

The HeartBeat

A Newsletter for Alumni & Friends of St. John Eudes School

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COME ONE! COME ALL!
TO THE GREATEST CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR!
THE ST. JOHN EUDES SUMMER CARNIVAL
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MAY 25-27, 2018

We invite all our alumni, friends and school families to join in celebrating the unofficial start of summer again this year on Memorial Day Weekend. Why drive all that way to those theme parks when you can have a lot of fun and a great value right here in your own backyard!

There will be rides for everyone and top-notch entertainment under our Big Tent. And kids (and even the adults) can have fun playing the carnival games. The Multi-Cultural Festival will highlight the wonderful ethnic diversity of our community and take you for a trip around the world. And our International Food Court and carnival treats can't be beat!

The carnival is also a great opportunity for school families to volunteer and earn service hours – not to mention that volunteers get a great discount on all day or weekend ride wristbands.



More about the carnival, including information about our rides, games, entertainment schedule, and other events and attractions, is available at sjecarnival.org where you can download our Carnival Brochure that'll give you a great overview of all the attractions, food and entertainment the carnival has to offer. We hope you'll have a chance to visit the carnival and enjoy a fantastic weekend!

There's No Better Way to Start the Summer!



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- **Casino Royale Spring Fundraiser Fabulous Night; 007 Shows Up**
- **St. Paula Montal Feastday Celebrated; Work of Sisters Recognized**
- **8th Graders All Admitted to High Schools of Choice**
- **Alumnus Has Compounding Goals; Receives Dean Research Fellowship**
- **Alumnus of the Year Honored at Trustees' Dinner; Credits Success to SJE Education**
- **Parents Display Art Talent at "Paint Nite"; Paintings Destined for Refrigerator Doors?**
- **One Eagle, Two Eagles, Red Eagle, Blue Eagle; Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebrated by Students, Teachers & Staff**

Want a great carnival deal?
Get your *Presale Ride Tickets* now!
You'll save over 30% off regular ticket prices . . . but they're available for a limited time only.
Visit sjecarnival.org for details!

Quick Beats . . .

A number of SJE students were chosen as finalists for the **Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest** for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. **Xander Lopez (Gr. 6), Ethan Aguirre (Gr.**



Congratulations to our winners of the San Fernando Regional Vocation Poster Contest. This contest is designed to encourage students to pray for vocations and to establish a culture of vocations.



Way to go 8th Graders! Everyone has been accepted to their 1st choice high schools. Our students will be attending Bishop Alemany High School, Chaminade College Preparatory, Crespi Carmelite High School, Notre Dame High School, Louisville High School, Santa Susana HS, Granada Hills Charter HS, and El Camino Real HS.

6), Clarissa Breard (Gr. 8), Pauline Manlucu (Gr. 8) and Mateo Quiles (Gr. 8) will have their designs submitted to the MCA National Office to be entered in the nation-wide contest where twenty-four winners will be selected to be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., during Advent and Christmas in 2018. Previous SJE School 2017 finalists can be viewed online at missionsla.org/mca/christmas-artwork-contest/.

Congratulations to SJE student Marc Francis (Gr. 8) for achieving his Eagle Scout rank and at age 14 is the youngest Eagle Scout in the District and Council (the average age being 17). Marc recently sat before the Scout Board of Review which is a panel composed of representatives at the District and Council level which awarded him the rank.

SJE students observed the Lenten season with a number of special observances and events including a *Living Stations of the Cross* and a *Holy Week Tenebrae*

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Our school celebrated the Feastday of St. Paula Montal on Feb. 26 and we are grateful and blessed to have the Sisters of the Pious Schools (the order founded by St. Paula Montal) helping teach our children the love of God and wish to thank them for being role models to our children.



Zero the Hero came to help TK, Kinder, and 1st Grade celebrate 100 days of school. Why Zero the Hero? Because without Zero there could be no 1-Zero-Zero days!



Spring Gala Thank You!

Left - A special thanks to everyone who attended and helped at Casino Royale, this year's Spring Gala Fundraiser sponsored by the PTSO. The event was held at the Hilton Hotel in Woodland Hills and the ambiance and elegance brought Casino Royale to life for everyone. The event featured an unbelievable silent auction, a special class keepsake raffle, exciting casino games, the fantastic Grand Prize Drawing (which featured a trip to Maui), a tasty candy bar, a fabulous dinner, dancing, and even an appearance by James Bond (Agent 007). Proceeds from the event help fund the SJE School educational program.



SJE students love to read and celebrating National Library Week (April 8-14) was a special treat for them. Students journeyed through books with their "passports" and adventured into the wide world of literature.



In a Lighter Vein . . .

Education has been a topic of discussion and thought since the beginning of time. Here are some words of wisdom that have been said over the last few thousand years about education by some really smart people.

The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life. *Plato*

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet. *Aristotle*

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. *Maimonides*

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. *Benjamin Franklin*

Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom. *George Washington Carver*

Early childhood education is the key to the betterment of society. *Maria Montessori*

Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil. *C.S. Lewis*

Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. *Nelson Mandela*

Education is the foundation upon which we build our future. *Christine Gregoire*

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance. *Jeff Rich*

Hope you can now see how wise it is to make a donation to St. John Eudes School. Donations are tax deductible and help the worthy cause of providing a quality Catholic education to deserving children. Your donation to the Annual Fund, Adopt-A-Student Program, Endowment, or other general or specific gifts is greatly appreciated. To donate please contact the School Office (818) 341-1451 or visit our website at www.sjeschool.net. Thank you!

