

Dear SSPJ Families,

What another wonderful week we have had at SS. Philip and James! Our students continue to make us proud with their enthusiasm, kindness, and commitment to learning. As we move through October, there is so much to celebrate, and we are grateful for the continued support and partnership of our families.

This week, our students did an excellent job participating in our emergency evacuation drill. They followed directions, remained calm, and demonstrated the importance of being prepared and working together to keep everyone safe. A special thank-you to our Fourth Precinct and our school security team for their continued partnership and support in helping us maintain a safe school environment.

We were also excited to begin our first band lessons this week! We look forward to watching our young musicians develop their skills and confidence as they begin this exciting musical journey.

The difficult decision was made to cancel this weekend's **Trunk or Treat Fall Festival on Sunday**. The tentative rain date is next Sunday, October 18th. We will keep everyone posted with more information during the week.

When we return on Tuesday, October 13, students will have their **class photographs taken in their winter uniforms**. On Wednesday, October 14, students will have their **individual photographs taken in free dress**. Our eighth-grade students will also have their **cap-and-gown photographs** taken that day as they begin preparing for this important milestone in their final year at SSPJ.

Thursday, October 15, will be a **free-dress day with a 5 dollar donation in support of the Pontifical Mission Society**. We are proud to encourage our students to participate in this opportunity to support such an important part of our community.

Finally, our **SSPJ Spirit Wear Store is now open!** We invite families to visit the store and show their school spirit by checking out the available items. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support of our school community.

As always, thank you for entrusting us with your children and for helping make SSPJ such a special place to learn, grow, and live our faith. I hope all of our families enjoy the upcoming long weekend, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday!

With gratitude and blessings,

Michelle Skoblicki
Principal