



**Principal Updates: December 2020**

**From:** Jenny Studer <[studer@sanjoseschool.com](mailto:studer@sanjoseschool.com)>

**Date:** December 3, 2020

**Subject:** LAST CALL & Jingle Bell Run Information

Good afternoon San Jose Catholic School Families.

- This is the LAST CALL for 4 Rivers BBQ orders. All orders MUST be placed by 4:00 p.m. today. Orders will be picked up between 5:30p.m. and 6:15 p.m., before our Drive-In movie, The Grinch, begins at 6:30 p.m. Please use the link, <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QTVr3FDYnEWhXRVznVLMvBpM7cbCwX5lluwO0NjrOblUMjhETUs0NDFQUTBKRUMwUzFQQjkzU0c0Ui4u>, to place your order now.
- Tomorrow will be our first official **Jingle Bell Fun Run** collections day. I am excited to announce that we have already raised **over \$4,000!** Thank you for supporting our school's technology needs!

*\*Remember...students who bring in at least \$40 in donations will receive a special bracelet. Students who bring in at least \$80 in donations will receive a special made "We Run for a Reason" San Jose t-shirt.\**

- Lastly, next week on Wednesday, December 9th, we will have San Jose Spirit Night at Athens Café, from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Athen's Café will generously donate 25% of the night's proceeds to San Jose Catholic School. Please see the flyer below for more details.

Blessings.

Jenny Studer, M.Ed.

Principal, San Jose Catholic Church and School



**From:** Jenny Studer <[studer@sanjoseschool.com](mailto:studer@sanjoseschool.com)>

**Date:** December 7, 2020

**Subject:** Important News and Dates

Good morning San Jose Catholic Church and School Families.

Please see the attached letter from the Office of the Superintendent regarding a positive COVID-19 case on our campus. In addition, I am attaching information regarding holiday travel.

**Important Dates-**

Tuesday 12/8- SHRINE MASS @ 9:30a.m. Please remind students to dress appropriately. *It will be COLD.*

Wednesday 12/9- **SPIRIT NIGHT @ Athen's Café** (see flyer below)

Monday 12/14-Wednesday 12/16- Middle School Exams

Thursday 12/17- **JINGLE BELL FUN RUN**

- *We have collected close to \$15,000, which puts us half way to our \$30,000 goal. Thank you for supporting our school and keep up the GREAT work!*

Friday 12/18- SHRINE MASS @ 8:00 a.m. **Christmas Colors/ Ugly Sweater Day \$1.00 Donation**

**Saturday, December 19th-Monday, January 4th Christmas Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

Tuesday, January 5th- Classes Resume

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## SPIRIT NIGHT: ATHEN'S CAFÉ

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Please help our school by visiting Athen's Café for dine-in or take-out dinner (online ordering available) on December 9<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 and 9:00 PM. Athen's Café will generously donate 25% of the night's proceeds to San Jose Catholic School.

### *Athen's Cafe*

*6271 Saint Augustine Rd  
Ste 7, Jacksonville, FL, 32217  
(904) 733-1199*

<https://www.athenscafejax.com/>



Voted Best of Jax 2019 in six categories including Best Greek and Mediterranean food as well as Best Soup and Catering. Located right by our school, Athen's Café is a locally and veteran owned Greek restaurant, that serves authentic Greek cuisine, using only the freshest ingredients. Additionally, they have a great kid's menu, with classic kid favorites!



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Dear Families, Faculty, and Staff,

As you are aware, we are still in the midst of a pandemic with COVID-19. We have so much to be thankful for in our schools and families during this upcoming holidays. Let us acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all of the Catholic school employees throughout the diocese who continue to work to educate and keep our students safe. Our schools have done a fabulous job with their protocols in place to safeguard our students and staff during the school day. With your partnership at home, we have been able to stop widespread outbreaks within our schools. For that we are most thankful.

With the upcoming Christmas break, we ask that you remain conscientious about limiting any possible exposure to COVID-19, especially if you will be traveling. Continue to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by wearing a mask, avoiding contact with anyone who is sick, and washing your hands.

In addition, please keep in mind that some international travel may require a 14-day quarantine upon your arrival back in the United States. Please refer to the CDC for their guidelines when/if you are returning from international travel.

Let us pray for all those who have contracted COVID-19 and for all their families as they work to restore their good health.

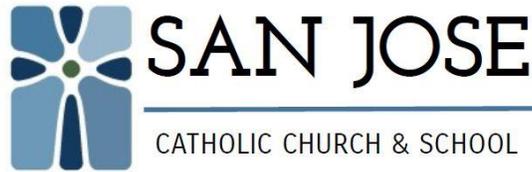
May God bless you and your families,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deacon Scott J. Conway".

