

# TIGER TALES

St. Joseph School providing Catholic Education for 125 years  
Written by a tale-telling teacher

There is a poster hanging by the water fountain on the second floor in the SJS building; it says A Catholic Education has a Ripple Effect: Faith, Integrity, Wisdom, Service, Respect. I've walked by the poster for years and for whatever reason, today, it is speaking to my inner-teacher! 125 years of ripple effect... 125 years of instilling the values of faith, integrity, wisdom, service and respect into students... over 100 years of SJS alumni stepping up and into leadership roles in our parish and community. WOW! Just this morning I was sitting in awe as one of our shyest students walked to the pulpit in Mass and delivered the first reading and responsorial psalm beautifully. Tiger Tales fans, this is what it is all about - being witness to growth in faith and character and knowing our students are learning all of the values and skills, including public speaking, that will help them to be successful in the future.

Speaking of successful, our SJS sports program is developing quite the competitive reputation in the Diocese of Victoria! Our volleyball team is focused on serving and court footwork, keeping games and scores close this season. And, as of this article, the football team is undefeated, with a season record of 2-0-1. Not that I was being nosey or eavesdropping, but I might have overheard that other schools have called the SJS office on Thursday mornings to find out what the ending game score was the night before - we have their attention, Tigers! Good work to the coaches and the players!

A quick CONGRATS to all of the readers at SJS - Friday we had our first monthly SURPRISE AR Reward! All of the students who were at their goal were rewarded with popsicles and kickball with Mr. Mooney! It was a great time and the monthly rewards only get better!!!

Thanks to all of you who helped with our PTC projects this weekend - the 17th Annual Golf Tournament was, again, a much appreciated event that was enjoyed by all participants! Thanks Mr. Matusek and Deacon Kutach for your continued support in managing this fundraising effort. Also, the gym clean-sweep definitely made an impression and was a great first step in gym prep for the upcoming Fall Festival and the fast-approaching basketball season.

Feast Day of St. Francis - Father Matthew had his work cut out for him as he made his rounds blessing pets and animals on Tuesday, October 4, for St. Joseph Parish (he may have gotten a

little holy water on a few teachers, students and parents too... SOME of us can never have too many blessings).

Upcoming events that you don't want to miss: Mass Celebration Wednesday at 8:05 - Pep Rally Wednesday at 3 - Football game Wednesday against Shiner Catholic School at Bulldog Stadium at 6:30 - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration in the meeting room of the parish family center on Thursday - Also Thursday, Volleyball game against Trinity in Victoria at 5 - Living Rosary in the Church on Friday at 12:30 and early dismissal for the school at 1. Enjoy your Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 10 and join us that afternoon for a Volleyball game against Shiner Catholic School at the SJS gym at 5. You will also want to plan for the SJS PTC Jack O'Lantern Jog 5K and Fun Run and the Fall Festival - all happening on Saturday, October 29. Get these dates in your planner ASAP!

I suppose I do have one tale to leave you with this week... Nah... I'll save that for a 'rainy-day!' Keep reading so you don't miss it! Have a great week - God's blessings to you all.