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FUNERAL THIS FRIDAY

There will be a large funeral this Friday, February 23, at 1:30. We anticipate that the funeral will be leaving the church about 2:30 pm or 2:40 pm. We anticipate that the parking lots will be full. **BECAUSE OF THAT WE WILL BE DISMISSING STUDENTS WHO WILL BE IN THE PICK UP LINE AT 2:15 P.M.** Please be aware:

1. There will be cars parked in the loop area outside of the main school building. You will need to drive carefully around the cars and the waiting area for each of the classes from Pre K through grade 5.
2. Students who are not picked up by 2:30pm will be sent downstairs to aftercare. We will not be charging for aftercare that afternoon until 3:10 p.m.
3. Bus students will remain outside the office until the bus arrives.
4. There may be no parking in the lots so we ask those picking up from 2:15 pm-2:45 pm to remain in your cars.
5. Barry Hall students will be picked up as usual until 2:30 pm. Barry Hall students who walk over to the main school building should do so **AND STAND WITH THEIR SIBLING(s)**. At 2:30 any Barry Hall students who have not been picked up will be escorted to the cafeteria for pick up with the aftercare students.
6. Walkers may be dismissed at 2:15 pm.

I am sorry for any inconvenience for families. My concern is for the safety of our students with a full parking lot of people not familiar with our traffic patterns.

Stephen Donohue

BOX TOPS

Thursday, February 22 is the last day to turn in Box Tops. Send them into school in plastic bags with the student's homeroom on them. Thank you. We have just purchased additional playground balls with some of the funds raised from previous collections.

UNIFORM CHANGE FOR GIRLS

On Monday, March 5 when we return from vacation, girls will not longer be able to wear pants, except on PE days.

529 PLANS

Please see the attachment from the National Catholic Education Association. Families with 529 Plans for tuition costs can now utilize the Plan for K-12 education, not just for college fees. Earnings on these plans are not taxed.

PTO MEETING

The next PTO meeting will take place on Monday, March 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Library.

BEDTIME STORY HOUR

The PTO, with help from Mrs. Mainusch and some of her students, are sponsoring a Bedtime Story Hour for students from Pre-Kindergarten through the Second grade. This will take place from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. A parent must accompany the children. See the attached flyer for details.

LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

Sign ups for Concord Little League will be held at the Boys and Girls Club :

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Sign ups can also be done online at: concordnhlittleleague.org



Bedtime Story Hour at SJRS

PREK-2nd graders

(students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

Thursday March 8, 2018

SJRS Cafeteria

6:00pm-7:00pm

Get your PJ's on, get your stuffed friend, and come have your bedtime stories read to you at school.

Stories, activities, and cookies baked for you by the SJRS Cookie Club!



New Education Savings Opportunity for Current and Prospective Catholic School Families

The 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act expanded 529 savings plans to allow families to invest funds for K12 tuition in addition to higher education expenses

What is a 529 plan?

Named after section 529 of the tax code, the 529 plan is a tax-advantaged plan operated by a state or an education institution designed to encourage saving for college. The federal tax advantage is that earnings on funds contributed to 529 accounts are not federally taxed when withdrawals are used for educational purposes. As of January 1, 2018, 529 plans may be used for K-12 education tuition.

What are the tax advantages of saving money with a 529 plan?

The primary benefit of a plan is that any earnings from growth over time are tax-free if they are used to pay for qualified education expenses. Secondly, contributions to a plan may be eligible for a State income deduction depending on where you live.

Who may open a 529 plan?

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, godparents, and just about anyone else can give the gift of a Catholic education by opening a 529 plan for a child in their preferred state. At the age of 18, students may open plans for themselves.

Is more than one account per child permissible?

Yes! Multiple friends or family members may open separate accounts for a child or contribute to one single plan. If there is more than one child, accounts may be opened for each child.

Is there a maximum amount that can be used to pay K12 tuition?

Yes, the maximum amount that can be distributed tax-free per calendar year is \$10,000 per student, regardless of the number of 529 accounts.

I already started a 529 plan to save for my child's college expenses. Should I use that money to pay for K12 tuition?

This is an important question to discuss with your financial advisor.

How do I enroll in a 529 plan?

You may enroll directly with a State 529 plan manager or with your financial advisor.

Anything else I should consider?

Please consult with your financial advisor or accountant to determine the specific state requirements and select the best option for your family.

What does the Catholic Church believe regarding parental choice in education?

The Declaration on Christian Education, *Gravissimum Educationis*, proclaimed during the Second Vatican Council, neatly summarizes parental choice in education as the following: *Parents who have the primary and inalienable right and duty to educate their children must enjoy true liberty in their choice of schools.* While the expansion of 529 plans does not address all the concerns regarding inequities in our education system, it is a step in the right direction.

Sources: www.irs.gov www.savingforcollege.com www.house.gov