Deacon Scott J. Conway  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Rose".

Rhonda Rose  
Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools



**From:** Jenny Studer <[studer@sanjoseschool.com](mailto:studer@sanjoseschool.com)>

**Date:** December 16, 2020

**Subject:** JINGLE BELL FUN RUN and Reminders

Good afternoon San Jose Catholic School Families.

Tomorrow is the big day...it's **JINGLE BELL FUN RUN DAY!**

- **Students may wear their PE bottoms (black PE shorts alone or with black leggings underneath, or navy blue sweatpants) and their PE or Jingle Bell Run t-shirt. It is scheduled to be chilly, so please make sure that your child has appropriate outerwear 😊 As a reminder, while outside the classroom students are NOT required to have a school logo fleece or sweatshirt.**
- **Tomorrow is the last day for Jingle Bell Fun Run donations. We have made gains towards meeting our goal over the last week, but still have quite a ways to go to meet our \$30,000 goal. Any donation helps.**

*Things to keep in mind while considering your donation to the Jingle Bell Fun Run-*

### **CARES Act changes deducting charitable contributions made in 2020:**

*Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if taxpayers itemized their deductions.*

*However, taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made in 2020 to qualifying organizations.*

#### **Friday 12/18/20 Reminders-**

**SHRINE MASS @ 8:00a.m.-** It is scheduled to be chilly, so please make sure your child has appropriate outwear and a towel to sit on.

**7:15a.m.-3:15 p.m.-** Full School Day with ESC available until 6:00 p.m.

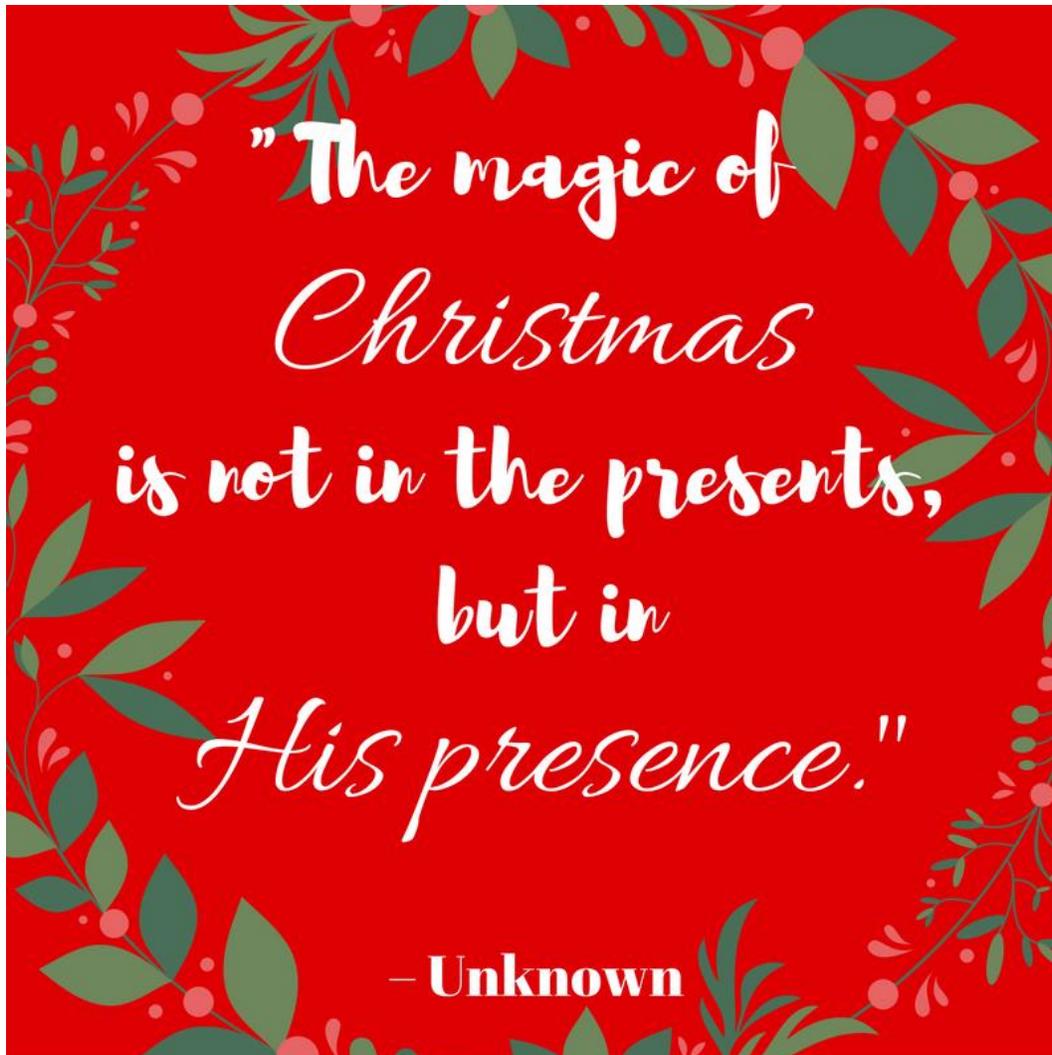
#### **Family Holy Hour-**

Tuesday, December 29th, join our parish for mass (8:00a.m.) and a Family Holy Hour (8:30-9:30a.m.)



