



May 9, 2019

Dear Families,

Congratulations to Annia Blasi and Zac Maslona for their achievements at State Science Fair. They will be honored at the Eighth Grade awards breakfast. Annia received the gold designation while Zac received bronze. We are so proud of you! Thank you, Mr. Valenta, for sponsoring them and their parents for taking them to Carbondale for the event!

Our school board met this week and confirmed the goals and strategies for the strategic plan. Our values of Steeped in faith, Embraced by the Community and, Educated in Excellence have been linked to the goals. More information about the goals and strategies will be shared at a later date.

The value of embraced by the SJB Community was clearly seen in the many chaperones that have participated in our recent field trips. Thank you to the following chaperones who assisted with the Pre K through second grade field trip to the Brookfield Zoo: Brandi Hindersman, Lisa Knutson, Christina Moreci, Marnie Reyes, Vanessa Stith, Tanya Ayala, Dali Vargas, Mari Positano, Rosa Benavides, Linda D'Onofrio, Sheila Zagotta, Yolanda Garcia, Chris Garcia, and John Hamilton.

Our parent Executive Functioning workshop was informative and helpful to those who attended. Thank you to Danna Dawson, Theresa Hamilton, Mike and Teri Momot, Mark and Kirsten Sidelnyk, and Jon Starmach for attending.

During this month of May, our commitment to our faith and Catholic identity is also apparent as we honor Mary, our Queen Mother. Additionally, Charlie Parisi from the Knights of Columbus led us in praying a decade of the rosary on Friday. He has faithfully come the first Friday of each month during the school year. We are thankful for his monthly visits. Thankfully, the sun came out and it was dry enough to crown Mary in the Mary Garden, too.

Last week, I shared information about an opportunity to assist with the PADS ministry this summer. Plans for our annual field day are well underway. Field Day is Thursday, May 30. New this year, is a service station because "service to those in need" is a key part of our faith life. This year we are going to be making up "Essential Bags/Blessing Bags" for the homeless we house in PADS during the summer months. We are looking for nylon Backpack Drawstring Bags. Our hope is to put items necessary for personal hygiene items for our traveling friends, such as: wash cloths, hand towels, small bars of soap, hand lotion, comb/brush, small deodorant, tooth brush/tooth paste, body wipes-possibly plastic water bottle! We are collecting anything that will help our friends out during the hot summer months. We will also have the opportunity to nourish our friends and would need -things like brown paper bags, small zip

lock bags, bread, mayo/mustard packets, lettuce, ham, turkey. Small bags of chips, cookie, 2 doz eggs pudding cups, juice or Gatorade. If you can help us with any of the above items, we would love it! There will be a bin in the narthex of the church and in our school hall for donations. Thank you to Mrs. Brennan for coordinating this new station to Mrs. Norton's fabulous Field Day. Related to that need is an opening for a part-time food pantry assistant at the Wheaton location for People's Resource Center (PRC). Please call the office for more information.

This is just a reminder that the Savers fundrive which benefits the spring musical, The Little Mermaid, is this Saturday, May 11, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the SJB parking lot. Clothes, shoes, bedding/towels, toys in boxes, and accessories are accepted. It's not too late to purchase your tickets to see the spectacular show that our cast, crew, and directors have been devoting so much of their time and talent to lately. Please email Alice La Croix at [matka1016@comcast.net](mailto:matka1016@comcast.net) or see the posting for the ticket order form.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the SJB family! How you touch the lives of our children is indeed evident and cherished. We pray that our Blessed Mother will intercede for your intentions.

Have a lovely week,

Joanne