



The HeartBeat

A Newsletter for Alumni & Friends of St. John Eudes School

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Congratulations SJE Class of 2018!



The Class of 2018 poses for their graduation picture flanked by a number of their proud educators (from left to right) Mary Lopez, Sheryl Reyes, Barbara Danowitz (principal), Cathy Stula and Lizette Strom. With the education they received at St. John Eudes School they are well prepared to take on leadership roles based on Catholic ideals and values.

Our school is blessed to be one of the most successful schools in the Archdiocese graduating top students with leadership and character qualities. Our graduates have received scholarships and leadership grants from various Catholic high schools. Students who continue their education here through Grade 8 benefit in many ways, especially in their personal growth. This year is no exception. Despite

experiencing loss and disappointment in their individual lives, as well as a group, they have persevered and remained resilient knowing that God is always with them.

We know that they are prepared to face life's challenges in the years ahead. As they have grown from kindergarteners to the steps of high school,

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Left - Fr. Eleuterio Mireles (right) and Mrs. Danowitz preside at the Class of 2018 Commencement Ceremony. Fr. Gérard Lecomte, former SJE pastor, returned to congratulate our students on their accomplishments. Right - The Class of 2018 spent some bonding time at Universal Studios building memories before graduating and heading off to their individual high schools.

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- **Spring Concert Celebrates Western Theme; No Varmints Found in Choir**
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- **Ms. Stula Retires After 30 Years; Her Aloha Spirit Will Remain at School**
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- **NJHS Students Celebrate Year of Accomplishments with Potluck in Science Lab; Enjoy Food to Further Cause of Science**

Quick Beats . . .

The SJE Track Team once again dominated the Knights of Columbus Track Meet taking overall 1st Place again this year. The team earned over seventy 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place individual or team medals at the meet. Way to go Eagles!

For the second consecutive year, SJE students have won the Best PSA Film in the Middle School Category for their film "The Remnants of War" at the

3rd Annual Making Movies That Matter Film Festival. Several other films by SJE students were also nominated. Congratulations to our Grade 7 film makers. Job well done!

The performing arts are an important part of an education at our school and our students had the opportunity to get on an artistic steed at the Spring Concert as they performed a western-themed program that included the lower grades performing *Boots & Saddles* and the upper grades performing *Rancho Paraiso*, the latter being an original musical presentation by our music director Dana Howell.

Our students took part in Jump Rope for Heart, which is a yearly

event sponsored by the American Heart Association. As part of the event student learn about heart healthy habits such as exercise

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The SJE Track Team did a great job again this year by doing their best and winning overall 1st Place at the annual Knights of Columbus Track Meet. We're proud of all our Eagles!

Class of 2018

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we can be proud of their accomplishments as they have matured into faith-filled young people.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!:

Kiara Apeles, Brian Atienza, Clarissa Breard, Lissette Cortez, Alexis Diaz, Olivia Erman, Marc Francis, Antonio Gallucci,



Our Grade 7 film makers take the stage at CSUN's Soraya Theater to celebrate their Public Service Announcement film which achieved top honors in the Middle School Category of the "Making Movies That Matter Film Festival".



"Jump Rope for Heart" not only includes jumping rope, but also the use of hoola-hoops, jumping over hurdles, obstacle courses, chasing bubbles and other events to teach kids heart healthy activities.

Cord Gonzaga, Adam Herrera, Nathan Ho, Kaylie Koochhof, Zyra-Therese Ledesma, Katherine Lovich, Joshua Macalino, Mikayla Macaranas, Pauline Manlucu, Madison Martinez, Catalina Mayoral, Andrew Medina, Jordan Parada, Lauren Parcutela, Mateo Quiles, Bianca Ramos, Dominic Reyes, Sebastian Sempertegui, Mia Vargas, Syd-Anthony Vergara, Ashley Watrin.

A Special "Thank You" to Our Special Supporters!

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We thank all those who donated during the last school year to help make our school program exceptional for our students and families. Your help is vital to the mission of our school to raise leaders with open hearts and open minds. Thank you for supporting the important cause of Catholic education!



SJE student athletes took the top honors in many of the events held at the Knights of Columbus Track Meet.



Cowboys and cowgirls in Grades TK-8 saddled up for western-themed musical performances at this year's Spring Concert.



The Pulse: News About SJE Alumni & Friends

Nathan Neglio '09 attended Notre Dame High School where he was involved in a number of activities including being a member of the water polo team. He also served as an NDHS Ambassador representing the school to Catholic elementary and middle schools and assist-

ing in recruiting efforts. After graduating NDHS in 2013 he attended the University of Alabama. He graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. While he currently works in his family's business, he has recently received a conditional offer of employment with the Los Angeles Police Department with the goal of eventually becoming a detective. Besides criminal justice work, his interests include metal working (particularly designing and producing specialized knives) and archery.



Make sure to visit the school's Facebook page at SJE365.com and like us!



Read the latest tweets about the school on Twitter @sje365_news!



Check out the newest pictures of school events on Instagram SJE365!