**Christmas Break-**

The school will be closed from Saturday, December 19th through Sunday, January 3rd. The school will reopen on Monday, December 4th for a teacher work day. We will be excited to welcome our students back to campus on Tuesday, January 5th. We hope that you and your family has a blessed Christmas Break!



Blessings.

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**From:** Jenny Studer <[studer@sanjoseschool.com](mailto:studer@sanjoseschool.com)>

**Date:** December 22, 2020

**Subject:** 2020 SJCS Christmas Program

Greetings,

I am delighted to be sending you this email with the 2020 digital Christmas programs, presented by the students of San Jose Catholic School. The students worked hard to prepare, and they all sang beautifully on our recording days. We can't wait for you to see what we put together! Thank you so much for giving me the privilege to work with your children to make meaningful, musical memories this year.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Program:

<https://youtu.be/aYmqGPWUrEg>

PreK3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Christmas Program:

<https://youtu.be/oAYnJLZ6rV4>

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ms. Edwards



**From:** Jenny Studer <[studer@sanjoseschool.com](mailto:studer@sanjoseschool.com)>

**Date:** January 1, 2021 at 2:47:52 PM EST

**To:** [katers.coughlin@gmail.com](mailto:katers.coughlin@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Happy New Year

Happy New Year San Jose Families!

With the New Year, it is time for new beginnings. We are sad to see "Senor Jotero" go, but we are very excited to announce our new World Languages teacher, Mrs. Indira Alvarado. Please see their messages below.

*Dear San Jose Families,*

*I want to take this time to THANK YOU for the opportunity (and bearing with me) to teach Spanish for the past few months. I know this has been an experience I'll remember and cherish for years to come. I promise, if there is a next time, I'll get better at Schoology.*

*A few short months ago I was a regular dad of three kids attending this school, doing car line, and now feel fully immersed in this experience/place. I'm hooked. I was able to be a fly on the wall(that also handed out/graded assignments) getting to see the San Jose gears at work and be a part of each class. I've seen the faculty's dedication, commitment, and tireless efforts in caring for our kids and I am proud to say the least. Their leadership, guidance, PATIENCE, and kindness towards me as I made my way through this experience is second to none and I'm forever grateful.*

*The kids here are amazing. We've laughed, had candy, collaborated on worksheets, some watched Coco(and never finished (except one class)), I got to learn about your family, did a project on countries, had a class or two outside, and had a blast the whole time being around these young minds.*

*I'm more excited than ever to be a part of such a great community and look forward to spending the next 10+ years here. Please don't hesitate if there's anything I can be doing for you and yours as I'm more than happy to help. Have a very Merry Christmas, a wonderful New Year, and I look forward to what the future holds.*

*Hasta Pronto.*

*All The Best,*

*Joey Peters*

*I was born and raised in Panama, my mom is from Panama and my father was from India. I am the third of 5 sisters. All my education was done in Panama in Catholic institutions: From K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Saint Mary's Academy and my higher education (Bachelor's, Undergraduate and Master's) at Santa Maria la Antigua University. My husband, Ricardo, is a retired US Army Master Sergeant, and due to his government service, we lived in the UK for almost 3 years and in Puerto Rico for almost 3 years too. I volunteered in all schools my children have attended to (UK, Military base schools and private schools in Puerto Rico).*



*Before moving to the United States, I worked for 15 years in the Panama Canal Commission as a Supervisory Administrative Assistant. At St. Patrick's I started as volunteer homeroom mother for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, then long term substitute for PE and then Spanish Teacher for 1 ½ along with Teacher Assistant for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*In my free time I enjoy, reading, running, traveling, watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. I also love watching any type of sports, but my favorite is soccer (my favorite club is FC Barcelona).*

*I have 2 children, Richard (attends Bishop Kenny as a freshman) and Katherine (attends 7<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Patrick Catholic School).*

*I am excited to join the San Jose family and I am looking forward to a great year!*

*Mrs. Alvarado*

We can't wait to see everyone back in a few short days!

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