Matthew Lien '08 attended Crespi High School and graduated in 2012 with honors. While at Crespi he enjoyed sports and was captain of the lacrosse team and an all league player, as well as being involved in student government and the Kairos



program. He then attended San Diego State University where he majored in Biology. At college he participated in

many activities and belonged to a SDSU fraternity. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 2016. After college, with a goal of becoming a pharmacist, he worked at a hospice pharmacy where he assisted the pharmacist in compounding drugs and filling prescriptions for patients. He applied to and was accepted at the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy where he is now working toward his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, along with a Master of Science Degree in Healthcare Decision Analysis. He was



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SJE Students go on to do wonderful things and we'd like to hear what you've been doing since graduating from SJE School (or if you're a parent, now's your chance to brag a little!). Send us a note via e-mail to theheartbeat@sjeschool.net or mail it to:

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recently recognized for his outstanding work by being awarded the USC Dean's Summer PharmD Research Fellowship for 2018. He plans to graduate in 2021. (P.S. Matthew has a distinct relationship with our school since he is a second generation SJE alumnus. His father, Dan, was a member of the "Pioneer Class" - the first class to attend all eight years at SJE School - and graduated in 1974.)



Sr. Georgina, Sr. Guadalupe and Mrs. Danowitz pose proudly with Stephen Birgel '82 as they present him with the plaque designating him as the 2018 St. John Eudes Alumnus of the Year. The honor recognizes an alumnus each year who can be an example to our students of someone who has been a life-long learner in the spirit of St. Paula Montal, and who has applied the principles of "to Live, to Love, to Learn, and to Leave a Legacy" since graduating from St. John Eudes School. Find out more about all our Alumni of the Year at sjeschool.net.

Stephan Birgel '82 was recently recognized as the 2018 St. John Eudes School Alumnus of the Year. He was presented with the honor at the Annual Dinner of the Trustees of the St. John Eudes School Endowment held at the 94th Aerosquadron Restaurant in Van Nuys on April 14. In attendance at the dinner were the endowment trustees, members of the St. John Eudes School Board, special invited guests including Stephan's wife and children, his

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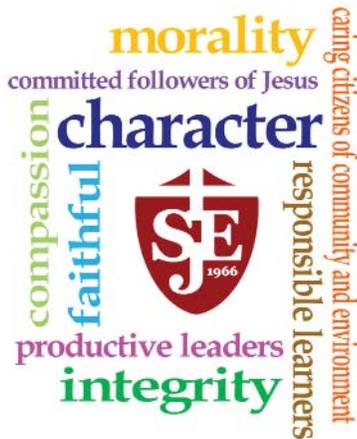
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parents, as well as Sr. Guadalupe Gonzalez, Sch. P., and Sr. Georgina Gutierrez, Sch. P. Both sisters taught Stephan as a student at SJE school. The Selection Committee, headed by Fr. Lawrence and Mrs. Danowitz, made the selection based on Stephan's academic successes, involvement with Kairos Retreats at Chaminade (including a number that he led as a senior and after his graduation), his work as an attorney defending public schools and universities, his pro bono services to Children's Hunger Fund, his participation in Ironman races to raise funds for the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Ironman Foundation, his support of YMCA fundraising efforts, and his work as a counselor at Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic to prevent abortions. Stephan addressed the attendees and credited the education he received at St. John Eudes for the successes in his professional and personal life.

Quick Beats . . .

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Service. The Living Stations were presented by the 6th Grade class and brought the Passion of Christ to life for all our students. The Tenebrae Service (Latin for "shadows") involved the extinguishing of candles as various aspects of Holy Week events are experienced through readings and reflections.

St. John Eudes School chess players continued their winning ways at the Catholic School Spring Chess Tournament held at St. Andrew School in Pasadena by receiving the trophy for having the most checkmates in the tournament. A number of students also won individual trophies including **Vince Arciaga (Gr. 1)** earning Fourth Place in the K-1st Grade Section, **Ethan Valerio (Gr. 3)** earning Fourth Place in the 3rd Grade Section, and **Jonah Estiva (Gr. 4)** earning Second Place in the 4th Grade Section.

SJE moms and sons will be having a lot of fun this month at the



Congratulations to our 7th and 8th Grade students who were winners in the Daughters of the American Revolution, American History Essay Contest. Their respective essays have won both the chapter and district level contests, and have moved onto consideration for the state contest.

annual **Mom & Son Bowling** event. This special event allows mothers and their sons to get together in a non-traditional environment that is sure to create special memories for both. The event is sponsored by the SJE Parent-Teacher Support Organization and provides a great one-on-one opportunity for sons and mothers to spend some special time together.



Left - Chris Crandall (alumni parent), Colleen (Crandall) Quiles '91, Casey (Crandall) Lufrano '93, and Jenny Crandall '89 (current SJE School Board member) help out at "Paint Nite" to raise funds for the Class of 2018's legacy gift. Right - Participants tried their hand at their artistic skills with amazing results!



"From there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere" . . . and they were everywhere at the school with students, teachers, and staff celebrating the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as just Dr. Seuss. His books have been a favorite of early readers (and even older readers) for many years. Everyone got in on the fun by sporting Cat in the Hat attire or pretending to be one of Dr. Seuss' many other characters.