SJE Students go on to do wonderful things and we'd like to hear what you've been doing since graduating from SJE School (or if you're a parent, now's your chance to brag a little!). Send us a note via e-mail to theheartbeat@sjeschool.net or mail it to:

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In a Lighter Vein . . .

As adults we often look at certain situations in certain cynical ways. But children can often provide points of view which adults often forget even exist . . .

First graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of the students suggested the boy was adopted.

A little girl said, "I know all about adoption, I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means," said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!"

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. While his mother knew that he'd set his heart on being in it, she feared he would not be chosen..

On the day the parts were awarded, she went to the school to pick him up. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement.

"Guess what, mom," he shouted, and then said the words his mother would never forget . . . , "I've been chosen to clap and cheer!"

We clap and cheer too whenever someone makes a donation to St. John Eudes School. Donations are tax deductible and help the worthy cause of providing a quality Catholic education to deserving children. Your donation to the Annual Fund, Adopt-A-Student Program, Endowment, or other general or specific gifts is greatly appreciated. To donate please contact the School Office (818) 341-1451 or visit our website at www.sjeschool.net. Thank you!



Nathan Neglio '09, and his mother, Marian Neglio, attended the recent Retirement Celebration for Ms. Stula. Nathan credits Ms. Stula and all his other SJE teachers for his wonderful academic success.

Our best wishes to **Ms. Catherine Stula**, who, due primarily to health reasons, decided to retire at the end of the 2017-18 School Year after teaching for 30 years at St.



Thank you Ms. Stula for all that you have done for our students and school families! A heartfelt aloha from all your students - you will truly be missed!

fully devoted myself. It has been a privilege to be a servant leader of Christ at school. . . . You are my beloved school family and you will be in my fond memories all the

John Eudes School. In a letter to the school community announcing her retirement, Ms. Stula wrote, "The 30 years I've spent working at SJE has been not just a career, but a vocation to which I

days of my life. Keep the Aloha spirit alive in your hearts." Mrs. Danowitz expressed her appreciation in a letter to alumni and friends that invited them to the Retirement Celebration for Ms. Stula being held before summer break, saying "Ms. Stula has been a blessing for our school. I invite you to join in thanking her for her many years of dedication and service, and ask that you join our school community in praying that Our Lord continues to give her His love and guidance as she makes this difficult transition in her life." In addition to being primarily a teacher to the upper grades, Ms. Stula also served as assistant principal, dean of students and in other capacities.

Our best wishes also to **Mrs. Angelina King** who recently retired after serving at St. John Eudes School for

10 years and has taught at other Catholic schools for over 20 years. She brought the love of God's creation to each of her students as our science teacher.

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Thank you Mrs. King for inspiring our students through your dedication and devotion to teaching them to be science scholars.

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The Pulse

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Congratulations to **Jemar Fabricante '14** who was a key member of the El Camino Real High School Boys Varsity Tennis Team. The team won the 2018 CIF Los Angeles City Section Championship after taking on a number of very tough competitors including South East HS, Birmingham CCHS, and Narbonne HS. In addition to his success as a tennis player, Jemar, who graduated from El Camino this year, received recognition for his academic achievements, including the President's Award for Educational Achievement. His mother, Mari Fabricante, justly proud of her son's achievements, says, "I thank St. John Eudes for molding my son to be where he is now."



Jemar Fabricante '14 (right) proudly holds the plaque commemorating El Camino Real High School's CIF Tennis Championship. The presentation was made in the chambers of the Los Angeles City Council. Jemar also received a special Certificate of Recognition from Councilman Bob Blumenfield (3rd District, at podium) which states "Your success and stellar performances have inspired and brought together your school and the community of Woodland Hills. I am proud to recognize your passion and hard work."



One of our newest alumni, **Marc Francis '18**, has been featured on the L.A. Catholic Schools website (www.lacatholicschools.org). Marc also recently won 1st Place in the City of Angels Community Choirs Scholarship Contest.

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and proper food choices. They also raise funds to help support efforts by the American Heart Association to promote heart health. **This year our students raised an amazing \$7,513!**

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council invited our school to participate again in the Day of the Horse Poster Contest and submit our best poster designs into the competition.

Our students did exceptionally well with 1st Place prizes going to **Halley Allado (Gr. 5)**, **Sophia LaBella (Gr. 7)**, and **Bianca Ramos (Gr. 8)**. Seven additional students received 2nd or 3rd Place ribbons or Honorable Mentions.



The SJE chapter of the National Junior Honor Society celebrated another year of academic excellence and community service with a delicious potluck lunch. And where better than the Science Lab for the NJHS to have lunch!



The SJE Summer Carnival was a great way for students and school families to have fun and make new friends. A special thanks to our families and TK, K, 1st, 4th, and 7th Grade classes for being carnival sponsors, and also to all the students and parents that volunteered.



May is a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and many events at our school and parish focus on Mary's special place in God's plan of redemption for us. **Left** - SJE students honor Our Mother with the annual Living Rosary. **Right** - Our Grade 2 First Communion Class poses for their group photo commemorating their special day which also took place in May to honor Mary.

