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SJS Got Talent

This year's SJS talent show was a huge hit! There were so many amazing acts this year. The winners were the Unicorn Babies, and Dalton Danza. The Unicorn Babies dressed up as babies and danced to short clips of different songs, and Dalton played Bohemian Rhapsody on the piano while singing it. This year, many teachers came to announce the acts including Mrs. Cassarella, Mrs. Gilbride, Mrs. Jathas, Mrs. Bartlett, Senora Greenburg, and Mrs. Solecito.

The talent show began with an opening prayer said by Mrs. Sanchez. After that, Mrs. Solecito and some of the third graders did a kick-line to the song "New York, New York" by Frank Sinatra. After that, the acts began. Once all the acts had performed, all the performers got back on stage and sang "Here Comes the Sun" by The Beatles. Overall, the show was a huge success.

Colleen Flynn '20



8th Grade Appreciation Breakfast

On March 24th, the 8th graders who participated in sports in the Parish of St. Joseph attended a breakfast in which one girl and one boy received an award for their achievements through the years. Each coach made a speech about their team and their improvement through the season. Mr. McGrath made a speech about Peter Howley, a past Men's Club President and varsity coach for whom the award is named, and said a few words about the winners. The winner for the girls was Mary Adair Panarella. The winner for the boys was Teddy Heratey. They won because they were the most impressive in academics, sports, leadership, and sportsmanship. They stood out and improved over the years they played. Congratulations to all the 8th graders who participated, and to the Mens' Club for organizing the breakfast. Thank you to all the coaches who have helped these outstanding athletes succeed through the years.

Arianna Mustafaj '19 and Anna Spillane '19



Our Eighth Graders Are Confirmed

On March 12th, the 8th-grade class received the sacrament of Confirmation. During the weeks prior, in preparation for this event, the students did community service, chose a saint's name, chose a sponsor, learned about this sacrament in Religion class, and attended rehearsal. It was a big moment in all of their lives. Bishop Walsh anointed the 8th graders with chrism oil. They were happy to have experienced this special event at the Parish of St. Joseph. It was a great moment for the 8th graders and their families.

Carolyn Byrne '19, Devon Lugano '19, and Jenny Okon '19

A Fire Strikes Our Community

On March 12th, an apartment complex near St. Joseph School experienced a fire. The fire took place at 15 Parkview Avenue. While the fire was happening, the 8th graders were receiving their Confirmation. From the church, you could smell and see the smoke. The fire was started by a plumber who let a spark fly from a blowtorch. The fire went on for about 12 hours. About 150 people were displaced from their homes. The fire was finally put out at 6:00 am the next day. As of now, no one can live in the building. The St. Joseph School community is helping out by donating gift cards and other items to help the victims of the fire, especially the Gojani family, whose father was the super of the building.

Jenny Okon '19, Devon Lugano '19 and Carolyn Byrne '19



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Rock and Count

Recently, the fourth graders and kindergarteners performed in “Rock and Count” which was a 50’s-style musical to showcase their math skills. The show was a huge success! The SJS Beagle interviewed kindergarten and fourth-grade students to get their thoughts on the performance.

“The play was great along with the outfits. My favorite part was having cookies, and I’m looking forward to doing it in fourth grade.” - Grace Flynn, Kindergarten

“Rock and count was really fun. I enjoyed the outfits and skipping around the stage. My favorite song was the last song, and I look forward to doing it again next year.” - Annie Meyers, Kindergarten

“The play was good and my favorite part was the technical difficulties. My favorite song was the ending song. I didn't like the outfits but it was fun doing it with my book buddy.” -Luca Rivera, 4th Grade

“I really liked the rock and count show. The outfits were ok but I loved being with book buddy. My favorite song was We Love Shapes.” - Betsy Molloy, 4th Grade

Overall, we think most of the kids loved the Rock and Count show. It was definitely one of the favorite events of this year. The kindergarteners look forward to doing it again in fourth grade!

