

September 9, 2021

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL

# SJV WEEKLY

## Up to Date with SJV...

### WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Fri. Sept. 10	-Dress Down Day Theme—Sports
Sun, Sept. 12	SJV at the White caps Game!
Mon. Sept 13	H&S Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sept. 17th	SHINE Cart Day
Sept. 24th	Walk-A-Thon
Oct. 13th	All Belong Night
Oct. 14th	Picture Retake Day

We Need Volunteers

### REMINDER

This year we will be adding a technology fee to cover the cost of insurance for the children's devices. The insurance is \$25 for ipads (Grade K-3) and \$35 for chrome-books (Grade 4-8). These fees are due in October on your scheduled payment date. If you want to change the month, or spread the payments out over your tuition plan, please contact Cathy Burgess at 616-724-3131 or CBurgess@StJohnVianney.net.

**To all sports parents:** Please check your student's closet for uniforms left at home from last year. We are missing several uniforms and need them for athletes this year. Thanks for your help!



### Health Department Recommendations when you are sick.

Please see the following link:  
[Health Dept. Guidelines](#)

Thanks for your diligence and cooperation. Working together we're keeping our school safe.

### Home & School

#### What's HOME & SCHOOL all about?

Join us next Monday 9/13 @ 630 p.m. in the village hall for our 1st meeting of the school year. Can't attend but want to be in the know?

email [ericarosscantu@gmail.com](mailto:ericarosscantu@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

### ED Tech Help

Need a little help with Canvas or Infinite Campus? Check out the [DOGR ED Tech](https://sites.google.com/dogrschools.org/dogredtech/home)  
(<https://sites.google.com/dogrschools.org/dogredtech/home>)

Help page for information on how to manage these platforms. Topics include how to pair with your student's account in Canvas and how to check your child's report card.



**\*\* Dress Down Day Friendly Reminder—School appropriate. No cutoffs, leggings, torn clothing etc. See handbook on website for specific guidelines.**

At St. John Vianney Catholic School, we educate compassionate, knowledgeable students to follow the path of Jesus Christ.



Self-Control  
Honesty  
Inspire  
Never Quit  
Exemplify Christ

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SJV Parents and Families,

This year's theme, "**To the Heights**" describes our excitement for the year ahead! "Our expectations for student growth are "To the heights!" and so is our joy in learning and worshipping together. A quick look at what is in the works for this year will excite you, too!

- **New flexible seating for kindergarten through fifth grade.** These desks are designed to support the learning we strive for at SJV: engaged, hands-on, and centered on student needs. Easily arranged in various groupings and with flexible seated and standing options, these desks visually move our classrooms ahead and positively impact learning. To be delivered later this year.
- **Renewed, strengthened partnership with All Belong**, an organization that supports teachers in serving the needs of all students and creating a welcoming home for everyone at SJV. Meet Katie Kiser, our Teacher Consultant, at our parent presentation on the Student Support Program at SJV on October 13th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.
- **New, re-designed website** that communicates the strengths of our school community, welcomes new families, and strengthens connections between home and school with clear, easy-to-find information. Launching later this year.
- **Addition of middle school STEM learning equipment and a renovated Maker's Space** for all students this year **and renovated STEM lab** for all students next year.
- Currently we are recruiting coaches for a strong **return to our Odyssey of the Mind program**, a hands-on, student-led, problem-solving program that pushes students to think creatively and innovate their way through design and performance challenges. This calls on students' cross-curricular knowledge and strong teamwork skills. A point of pride for SJV, our teams have reached national competition level every year we competed, and our aim for the 2021-22 program is nothing short of "To the heights!"
- Building on the lessons of the last 18 months, we are moving beyond the admirable goal of 180-day in-person instruction and are reaching further. This year, **we reach the heights** by:
  - Being together for mass, assemblies, service events, and celebrations
  - Supporting emerging middle school faith leaders in our House Program
  - Celebrating families with events like Movie Night, SJV at the Whitecaps, holiday celebrations, Mother/Son and Father/Daughter events, Euchre Tournaments, and other events that bring us together
  - Retreat opportunities for our faculty and middle school students
  - Return of our SHINE program, including student recognition and rewards. Teachers and staff make sure positive, values-based behavior is noticed and encouraged!

You see why the excitement at SJV is #ToTheHeights!

Grateful for our partnership,

Linda Olejnik, Principal

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# SJV Home & School Walk-a-thon



## Walk-a-thon Event details:

- Event Date: Friday 9/24/2021
- Select classes will walk together at specific times throughout the day.
- Families are welcome to join. Watch the newsletter for specific times.

Walk-A-Thon is Friday 9/24. We need volunteers to help the day of the event <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4FADAB2FA3F85-sjvwalk> . You may also come to walk with your students' class.

We are hoping to get 100% participation whether you raise \$5 or \$150 . Online donations via <https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/> or the collection envelope. To the Heights!

**In celebration of our students walk-a-thon completion Home & School will be hosting an outdoor movie night that evening starting at 8 pm. Bring your family and a blanket to enjoy this community event.**

**\*Donate any amount by Thursday, September 16th and have dress down day—SJV wear or purple or gold on Friday, September 17th. Go Comets!**

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## NEWS

At SJV, we celebrate students who demonstrate our values every day. Students are recognized with SHINE tickets they can turn in at the SHINE cart. This encouragement, along with weekly SHINE Shoutouts are visible ways to show students how to live our mission every day. Many thanks to Ariel C. and Riley L. for helping us promote this important program. Click [HERE \(https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XdHjN5M2LtgmEuyGZPC66W3J2YHCVWJ/view\)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XdHjN5M2LtgmEuyGZPC66W3J2YHCVWJ/view) to see a preview of their performance of "Return of the SHINE Cart!"

## REMINDERS

**Student Drop-off and Pick-Up** - Thank you for your patience while we work through unexpected glitches. Here's a [Video tutorial](#) you can share with anyone planning to drop off or pick up your children.

**Volunteering** - We need you! Please sign up for at least three volunteer opportunities per family each quarter. Grandparents and other family/friends are welcome! This helps us avoid additional costs and aligns with our policy requiring 15 hours of volunteer hours per family per year. If you cannot volunteer and would rather donate to our daily helper fund so that we may hire staff to cover recess and lunch duties, please email [Cathy Burgess](mailto:cburgess@stjohnvianney.net).  
cburgess@stjohnvianney.net

### **Experience West Night**

We welcome 8th-grade students and their parents who would like to meet West Catholic teachers and students while learning about faith, financial aid, academics, athletics and more!

Wednesday, September 29th 6:30-8:30p.m.

[Sign up here](#)

### **Middle School Strength & Conditioning** *(for current 7th & 8th graders)*

Sept 13th - Oct 7th [Sign up here](#)

### **Shadow Days**

Current 8th graders can shadow a West Catholic student for part of a school day.

[Learn more and sign up here](#)

### **Financial Planning, K-12 & Beyond:**

Open to all families with children of any age. It's never too early to start planning and be informed!

**Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

**Time: 6:30 - 7:30p.m.**

**Location: West Catholic High School**

