

## **Update From The Board**

Dear Friends of St. James School,

The St. James School Education Foundation was founded almost 15 years ago by St. James School parents and alumni united by one dream... to ensure that St. James School would be around for the next generation of Catholic school students. The SJSEF, is an independent, 501(c) (3), non-profit organization, supporting the educational experience of today's St. James School students and provides future financial security to carry-on educational excellence for tomorrow's students. This September, St. James School will celebrate 100 years strong of outstanding Catholic education. The St. James School Education Foundation is proud to be part of this enduring legacy.

Today, we are reaching out to you on behalf of St. James School students and faculty.

Donate today and join our mission with your support for another 100 years of
excellence in Catholic education.

The SJSEF was started with the generous gifts and contributions from the initial founders. Under the dedicated management and guidance of prior board members, the SJSEF has been able to use the income from these initial contributions, along with the annual contributions from school families, and outside donors to contribute at least \$80,000 per year to St. James School for the last seven years. In fact, since its inception in 2004, the SJSEF has invested over \$850,000 in support of educational programs at St. James School.

This 2017/2018 school year alone the **SJSEF will provide over \$110,000** in funding to St. James School. For example, the SJSEF funded the following:

- NEW! 90 iPads and 3 iPad carts for classrooms
- Faculty training/school technology update
- Hands on Art
- STREAM and Science Fair

- Spanish
- Music
- Physical Education
- Class Field Trips

In order to continue to provide consistent level of support and growth into the future, we are asking for your financial support. Your financial contributions make a significant difference and we hope you will choose to be our valued partners in our success each year.

If you have contributed previously, please consider increasing your fully tax-deductible gift from past years. Several payment options are available, including a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly or quarterly installments on a credit card. Please visit **www.sjsef.org** to make an online donation. In addition, the SJSEF accepts a variety of company matching plans. Donating today is easier than ever.

There is no better investment than money spent on a child's Catholic education. Students who receive a Catholic education are more likely as adults to be active leaders in their church and community and to educate their children in Catholic schools. Your gift to the SJSEF secures the foundation of Catholic education and builds a legacy that passes on our Catholic faith formation to the next generation.

**Your gift, no matter the size, WILL make a difference!** Our success depends on the generosity of our school alumni, parish, families and friends. Together we can achieve the extraordinary. Your contributions to SJSEF are more than appreciated, they are life changing!

Thanks to your continued support, St. James students will continue to thrive and enjoy engaging enrichment programs and events.

Sincerely yours, The SJSEF Executive Board

Stella Desjardins, President Bryant Delgadillo, Vice President Maureen Brock, Treasurer Christine MacInnis, Secretary Jean Bungarden Lee, Board Member Philip DeSouza, Board Member



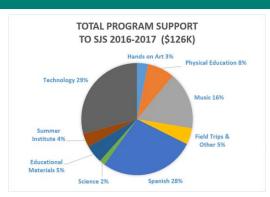
# Welcome New Principal at the Art Show

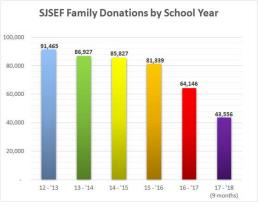
Please join us for a wine and cheese welcome for our new principal, Mrs. Noreen Maricich

SJS Art Show Wednesday, May 23, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. O'Gorman Center

Sister Mary Margaret, Msgr. Mike and the Foundation Board will be welcoming her to St. James School around 6:45 p.m. The event will be an informal meet and greet while enjoying some of our students' wonderful art.

#### SJSEF At A Glance





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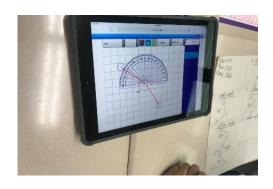
## SJS Class iPad Update

The St. James School Education Foundation sponsored the purchase of three iPad carts and 90 new iPads for student use at the end of last year. This school year began with the arrival of these carts and iPads, however work was needed to be done; prepping the iPads to be ready for classroom use.

With the assistance of a parent volunteer, Mrs. Gohar and the hiring of Dan Dunne, the program Coordinator of the iDEAL Institute in the School of Education at LMU, we have been able to load the iPads through Apple School and Mosley, a manager device system. By equipping the iPads with both of these services we are able to push out educational apps safely and quickly for teacher use within their classroom.

While the iPads were prepped, teachers researched apps and programs they would be able to integrate into their classroom curriculum. Student excitement has been on an all-time high as the iPad carts were rolled into classrooms mid-February. The teachers and students greatly appreciate this needed technology tool to enrich their academics.

Mrs. Schiappa-Gobee 1st grade Teacher Chair, Faculty Technology Committee





### SJSEF Mission Statement

Since 2004 the St. James School Education Foundation mission:

The St. James Education Foundation ("SJSEF"), an independent non-profit organization, supports enriching the educational experience of today's St. James School students and building a legacy to carry-on Catholic education excellence for tomorrow's students.

This has been accomplished through the on-going support of programs, experiences and other resources that strive to:

- · Enhance the educational experience of all students
- · Enable student to keep current with growing educational developments
- · Differentiate St. James school as an academic center of excellence

Visit our website www.sjsef.org or contact us directly educate@sjsef.org if you would like to learn more about our organization and how you can help.