our routines in our academic classes. The weather has cooled. Homework and JOG has begun. School is well and truly underway, and I am sure it is going to be a great year.

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

9/10 – Candle mass.
9/16 – Summer birthdays non-uniform day.
9/23 – September birthdays non-uniform day.
9/29 – Picture Retakes.

Sincerely,

Mr. Courchane

8th Grade Homeroom
Middle School Science and Religion

"Happily we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures." -Henry David Thoreau