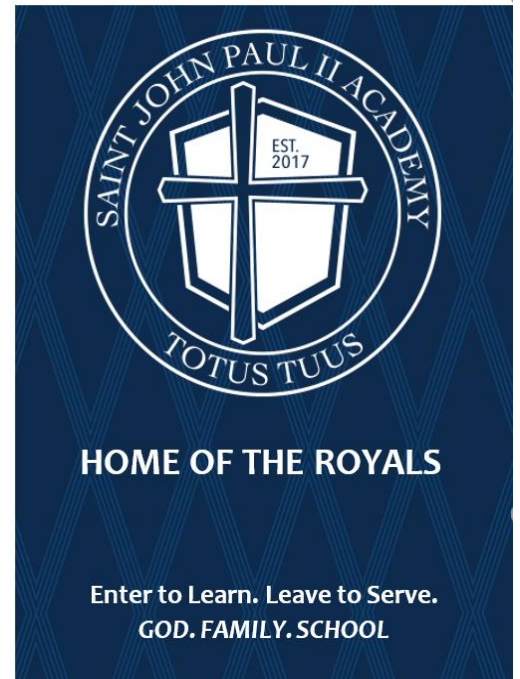




SJP2 Royals Ultimate Team



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## Principal's Message

Dear SJP II Supporters,

As we approach the conclusion of another school year – albeit one in which we have never experienced – we need to be mindful of not just what we missed out on but the many blessings that God has provided for us throughout this past year. Working within the guidelines offered by the Provincial Health Officer and taking advantage of the small learning cohort of 50 students in Gr. 8 -10 we were able to:

- Offer full face to face academic instruction utilizing our full timetable on a year-round basis.
- Provide athletic team opportunities in boys and girls volleyball, basketball, ultimate, and tennis. In each of these activities we provided coaching and an opportunity to compete in a league or tournament play with one another. We were also able to introduce some new clubs such as Student Council, Vocations, and a Flying Club.

- Offer Weekly Mass in our gym with our school Chaplain, Fr. Guy along with opportunities for our students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and participate in Gr. Level Retreats, as well as the Pro-Life Conference.

In addition, we did not miss a beat to virtually connect with our parents and greater community with fund raising, information nights, and virtual tours of the school as well as continuing to move forward to completion of the new school building.

As noted in previous newsletters all these things were only possible due to the commitment of a dedicated staff who were asked to do more this year due to restrictions around parent volunteers. I am very proud of how our school year has gone and what we were able to accomplish.

God bless,

Mr. Michel DesLauriers, Principal

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Final School Mass**  
June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45 am

**Legacy Awards Evening**  
Thurs June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
RSVP: [skelly@sjp2academy.com](mailto:skelly@sjp2academy.com) for the live stream link

### Important Announcements:

We are please to announce the following Teacher /EA hirings:

Mr. Mark Wilkie – Science/Math Gr.8-11

Educational Assistants

- Mrs. Darlene Slobodian
- Mrs. Manuela Heleno

### New In Our Bulletin:

Parent Association News on [page 4](#)

# SJPII: School Spirit

## Mother's Day Mass

A Mass to honour all Mothers and Mother figures of our school community was held on May 6th, 2021. This beautiful event was opened by a moving welcome speech from Ms. Colleen Girvin, a staff member who also has her daughter attending SJPIIA in grade 8. During this livestream event (found on our school's YouTube channel), students organized the holy celebration, participated in the readings and addressed all Mothers online with a touching speech of gratitude and appreciation. The growth and development of our school community would not be possible without the incredible support of the parents of our students. We thank God for their faith and vision, and we pray that they continue to receive His graces and abundant blessings.



## Inside the Classrooms

### STREAM

In Math, our Grade 8s are starting their final unit of finance which highlights Best Buys: *Is it better to buy 12 cans of Coke for \$7.98 or 6 for \$4.98?* And yes! This unit will include a shopping trip. Our Grade 9s are completing their year with a unit on symmetry and scale factors and they will get to design their own logo. Grade 10's are finishing the year with finance which includes learning the differences between simple and compound interest. As always, I encourage all our students to stay on top of the assigned problems and work through all solutions.

Sadly, Science is coming to an end. Our grade 10s have enjoyed our final unit on the universe, the Big Bang Theory, and the lifecycle of stars. In grade 9, we are finalizing our Repeat Photography projects, as well as learning about the water, nitrogen and phosphorus cycles. Our grade 8s are excited to learn about plate tectonics and boundary zones, especially with a recent edible lab. We will finish the year with a detailed analysis of earthquakes and volcanoes and some super fun group projects.

### Humanities

In Social Studies, the Grade 8s have been learning about the different dynasties in Ancient China and how they are similar, yet different from European cultures at the same time. The Grade 9s are currently studying the colony of New France - we covered the fur trade, the Catholic Church's role in New France, the society of the colony, and will soon be reaching the Battle of the Plains of Abraham. Finally, the Grade 10s are in the middle of World War II. The students learned about the rise of Hitler, Nazi society, and are now looking at Canada's role in the war.