Julia Dellafiora '21, Brooke Lugano '21 and Lizzie Scalzo '21



The Science Fair

On March 26th, St. Joseph School held the annual science fair. From guinea pig mazes to Rube Goldbergs, the SJS science fair has had so many great projects that filled up hallways and the entire gym. Every grade participated with either a group project or an individual project. Each year the 7th and 8th grades are put into teams and asked to complete a goal.

For the past couple years, the 7th grade was to create a hydraulic arm that could lift a soda can over a wall. In order to move the hydraulic arm, the 7th grade used syringes to move the arm. The syringes are attached to different parts of the arm such as: the base to move the entire arm from left to right, or one to move the arm up and down. A syringe also moved the part that grabbed the soda can. Each hydraulic arm was different and had a different way of completing the goal. One team blew up a balloon in order to grip the can and some of the others used a claw to lift it. All four groups worked very hard and even added a theme to the project this year!

The Rube Goldberg has been the 8th graders' project for many years where they are asked to complete a certain task. This year the objective is to dispense a ¼ cup of kibble into a dog bowl. You must use at least 5 out of the 6 simple machines: screw, lever, pulley, wheel & axle, inclined plane, and wedge. Some projects this year included balloons, dominoes, and magnetic powder. The 8th graders had to present their projects to their fellow classmates, teachers, and parents. We would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Marricco and Mrs. Sanchez for all their hard work and determination in organizing this amazing event. All of the grades' projects displayed great talent.

Mary Adair Panarella '19 and Olivia Smith '19



Why Easter Egg Hunts?

Easter is one of the biggest Christian holidays, but the Easter egg hunt has nothing to do with Christianity. This tradition dates back thousands of years, and there would be no hunt without the Easter Bunny. In Pagan traditions, the bunny was a symbol of fertility. Rabbits were the sacred animals of Eostre, the Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. This is where the word “Easter” is believed to have been originated. Early German cultures believed Eostre to have an egg-laying hare named Osterhase. The hare would lay eggs in the grass, which became symbols of new life and rebirth. This was the connection to Jesus and the Resurrection. German children were encouraged to make nests and to leave them outside for Osterhase to lay eggs in. They soon began to search for the eggs left behind. German immigrants brought this tradition to Pennsylvania in the 1700’s. The nests were later replaced with baskets. Today, this festivity has spread across the nation and has evolved into a treasure hunt of candy and toys. This family tradition will go on for centuries as long as the egg and the Easter Bunny are around!

Bianca Veltri '19

Join the Beagle- Have Fun and Be Part of the Team!

This was my first year “working” for the SJS Beagle. It is very fun and we eat a lot of cookies. On The Beagle, you challenge yourself by writing articles to put into the school newspaper. We had a Christmas party this year, and we plan to have an end-of-the-year pizza party. Fifth through eighth graders can join The Beagle staff. If you aren't there yet, don't worry. Once you are in 5th grade and join the school newspaper you will have a blast! I'm in 6th grade, and love writing and being a part of the Beagle. You get to see your friends and also make new ones. Going into newspaper I was a little nervous, but after my first day of writing, I knew this would be the best experience of my life. I have learned a lot about writing in my first year on the Beagle. I am excited to come back next year to write more articles. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McQuade are very inspirational. Whenever I don't know what to write about I always get excellent ideas from them. You will have lots of fun and you can express yourself in many different ways. We are all a family here both in the Church community and in the newspaper business. I'm super excited and look forward to having you join the SJS Beagle!

Marilyn Samuelian '21

The Smell of Sour?

People say that you can tell if something is sour by just smelling it. The I.F.F. is a fragrance and flavor company that develops chemicals that can make things smell better or worse, like candles, soaps or even air fresheners, but they believe that you can't smell sourness. In an interview with some SJS students, we asked, “Can you smell sourness?” Our survey shows that we at SJS believe that you cannot. It is likely that our brain makes an association with the sour things, and that is why you think you can smell sourness. Despite the fact that our taste buds and nose work closely together, you most likely cannot smell sourness.

J.J. Flynn '21 and Sean McCuin '21

Spring Break 2019

Spring break is a great time for families to enjoy together. Many people like to vacation in warmer areas, since on winter break ski trips are more common. Spring break is great for families to spend time with each other whether that be at home or away. These are the top ten most popular vacation spots for spring break.

