

Lancer News

2018-2019 Edition



Week of Monday, December 31, 2018



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Gratefulness

*The ongoing life
of Nature*

Reflection on Gratitude

Nature is a commodity that, at times, can be so easily discarded. During the speed of our lives we can tend to not stop and smell the proverbial rose. We can have a propensity to overlook the beauty of God's creation as we race from place to place. But, stopping to watch a sunset, taking time to reflect on our lives during a sunrise, or even taking a "pause moment" periodically and simply looking at the beauty around us, can help us continue to build a mindset of gratitude. We hope that as we grow through the year, we take the time to still be marveled when nature shows its beauty and we thank God for our blessings.



Week at a Glance

Monday

- No School
- Office Closed

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

- No School
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Friday

- No School
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New Year Goals

With the start of every new year comes the inevitable drive to holding resolutions and changing aspects of our lives that may be in need of alterations. Here are some suggestions you may consider going into a new year regarding your child's progress and success in school.

- Be more "Proactive" than "Punitive" regarding your child's progress.
- Be a partner in teaching organizational skills starting with being on time.
- Feedback is key to success, but what does it mean?
- Commit to developing a good learner, not just a good student.
- Instill perseverance and setting goals with your child.

*Happy
New Year*

Coming Events

Lunch Menu

We assist our students in developing a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ as they strive to achieve Excellence in Education and live a Life of Service according to the Gospels.

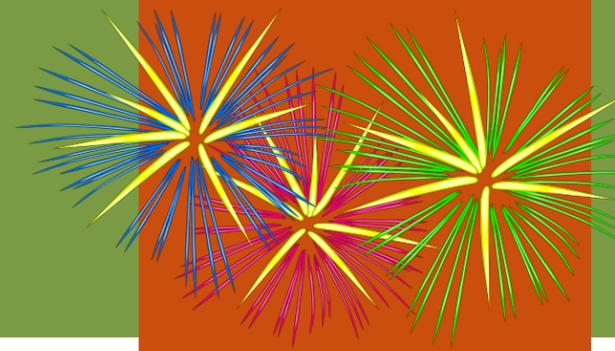
SJDL Running Club

The SJDL Running Club strives to improve fitness, encourage healthy food choices, and build a positive school community through group running practices and participation in community running events. Running Club is available to all students, Grades K-8, and is coordinated by parent volunteers. Practices will be held Fridays 3:15-4:00, beginning January 11. This year we are asking each SJDL Running Club participant to contribute a \$15 participation fee payable to SJDL..

For more information contact Lehua & Nicole at SJDLRunClub@gmail.com

SJDL Running Club
[Welcome Letter](#)

[Registration](#)



Thank you for attending the Barnes & Noble Book Fair. Remember to be sure to take your AR tests over the next couple of weeks before we leave for Christmas Break.

Please check the Library Information page from the school's website (www.sjdlschool.com) for times and requirements.

Please email Mrs. Zimmerman (zimmer@sjdlschool.com) if you have any question regarding accessing the Library Center Information page on www.sjdlschool.com.

Library Events

Pentathlon schedules can be found online.



9th Annual Jogger Joust

Grab your running shoes and jog with your classmates in our annual jog-a-thon fundraising event on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019! This event raises funds for our school AND it supports our ongoing efforts to promote physical fitness.

[Jogger Joust Information](#)

Feast of the Holy Family

Today's Gospel describes a time of anxiety in the life of Jesus' family. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. The Holy Family journeyed with family members and friends because traveling alone was dangerous. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to his parents' concern. Yet his words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. In essence, Jesus says, "If you had remembered who I am, you would have known where to find me." In their panic, Mary and Joseph had forgotten what had been told to them before Jesus' birth, that their son was the Son of God. Knowing a person well helps reduce our anxieties for them because we can better predict how they will behave, and we know their capacity to handle the challenges life might present to them. [Read more...](#)



Prayer Warriors

Meetings are every Friday from 8:15-9:15, unless there is a Mass or other school activity.

Keeping Christmas

It is a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness--are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open--are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world--stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death--and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

But you can never keep it alone.

Henry van Dyke

Henry van Dyke was a member of the clergy, this story reads like a sermon for good reason. Its full title is A Short Christmas Sermon: Keeping Christmas. Van Dyke also composed lyrics to the popular hymn, "The Hymn of Joy" sung to Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, "Ode to Joy."

Home and School Announcements

The Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac Home and School Association is an organization of parents who have chosen to participate more fully in the service of Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac School by organizing fundraising activities that directly benefit the students, faculty, the general plant, and equipment.

Announcements

The Home & School Association would like to wish all of our Saint Jeanne families and friends a blessed New Year. We know that the year will continue to bring us all the joy of service, hope and love.



Events

February 22
Jogger Joust

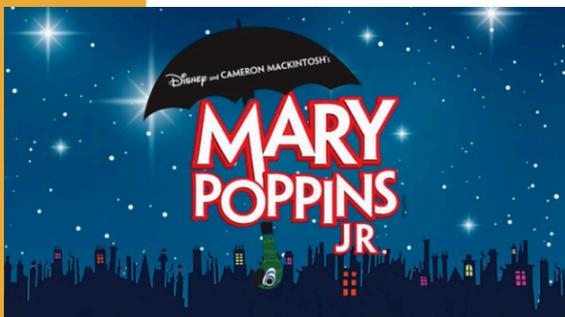
May 5
May Festival

and more...



Lancer Athletics News

This informational series on how Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac's Athletics program is continuing its efforts to instill Faith Formation in athletic competition, we present an effective way parents can help. Utilizing the "Play Like a Champion Today" platform, we recognize and expect parents to be a large part of the faith formation in athletics. What is said before and after a game by a parent regarding expectations, performance or critiques can leave lasting developmental scars on emerging student-athletes. From perception-reality gaps to inappropriate actions can confuse a young athlete regarding the overall attitude and sportsmanship aspects being developed by the coach. Here is a great read regarding the **10 Commandments of Sports Parents** as a resource and outline of talking with your child before and after athletic competitions.



Spring Musical

You can follow Spring Musical news by subscribing to the channel on Schoolway. Click [HERE](#) for directions.



One Platform for All Communication

We have used the official school communication App, SchoolWay, for the last three years. With over 90% of our families as registered followers, we are hoping that it will be our "go to" communication App for more than just reminders, alerts or announcements. Parents and students can now follow teams and groups such as Lancer Athletics, Pentathlon Teams, Showtime, etc., by subscribing to the team's or group's Channel. Follow these directions to add channels to your feed and gain access to push notifications for any and all group feeds.

For Apple iOS users [CLICK HERE FOR DIRECTIONS](#)

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The SJDL SchoolWay code is **mnvub0**



We Need Your Help!

The facilities at Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac School sets us apart from most, if not all, private Catholic schools in Orange County. One facility that all of our students benefit from is the Field of Dreams. But, as with all upgrades, the facility and its benefits to the school come with a price. We hope that you can find it in your means to help our efforts in raising money for this great facility. [Click to read more and how to help...](#)