



# Cougar Call Weekly News

Newsletter 13, November 13, 2014

Thank you to all who organized, participated in, and attended our Veterans' Day celebration. It was a beautiful and moving tribute to those who have served our country. We hope our families will be able to attend our special Thanksgiving luncheon with your children. You should have received an invitation through Sign Up Genius last week about this luncheon on Friday, November 21. If you did not receive the invitation, please call the school office as soon as possible since reservations are due.

Please remember, those students in uniform who offer to help at Masses receive an OOU Day on Tuesday, November 18.

Progress reports go home and will be e-mailed next Thursday, November 20. Basketball practices have begun, and our first games will be Tuesday, November 18, at home against St. Peter Prince. We will have a girls' A team and a boys' A team. The girls play at 4:30, and the boys' game is at 5:30. Come and cheer on our teams. *Go, Cougars!*

Blessings,

*Dr. Cindy Cummins, Principal*

## Service Credit Opportunities!

- **PTC Campus Workday, November 15, 2014, beginning at 8:00am.** PTC will be making improvements to the playground and need your assistance. Please bring rakes and shovels.
- **Help Needed with the Thanksgiving Luncheon:** If you are available to assist Mrs. Virginia and Mr. Ruben with preparations on Thursday, November 20, 2014 or during the luncheon on Friday, November 21, 2014, please contact Lynda Ploetz at 830-305-1525.
- The Pre-School is asking for donations to aid in making improvements to their play area. Therefore, anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may do in the school office, beginning now through the end of February. You will receive 1 PTC credit per \$20.00 donated for this cause. If you have any questions, please contact our Pre-School Director, Mrs. Dawn Luu.

## Catholic Life Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

*October 16 – December 10*

*We would really like to keep up to date standings on the CLR fundraiser. Please remember to turn in your raffle ticket money and ticket stubs to the school office as soon as possible.*

Currently, SJS families have raised 12% of the school goal and Grade 8 is the Top Selling Class. Congratulations to the Joaquin Ortiz, for winning the fourth of eight weekly drawings for a \$20.00 King Ranger gift card for their family.

## Other School News

- **The St. James Catholic School Handbook Acknowledgement form will be sent home tomorrow with the oldest/only child in each family. The due date to turn this form in to the school office has been extended. Please complete and return the form to the school office no later than November 20, 2014, including parent and student signatures. This is a "one per family" form.**
- **GEOGRAPHY CONTEST NEWS.** Hooray, it's November, and we've begun our 21st Geography Contest at St. James. The booklets for the 4th-8th graders have been distributed and are due back before Thanksgiving. We hope the whole family will enjoy working together to learn more about our planet and its people and history.
- **The last day to sign up for the Thanksgiving Luncheon is tomorrow, November 14. If you have not signed up, and would like a Thanksgiving Luncheon plate, please do so by tomorrow.**

## Support Our Parishes!

### St. James Catholic Church:

#### **Sacristans Needed!**

If you are interested in becoming a Sacristan, please contact the church office at 379-1796.

**Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick Hospital/Nursing Home Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Sundays & Tuesdays. Please contact the church office.**

### News from St. John Paul II Catholic High School

All 8th graders considering attendance at Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio are asked to take the High School Placement Test on the first Saturday in December, from 8:45am-12:00pm.

Given that our kids are very busy with rigorous academics in 8th grade and with extracurricular activities, we provide these problems, four per day, to give students free and steady practice. Print and answer at the breakfast table or on the way to school. Share this site, [www.johnpaul2chs.org](http://www.johnpaul2chs.org), with your friends, and come back daily for answers and more questions.

We also offer a free, on-site tutoring and practice sessions on: Saturday, 15 November 2014. Each session runs from 9 - 11:45 a.m.

Please sign up for one by calling 830-643-0802 or [emailing](#) the school.



## Upcoming Events

### **Saturday, November 15**

- PTC Workday, 8:00am on the SJS Campus

### **Saturday, November 15 – Sunday, November 16**

- Student Stewardship and Second Collection at all Masses

### **Thursday, November 20**

- OOU Day: \$1.00, Fall Colors
- Early Dismissal with ASC
- Cafeteria Closed
- Progress Reports Go Home

### **Friday, November 21**

- Thanksgiving Luncheon in the Parish Hall/Cafeteria

### **Tuesday, November 25**

- Early Release with NO ASC
- Cafeteria Closed

### **Wednesday, November 26 – Friday, November 28**

- Thanksgiving Break
- *Happy Thanksgiving!*

### **Sunday, November 30**

- Advent Begins

### **Tuesday, December 2**

- Picture Retakes for Yearbook Pictures Only
- Safe Environment Training, 6:00pm, Family Center Meeting Room 1

### **Wednesday, December 3**

- Nursing Home Mass, Grades 5 and 5K, Seguin Assisted Living, 11:00am

### **Thursday, December 4**

- Nursing Home Mass, Middle School and Grade 3, Remarkable, 11:00am
- Seguin Christmas Parade with SJS Float, 6:00pm, Austin St.

### **Saturday, December 6**

- Catholic High School Placement Test at St. John Paul II Catholic High School, 9:00am-12:00pm