1. Cancun
2. Miami Beach
3. South Padre Island
4. Bahamas
5. Cabo San Lucas
6. Puerto Vallarta
7. Puerto Rico
8. Punta Cana
9. Jamaica
10. Panama City Beach

Where are you going on spring break? Email the Beagle staff at sjsbeagle@stjosephschoolnet to let us know!

Molly Bishop '19

Popular Activities To Do on Easter

Here are a couple of activities to do on Easter! You can do them with your friends and family, or maybe even your dog if they're willing! These are fun-filled easy-to-do activities that you can set up at home.

Easter Egg Hunt

An easter egg hunt is a fun activity to do on Easter for all ages. Just grab some plastic eggs, fill them with toys, hide them, and let the fun begin!

Jelly Bean Eating Contest

First, fill a bowl with jelly beans. Then grab 3 contestants (or more). Last, time your contestants and see who can finish the bowl first.

Easter Egg Coloring

First, get some hard-boiled white eggs. Next, get some food coloring and water. Then, grab some plastic cups (enough for each color you're using). Put your eggs in the water with food coloring. Let each egg sit for about 2 minutes. Decorate with stickers (optional).

Easter Guessing Contest

This is a fun activity to do with 5 or more people.

Fill a jar with candy of your choice.

Leave some index cards out for your contestants write their guess on.

(Make sure they write their name on their card). The person that guesses correctly wins the jar of candy!

Flower Bouquet Making

All you have to do to make a beautiful masterpiece is grab some nearby flowers in your yard or buy some at a local flower shop, tie a ribbon around them, and secure with plastic wrap, and you are done! Make sure to give it to someone and wish them a Happy Easter.

Gabriella Ibelli '21

Easter Recipes

Here are some fun, creative, and tasty treats for the Easter season! They are easy to make and won't take long.

Easter Egg Rice Crispy Treat

Ingredients:

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for the pan

One 10-ounce bag mini marshmallows

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Kosher salt

6 cups crispy rice cereal, such as Rice Krispies

1 cup chopped sugar-coated marshmallow chicks (about 8)

1 cup candy-coated mini chocolate eggs

1/3 cup chopped chocolate bunnies (about one 1.5 ounce hollow bunny)

Line an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with a sheet of foil large enough to leave a 2-inch overhang on all sides. Grease the foil with 1 tablespoon of butter. Melt the remaining 4 tablespoons butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the marshmallows, stirring occasionally until they melt completely, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla and a pinch of salt. Add the rice cereal and candy to the pot and stir with a rubber spatula until evenly coated. Transfer to the prepared baking dish and press into an even, compact layer. Let sit at room temperature until firm, about 30 mins. Cut into 16 squares. Enjoy!

Chocolate Bird Nest

Ingredients:

8 oz chopped semisweet chocolate chips

2 cups canned potato sticks

almonds



Melt the chocolate in a heat-proof bowl set over a saucepan of simmering water, stirring. Remove the bowl from the pan and stir in the potato sticks. Coat a 6-cup muffin pan with cooking spray and scoop some of the chocolate mixture into the cups; make an indentation in each to form nests. Chill until set, at least 3 hours. Fill with almonds.

Michelle Vilajeti '19 and Carolyn Byrne '19



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Carrot Cake Muffins with Cream Cheese Glaze

This dessert is great for Easter. It's so delicious, and is light to eat. It's so simple to bake too! I chose this dessert because it is a favorite in my house at Easter, and I think many other people would enjoy it.

