



The HeartBeat

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

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Catholic Schools Week to Highlight Catholic Schools as Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service Alumni & Friends Invited to Join in the Celebration!

Since 1974, *National Catholic Schools Week* has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2017 is January 29 - February 4. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*. Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members.

Catholic Schools Week highlights the fact that Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. While some Catholic schools are challenged by declining enrollments and school closures, the good news is that there is a strong demand and enthusiasm for Catholic schools.

The Catholic Schools Week celebration at St. John Eudes School begins with an Open House on Jan. 29 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The celebration then continues during the week focusing each day on a special element of the theme. Activities include a reception for parishioners, a Grandparents/Visitors Day and a Teacher Appreciation Day, among a number of other events.

All our alumni and friends are invited to come to our Open House to see all the great work our students have been doing and why we have been recognized as a *Daily News Readers Choice Favorite School!* Enrollment applications will be available in the School Office. Check the school website at www.sjeschool.net for more information about our celebration.



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Highlights:

- *Catholic Schools Week Highlights Value of Catholic Education*
- *Everyone Invited to School Open House; Classrooms to Display Student Work*
- *Girls Vollyball Team Spikes Championship*
- *Statistics Show Success of Catholic Education*
- *Alumnus Has High Hoops; Shoots for Professional Career*
- *Sisters Working to Spread Gospel; Need You to Help*
- *Students Get Taste of Political Process; They Vote You Vote*
- *SJE Girl Scouts Receive Diocesan Award at Cathedral*
- *Friends & Alumni Invited to Wine Tasting*
- *Save the Date; PTSO Spring Fundraiser*
- *Students Become Saints; TKer's Design Tilmas*
- *2017 Alumnus of the Year to Be Announced*

You're Invited to Our

Open House

Sunday, January 29



morality
committed followers of Jesus
character
compassion
faithful
productive leaders
integrity
responsible learners
caring citizens of community and environment

St. John Eudes Catholic School
TK- 8th Grade

Catholic School Education **NCEA**
176 Dioceses with Catholic schools

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS:
two million students in preschool, elementary and secondary schools

High School Graduation Rate
99%

Student Diversity:
20.3% are racial minorities,
16.1% are Hispanic/Latino

Staffing Ratio (National Average) **13:1**

SPECIAL NEEDS:
78.4 percent of Catholic schools serve students with mild to moderate special needs.

School Waiting Lists 1,795

Top 10 Cities with Highest Catholic School Enrollment: Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, Boston, St. Louis, New Orleans

A Gift to the Nation: Based on the average public school per pupil cost of **\$12,608** Catholic schools provide more than **24 billion dollars** a year savings for the nation.

The total, full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching staff in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools is **151,101.**

Currently, **27 states** and the District of Columbia have legislation that provides some form of financial assistance to parents to help them choose a private or faith-based education for their children. Currently there are **59 publicly-financed programs** (vouchers, scholarships, education savings accounts and tax relief) available to assist parents with financial resources that enable them to exercise choice in their selection of a school for their children.



Quick Beats . . .

Congratulations to **Noah Florian (Gr. 2)** and his teammates who recently won 2nd Place at the *USA Track & Field Junior Olympics Finals* for Cross Country.

The **SJE Room Parents and volunteers** raised \$3,600 for the school through the annual *Kid's Christmas Boutique*. The funds will be used towards the purchase of educational supplies for the classrooms.

Author Day featured guest author and illustrator **John Rocco** who came to the school to help students understand the value of literature and develop their joy of reading.

SJE students and families took part in recent **Respect Life Month** activities, including collecting \$526 for the *Pregnancy Counseling Center*.

Congratulations to Girl Scouts from our SJE Troop 2806, **Sami**

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Above Top - The SJE 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Team poses with coaches Robert Jones and Carolyn Rybeck to take a team picture. Above Bottom - The team celebrated their undefeated season and win of the Valley Catholic Sports League Championship. The championship game was played on Nov. 19 at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks. Way to go ladies - we're proud of you!



The **With Burning Hearts Capital Campaign** is near the \$1.2 million milestone mark in pledges and donations to fund major improvements on the church/school campus. The campaign was initiated with an overall goal of \$3.1 million.

The school will benefit immediately from the first phase projects, which include new roofs for all school buildings, replacement of the paved playground surfaces, and a comprehensive solar panel system that will greatly reduce energy costs and help us meet Pope Francis' call to be good stewards of our environment.

We hope that our alumni, alumni families and friends will step-up and help us make our goal. If you have not yet pledged or contributed to the Capital Campaign, please do so today. More information about the planned improvements, goals of the Capital Campaign, and how to donate is available at www.sjeparish.net/withburninghearts.



The SJE School Open House takes place this year on Jan. 29 as part of National Catholic Schools Week. Above Left - Visitors tour the classrooms and get to view the impressive work of our students. Above Right - The Transitional Kindergarten classroom is particularly impressive and displays the work of our youngest students. Below Left - Artwork is displayed in Grill Hall for visitors to view and enjoy. Below Right - The Science Lab allows visitors to learn about the specialized science program that helps develop student scientific interests.