As for English, all three grades are doing various Shakespearean plays with the Grade 8s looking at *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Grade 9s with *Romeo and Juliet*, and the grade 10s studying *Julius Caesar*. Although we do some in class work and analysis, the students are very much enjoying the opportunity to perform scenes in front of their classmates and, sometimes, other grades. Well done actors!

## ROYALS Reflecting On Their Learning

The Ministry of Education requires a student self-assessment on the Core Competencies. For us, that is reported out at the end of the Third Quarter. We incorporate it into our annual Faculty Advisor meetings. These meetings have looked different every year for the past three years, but providing students with the opportunity to reflect on their learning and to celebrate their accomplishments has not changed. This year the whole school gathered in the gym. The students had a Study Block in the centre of the gym while the teachers met their FA students at tables around the perimeter. Each student had a ten minute meeting time with their Faculty Advisor to showcase their year so far and to highlight whatever they wanted to share. There was a lot of positive feedback from the students who enjoyed the chance to have a one-to-one meeting to talk about their e-Portfolio and their Self- reflection document.



# Extra-Curricular

*GO ROYALS!!!*

## Tennis Team

Tennis at St. John Paul II Academy has quickly become a tremendously popular sport being offered for the very first time this year by coaches Mr. Fung (parent volunteer), Mrs. Jansen (teacher), along with assistant coaches Ms. Girvin (staff member) and Mrs. Benoit (parent volunteer). With over half the student body coming out to play, the newest ROYALS athletic team consistently enjoyed great weather and friendly competition. The tennis program has been tailored to meet the needs of advanced competitive players, intermediate recreational players, and new players wanting to learn the game. Skill development and strategy were the main focus of this first season. We will look forward to a more competitive season when inter-school sports begin again.



## Ultimate Wrap-up

The uniqueness of the sport of Ultimate is not lost on the students who love the game. One of the elements of the game that stands out is the Spirit of the Game celebration that happens immediately after the 'final whistle'. After an exciting season of competition and player development, we had a wrap up party that was very much like a 'Spirit of the Season' celebration. Players had voted for those among them that they considered to be deserving of the Outstanding

Player award, the Unsung Hero award, and the Spirit of the Game award. Nine students were chosen by their peers for these awards. In the end, it was just great to gather, enjoy some pizza together, and celebrate another successful year of Ultimate!

## Prayer for the Month of May

### The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen



# *We are Royals!*

*"The small school with a massive heart"*

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

It is now up to us – parents, friends, and supporters – each of you to help make this happen. We need your support for this once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a legacy for our children, their children, and their children's children. We continue to reach out to families directly to seek your continued support for our school. To those who of you who contributed s generously thus far we say thank you, and to those considering support, we encourage you to be as generous as possible. The building of our new campus is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for your family to leave an important legacy ensuring future generations of students can access a quality Catholic secondary school education.

# PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

## Bottle Drive



The bottle drive held in honor of Earth Day was a big success; we raised \$625. Thank you to families who brought in their bottles. Going forward we hope to organize this event bi-annually as part of our Green Initiatives!

## Uniform Resale Store

We are looking to replenish our second-hand uniform inventory in preparation for our **August 15<sup>th</sup> sale**. We would be grateful for your donation of unwanted, gently used uniforms. Please drop them off at the main office.

## Mother's Day

A big thank you to all who ordered a floral bouquet for our Mother's Day fundraiser. We raised \$700 which will go into funding our school's activities.

## Father's Day

Treat a wonderful father in your life with a special gift basket on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send your order to [parentassociation@sjp2academy.com](mailto:parentassociation@sjp2academy.com). Each basket is \$30.



## PA Executive 2021-2022

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## Farm Fresh Fridays

Our Farm Fresh Fridays was a success! A BIG thank you to Lisa Van Vliet for growing these amazing herbs and vegetables and sharing them with us!

## Connect with Us!

The Parent Association wants to keep you informed of all matters relating to the association including events and activities. Please register your email with us:

[Click Here for Parent Association Email Registration](#)

Our email is [parentassociation@sjp2academy.com](mailto:parentassociation@sjp2academy.com)

Reach out to us with any questions, comments, or suggestions!

## Capital Campaign

The Capital Matching Campaign to raise \$5 million, with a matching donation from the Archdiocese, for the construction of our new school has started this month. We ask families to consider donating whatever you can to help build our campus. Please contact the Academy Society President, Mr. Mike Donelson.

## Check Out Our Interactive Content

Use your smart phone to scan these QR codes.



Virtual tour of our current school



New Campus Plan Walkthrough



Theatre for the Performing Arts Walkthrough

For more details please contact Michael Donelson, President, Saint John Paul II Academy, at 778-896-7835 or [michael@sjp2foundation.com](mailto:michael@sjp2foundation.com).