

TIGER TALES

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And just like that, Jack O'Lanterns are replaced with red-nosed reindeer, cornucopias are the new dinner-table centerpiece, rifles are loaded and hunters are tracking the deer they have been feeding for the past year, fall-back time change has rearranged sleeping patterns and another presidential election has taken place. Change happens overnight, and yet we hold on to tradition. As is tradition in November, we remember what we are thankful for - "In all things, give thanks." 1 Thessalonians 5:18. This verse especially resonates in the soul when paired with Eucharistic Adoration. Have you heard of it? Do you participate in Adoration? To put it quite simply, Adoration is a time to come and adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Our SJS students are given the opportunity every month, on the Thursday before the first Friday of the month, to participate in Adoration along with other parishioners. It's a time of quiet reflecting, prayer, meditation and thanksgiving for the blessings God has given us. So before we all hop over Thanksgiving and jump right into the Advent season, let us take a minute in our super busy lives to take a breath, be still and THANK God!

Last Wednesday, 8th graders participated in the parish Rosary said at the cemetery for All Soul's Day. Thursday, students 2-8 reflected on their blessings during Eucharistic Adoration, counting their family sacrifices that allow each of them to be at a Catholic school among the biggest of all the blessings. I saw a lot of pictures over the weekend of SJS students who enjoyed opening weekend for deer season and I heard lots of stories Monday morning, when school resumed about deer that got away! The 8th grade class helped serve the Diocese of Victoria, where they helped keep runners hydrated during the Diocese 5K and Fun Run on Saturday. Tuesday, 5th grade students traveled to the Motherhouse in Victoria for Vocations day, and the school held its own presidential election. SJS chose to take this election year to educate a little more in-depth on past presidents and held a mock election between Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Upcoming events that you don't want to miss: Mass Celebration Wednesday at 8:05 - Chemistry Show on Thursday - Veteran's Day on Friday (No school-wide community program this year - private speakers for the students).

Count your blessings and ask for God's graces! Have a great week and God bless!

