



April 11, 2019

Dear Families,

What a blessed and amazing time of service our third through eighth grade students had at Feed My Starving Children on Tuesday. Thank you to our chaperones for giving your time and joining us there. In all, we made a donation of \$100 to the organization from our dress down day and were able to pack 190 boxes of packets of food for babies, or 82,080 servings. “Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.” Isaiah 58:10

I wanted to share that the results from the arrival/dismissal time survey are in and have been analyzed. As a result, we will not be changing our arrival and dismissal times. Drop-off will continue to be from 7:30 – 7:45 AM and dismissal will continue to be at 3:00 PM on full days of school. As you know, we will discontinue having weekly early dismissal at 1:30 PM on Wednesdays, but will have early dismissal once a month on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM. Dates will be published and shared soon. We are thankful for your thoughtful feedback and input.

Speaking of surveys, last week you should have received an email with the parent satisfaction survey administered by the Catholic Schools Office. If you haven't completed the parent satisfaction yet, you can access it by clicking [here](#). Please complete by April 16; it should only take ten to fifteen minutes to complete. Please know that the CSO uses a third party to perform, collect, and analyze the data which protects your anonymity while allowing the CSO to create a central data repository required to assess our school and Diocesan-wide improvement areas. The goal is for the CSO to share results with schools by the end of the school year. When I have the results, I will be sure to share them with you. Your feedback is valuable and your input makes a difference!

Students in fifth grade through seventh grade recently took the Catholic Math League Contest Test. I am pleased to announce our school's winners:

Grade 5 Test 4

1st place - Samantha Moesch

2nd place – Eliana Mains

3rd place - Gianna DiGiovanni

Grade 6 Test 4

1st place – Elizabeth Weitz

2nd place –Christopher Momot

3rd place – J. T. Barrett

Pre-Algebra Test 4

1st place – Lily Gonzalez

2nd place – Natalie Doyle

3rd place – Mia Gravina

Certificates were presented during the All School Mass on Tuesday. Congratulations to our first, second, and place winners!

If you haven't been to a Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry, consider going tomorrow night from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in Sebahar Hall (below Church). It is the last one of the season. The food is terrific, the fellowship is great, and the money raised from the dinner is for the KC Charities. In December, we received a check for \$5,000 for the Monsignor Cloos scholarship fund from the Knights. We are fortunate and blessed to have their support here at SJB!

Did you know that we have eight students who are on a combined track team this spring? Our girls form a team with St. Isidore and St. Irene. They practice at St. Irene's school and their first track meet is on Saturday at Geneva Middle School. Good luck to Annia Blasi, Page Bradley, Melanie Dawson, Abby Goddard, Mia McCall, Gracie Perry, Sophia Resendez, and Liz Weitz at your first track meet of the season!

Short weather is almost officially here. Beginning on Monday, April 15, uniform shorts can be worn to school again. Hopefully, Mother Nature cooperates with us!

Lastly, don't forget that there is a first grade Mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM. It would be wonderful to fill the church with SJB families (if you are available) as we celebrate Palm Sunday.

May your Lenten journey have great meaning as we approach Holy Week,

Joanne