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups whole wheat pastry flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1 cup finely shredded carrots

1/2 cup pure maple syrup

1 tablespoon olive oil

1/3 cup natural unsweetened applesauce

1 egg, slightly beaten

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1/2 cup unsweetened vanilla almond milk or unsweetened almond milk

1/2 cup unsweetened shredded coconut flake

1/2 cup raisins (optional)

4 oz reduced fat cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup powdered sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1-2 tablespoons unsweetened vanilla almond milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line 12-cup muffin pan with liners and spray the inside with nonstick cooking spray. Next, add flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt to a medium bowl; stir to combine and then set aside. In a separate large bowl, add carrots, maple syrup, olive oil, applesauce, egg and vanilla. Whisk to combine wet ingredients then slowly stir in almond milk and flour mixture until just combined. Fold in coconut flakes and raisins. Divide batter evenly between muffins cups. Bake for 18-20 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes, then transfer muffins to a wire rack to finish cooling. Once muffins are completely cool, you can make the cream cheese glaze: Place cream cheese in medium microwave safe bowl and microwave on high for 30-45 seconds. Stir gently adding powdered sugar, vanilla extract and milk; stir again until glaze reaches desired consistency. Dip each muffin top into cream cheese glaze then place back on wire rack. Sprinkle with coconut flakes. Makes 12 muffins. Enjoy!

Téa Messina, '22

Easter D.I.Y.'s

Easter Candy Jars-These adorable little candy jars are super easy to make and great for storing your easter candy!

Materials:

Small jars, Decoupage, Paint Brush, Glitter, Construction paper in pink, white and orange, Candy, Pom-Poms, Glue, Googly Eyes

First, paint decoupage onto the jar covering everything except the top and bottom. Next, cover the jar in glitter and shake off any excess glitter. Set aside the jar, so it can dry. To make polka dots on the jar, use a round sponge and dot on the glitter. Then, cut the ears out of the construction paper and glue them to the lid. After, glue a pom-pom for the tail. For the face of the bunny, glue on a pom-pom nose, googly eyes and whiskers cut out from construction paper. Glue ears made of construction paper to the lid. For the face of the chick, cut out little feet and a beak. Glue the feet to the bottom of the jar. Add googly eyes to the jar and glue the beak underneath. Finally, fill the decorated jar with candy and enjoy!

Easter Sock Bunnies-These adorable bunnies are easy to make and are perfect for Easter!

Materials

A sock, Felt, Glue, A large pom pom, Googly eyes, A ribbon, Rice, Clear rubber bands

Fill up your sock with a cup of rice. First, take your rubber bands and tie one around the neck and one around the top of the head. Next, take a piece of felt and cut out the stomach and glue it to the bunny. Glue on the googly eyes. Cut out teeth from white felt and glue them on, as well as a pom pom for the tail. Cut a small orange triangle out of felt for the nose. Glue it on and tie a bow around the sock bunnies neck using the ribbon. Cut the space you left above the head in half. Snip off the corners to make the ears rounder. Enjoy your adorable sock bunny!

Trinity Brown '22 and Ryan Spillane '22

CYO Softball

This year's softball season has just started. The girls are excited for this season. Mr. Breen, our coach, has been coaching CYO Softball for over 10 years. This year we have a Varsity and a JV team. The Varsity team consists of all 8th graders, and the JV team consists of 6th & 7th graders. The girls had their first practice on March 18th and the Varsity team had their first game on April 9th. The JV squad had their first game on April 10. The Varsity team started this season off with a win against Annunciation. Some of the girls on the Varsity team have been playing CYO softball with SJS since 5th grade and are sad to leave. This year we hope to make it to the championship game like in the past. In 2016, the SJS girls softball team won the championship game. This season is going to be a great one and we all can't wait!

Gianna Grindley '19



The Next Michael Jordan

This NBA season, a rookie named Luka Doncic was introduced to the NBA on the Dallas Mavericks as a point guard. In my opinion, in future years this Dallas Mavericks player will be better than Lebron James. Luka Doncic, who is originally from Latvia, is the best rookie of 2019. Luka Doncic should already be in the Hall of Fame. He gets buckets after buckets. Luka is not only amazing at shooting, but rebounding and assists as well.

Here are his stats at the time of print:

Points per game: 21.0

Field Goal Percentage: 42.6%

Rebounds: 7.6 per game

Assists: 5.8 per game.

Why is he a good candidate for the Hall of Fame? He should be in the Hall of Fame because he is a rookie phenom.

