



April 4, 2019

Dear Families,

I sincerely hope that you all had a nice spring break. However, it is wonderful to have your children back at school. As I shared in the last letter, much learning is taking place at SJB. We picked up where we left off in March. Here are a few highlights from science this week: In fourth through sixth grade, the focus is earth science. Fourth grade is learning about types of layered rocks. They are independently researching a layered rock with a picture to present to the class with its name, location, and how it formed, or what types of layers it contains. In fifth grade, they are learning about the spheres of the earth and their interactions. Students are independently researching and presenting to the class what the atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere are and students are searching for an online mural or will draw one to model the visual of earth's spheres interactions. Sixth grade was performing a lab to model patterns of sunlight throughout earth's revolutions with flashlights, clay, foam balls, and protractors to see the differences between the seasons. Third grade is connecting reading and science. They will be making a Robo Pet in science and are also doing a "Robodog" Reader's Theater. First grade is beginning their planting unit. As always, faith formation and spiritual growth is taking place. Our second and eighth grade students are reverently making final preparations for the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. SJB is indeed a place of active learning!

You should have received an email on Monday 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 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 share them with you.

I have a few updates for you:

[Scholastic Dollars](#)

As I shared previously, proceeds from the Book Fair become Scholastic Dollars. We used the Scholastic Dollars to replace a projector that is outdated and performing poorly. The projector arrived this week and should be installed in the near future. Additionally, we were able to purchase a circuit scribe set which will be used to meet standards in Technology in the older grades. The circuit set is on back order, but we hope it will arrive soon. Mrs. Anderson is anxiously awaiting its arrival.

#### May Crowning and Grandparents'/ VIP Day

The date for May Crowning and Grandparent's & VIP Day has been changed to Thursday, May 2. There was a conflict with our PE fishing trips.

#### Trivia Night

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 27, for the Athletic Department's Trivia Night. The event begins at 7:00 PM in Sebahar Hall. Come by yourself or bring some friends and share your trivia knowledge. The cost is \$25 per person and there is a maximum of eight people per table. See the posting for more details.

#### Spring Musical

Preparations for our spring musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, is in full swing. Our cast, directors, and parent volunteers are working very hard! Be sure to see the ticket order form included in today's posting. It is sure to be a performance you don't want to miss!

Lastly, our third through eighth grade classes are looking forward to their upcoming field trip to Feed My Starving Children on Tuesday. It is a Lenten Service Project and a way for our children to give during this season of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. It indeed will be a meaningful way to give for all.

Wishing you a wonderful week,

Joanne