The Pulse: News About SJE Alumni & Friends

Daryl Singontiko '07 attended Chaminade College Preparatory where he was actively involved in the basketball program. After graduating from Chaminade in 2011, he attended Los Angeles Valley Community College and received an Associate in Arts Degree. He then obtained a basketball scholarship to play

in the Philippines for the University of Perpetual Help (which is well known for its basketball star alumni). While working to complete his Business Degree, Daryl is also working to hone his basketball skills and has been featured in a number of Philippine NCAA tournaments. He loves the game of basketball and hopes to one day become a professional player.



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!](https://twitter.com/sje365_news)



Check out the newest pictures of school events on Instagram [SJE365!](https://www.instagram.com/SJE365/)

In a Lighter Vein . . .

We develop our sense of humor as we grow up and it may (or may not) become more sophisticated the older we get. Laughing at the jokes below means you've made it at least to the second grade humor level!

Q: What did the ground say to the earthquake?

A: You crack me up!

Q: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?

A: To reach the high notes.

Q: How do you get straight A's?

A: By using a ruler!

Q: What did the pen say to the pencil?

A: So, what's your point!?

Q: What object is king of the classroom?

A: The ruler!

Q: When do astronauts eat?

A: At launch time!

Q: How does the barber cut the moon's hair?

A: E-clipse it!

Q: What happened when the wheel was invented?

A: It caused a revolution!

Q: Why didn't the sun go to college?

A: Because it already had a million degrees!

*If you find these jokes funny then you're sophisticated enough to make 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!*



Daryl Singontiko '07 takes a shot during last year's Philippine NCAA tournament. Skilled at basketball, he hopes to one day play professionally.

The Sisters of the Pious Schools

have been working on the Indian Subcontinent to spread the good news of the Gospel by developing vocations and establishing an elementary/middle school that will teach in the spirit of St. Paula Montal. The school model is based on our own parish school and will hopefully one day soon become a reality. Land has already been allocated but additional funding is needed to complete the project. They need our help to bring the message of Christ to the children and families of their area. More about the project and ways you can help can be found on the parish website at www.sjeparish.net/india.

Sr. Rosemary Bochniarz, Sch.P., former SJE School principal, poses with children at a summer program in India. The Sisters are currently teaching at public schools but are working to establish their own school based on the spirit of St. Paula Montal providing a superior faith-based education that reflects their educational mission: joy in teaching, fostering the dignity of each person, and building family life.



Save the Date!
Memorial Day Weekend
May 26-28, 2017

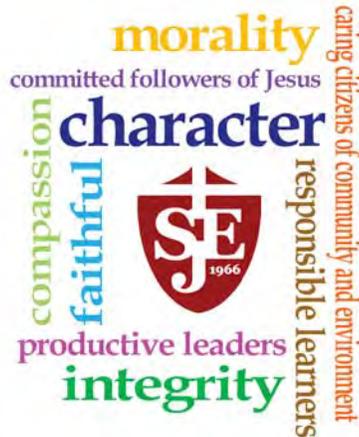
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Quick Beats . . .

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Suttles (Gr. 6), Katie Lovich (Gr. 7), Alexis Diaz (Gr. 7), and Lissette Cortez (Gr. 7), who recently received the *Diocesan Girl Scout Catholic Award - I Live My Faith* at a Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

Watch for the announcement of the **2017 St. John Eudes School Alumnus of the Year** that will be made on the school website and parish bulletin during Catholic Schools Week. As our children grow, they look to others around them to inspire and encourage their spirit. That is why we recognize an alumnus each year who can be an outstanding example to our students of someone who has applied the principles of “to Live, to Love, to Learn, and to Leave a Legacy” since attending SJE School.

You are invited to experience a great evening of wine tasting & hors d' oeuvres.
Presenting the 5th Annual SJE Parish

Wine Tasting Spectacular

Saturday, February 18
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
in Grill Hall

Admission:
\$25 Pre-Event
or \$30 at the Door
per Person
Suggested Donation

Tickets available in Nugent Plaza after Sunday morning Masses Jan. 15 thru Feb. 12, weekdays at the Parish Office and at the door

Sponsored by the SJE Men's Council
Proceeds to Benefit SJE & Local Charities
(Must be 21 or older to attend)



Top Left - The best way to learn about a saint is to become one. SJE students celebrated All Saints Day by taking on the role of a saint for a day. It was a great way to learn about the road to holiness! **Top Right** - Posing in front of the mosaic of Our

Lady of Guadalupe adjacent to the parish plaza, our Transitional Kindergartners show off the “tilmas” they made as part of the school’s celebration the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Left - A national presidential election comes along only once every four years and there are special aspects of such an election that are important for our students to learn and understand. But besides giving them the chance to learn a little about politics, it also gave them the opportunity to learn about civic responsibilities and how the political process works at the national level. And whether their candidate of choice was elected or not, they showed their spirit as Americans through their artistic expressions of patriotism and urging everyone to vote (hopefully their parents listened to them!).



Denim & DIAMONDS

SAVE THE DATE **SATURDAY** **GRILL HALL**
MARCH 25, 2017 **6:30-11:30 pm**

Dinner & Dancing • Silent & Live Auctions • Entertainment
\$75.00 per person

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