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From the Principal's Desk

## Exciting Summer News!

Thank you to Coach Kolby, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Hodges, and Mrs. Hernandez, and all of their volunteers for three great weeks of Summer Camp!



Please visit our website at [www.sjsfl.org](http://www.sjsfl.org) for more photos.

## Getting Ready for Next Year!

Thanks to the hard work of Rick Nohmy, our maintenance crew, and the many workers who have been on campus this summer, we are getting ready for our new school year. Classrooms have been cleaned, carpets cleaned, and floors waxed. Painting in the hallways will begin this week. The black trim in the hallways and the school doors will be painted our school color of navy blue. They will also be painting our swing frames on the main playground.

We are looking for volunteers during the week of July 24th to assist with a couple of additional school projects. This is a great opportunity to get some volunteer hours for the new school year! Please know we can be flexible with time!

- We are looking for volunteers to help paint the railings on the stairwells. The paint will be provided.
- A year ago our insurance company required the swings to be removed and cushion areas constructed under the swings. This was done last summer for one of the frames. We have three additional frames to add cushioned areas. We are looking for volunteers to help put in the rubber borders and assist with the sand fill. Supplies will be provided.

Please use SignUp Genius if you can assist with these projects.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a4a72daaff2-school>

The St. Joseph Room now has new carpeting. With the new tables from the Knights of Columbus, this meeting room looks much better. The old tables are being moved to a student activity room to be used for Odyssey of the Mind, K-Kids, and other after school programs. Watch for more details in future newsletters.

We have 31 students registered for 6th grade, so we will need to divide the students into two classes. I am currently interviewing for a middle school teacher. We are still enrolling students for next year. If you know someone who is planning to attend SJCS next year, please encourage them to complete their enrollment so we can finalize homeroom assignments for next year.

You may have read information on STEM and STEAM learning. The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Venice are moving to STREAM for our students. The difference is the addition of religion, faith, and ethics. We will be integrating project learning, which will include Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math. STREAM projects encourage higher order thinking and creative problem solving. We will be integrating lessons from Engineering is Elementary which was developed by the Boston Museum of Science with the National Center for Technological Literacy, as well as Lockheed Martin's Engineers in the Classroom, and other resources. Our summer camps demonstrated how exciting hands on learning can be for our students.

Grades 3, 4, and 5 will have iPads to use in the classrooms this year. We will also be setting up iPad learning stations in grades PK – 2. The Middle School will continue with the Bring Your Own Device program for this school year.

Please watch future newsletters as we share summer news as we prepare for a new school year building on our tradition of excellence!







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School resumes on August 10<sup>th</sup>!