Joseph Troiano '22

Fortnite World Cup Coming This Summer to NYC

On July 26th-28th, Fortnite creators, Epic Games, will be holding the Fortnite World Cup, which will consist of competitive fortnite battles (Arena). It is going to be cool, but Fortnite creators need to patch some of the bugs by the summer so it doesn't affect the competition. The championship will be held in New York and there will be \$100 million in prizes. There are a lot of streamers playing Fortnite scrimms and a lot of bugs occurring. The Fortnite servers are so bad, that Epic Games will need to fix this or streamers will be mad about the World Cup. I hope Fortnite fixes the patches. It will be fun to watch no matter what.

Anthony Mauro '21

The Masters Tournament

The Masters is the world's biggest golf event. The Masters is an annual world-wide tournament in Augusta, Georgia. The course has 18 different holes and each hole is played twice; in total it lasts about 4 days. The winner receives the coveted "Masters Green Coat," that is passed down from winner to winner. Last year's winner was Patrick Reed, who beat Rickie Fowler by one stroke. Overall, the Masters is a fun tournament to watch this spring season! Tune in to ESPN and CBS from April 11th-14th to watch the action!

JJ Flynn '21 4



St. Joe's At Bat

This spring, the St. Joseph's 5th and 6th grade boys are participating in the CYO Baseball Program. The first practice was held on Thursday, March 14th. The fifth and sixth graders threw and hit the ball well during our first practice. We also did drills called rundowns. Coach Cooper taught us how to do this. Another thing the boys did was get to know each other as teammates. We also learned how to communicate with each other on the field. The last and most important thing we learned was each other's strong points. Our first game was on April 11th against Annunciation School. The fifth graders are happy to be joining in the CYO Baseball Program at St. Joseph School for the first time.

Timothy Pandekakes '22 and Paxton Reyes '22

Avengers Endgame

Avengers Endgame will be the sequel to the Marvel Infinity War movie, and answer all the questions that we have about the last movie. The top question asked is, "How will all the characters that faded away, like Spiderman, Star-Lord, and Doctor Strange, come back?" If you remember, Thanos snapped his fingers with all the Infinity Stones, and half the universe was destroyed. Some characters that will be trying to fix this terrible situation are: Iron Man, Captain America, Ant-man, Thor, and Captain Marvel, who recently had a movie about herself. Everyone who wants to see this should go to theaters April 26th, 2019. It should be an exciting conclusion!

Chase Duffell '22

Pep Rally

St. Joseph School had its third annual pep rally on February 1st in the Parish Center to end the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. For the last three years, seven kids from fifth through eighth grade were chosen to play volleyball against some of the faculty. Each class (kindergarten through eighth grade) wrote a class cheer to share with the entire school at the pep rally and was assigned a color. This year the fourth grade won the cheer competition. Congratulations to the fourth grade on the win, to each student that participated in the volleyball, and to the faculty that participated in the volleyball game.

Devon Lugano '19 and Jenny Okon '19

March Madness Strikes Again

College basketball is an amazing sport to watch. In March, the best college basketball teams come around and compete for the title. This tournament is called March Madness, which consists of the most entertainment, wins, and excitement. One of the toughest teams in this tournament is Virginia. Virginia has an amazing team with a great coach, Tony Bennett, and no one out-works Virginia. They work very hard, and although they do not have the most talent, like Duke, their winning form is out-working and out-coaching their opponents and boy is it successful! Gonzaga was also a dominant team! They were stacked with big men that can shoot. Rui Hachimura is a star big-man that can also shoot. Gonzaga had one of the most talented rosters in NCAA basketball. Duke also did well in the tournament. They are by far the most talented team in NCAA history. Their freshman core consists of future NBA stars like Zion Williamson, R.J. Barret, Cam Reddish, and Tre Jones. And you can not forget one of the best ever coaches, Coach Krzyzewski! It doesn't surprise me that Duke won the ACC title. North Carolina had seniors and were very experienced. College basketball is an exciting sport, and just remember when your watching March Madness next year. ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN! In the end, after the amazing game, Virginia won the National Championship against Texas Tech.

Daniel McQuade '22