

St. Joseph Catholic School

Highlights

2015-2016 School Year

- 60th Anniversary
- “Mission 450” Reached - enrollment surpassed 450 students
- Added a Third Grade class
- Dedication of the Dana Aley Early Learning Center
- SJCS Alumni Anthony Hammen provided a Concession Stand for our athletic department
- Started the school year with a renovated PK classroom made possible by a donor
- Original bathrooms on the first floor completely renovated
- Hallways renovated including: new carpet, paint, new lighting, and dropped ceiling
- 60 Days of Giving campaign collects 4,810 food items for Catholic Charities
- Addition of a Performing Choir
- Alumni Wine and Cheese Event attended by approximately 75 alumni
- Polk County Catholic Schools collaborate for Meals of Hope packaging 80,000 meals
- Completed our Third Year Review through the Diocese of Orlando, part of Accreditation process
- Two students selected/participated in All State Choir
- Inception of our second band. Band offered for sixth and seventh grades.
- Performing Choir performed at Carols in the Park
- Two winners at the Diocese of Orlando Art Contest
- 60th Anniversary Gala raised a record \$92,000 allocated toward the purchase of a new playground
- Re-sodding of the Multi-Use Field
- Wizard of Oz performed by more than 50 middle schoolers at Theater Winter Haven
- 1st and 5th grade collaborated for our first ever “Trashion Show” in honor of Earth Day
- The addition of two iPad carts, bringing the total number of iPads available to students to 75
- Application submitted for Voluntary Pre Kindergarten, bringing free PK 4 for our families
- Students completed a total of 4,610,580 activities in Mathletics earning a total of 1584 certificates. The average student completed 121 activities and spent roughly 12.5 hours o Mathletics.
- Our school benefitted from Jack MacPhee’s Eagle Scout Project – an electronic sign on HWY 17
- Students in grades 5-8 competed against other Polk County schools in the A-Team competition
- Students took Accelerated Reader Tests on a total of 13,150 books
- Students presented Shadow Stations for the school and church
- SJCS families served dinner at the Fish Fry
- Students presented the Passion Play for the school during Lent
- Christmas program included performing choir, band, drumline and classes
- 9 students placed at the Polk County Regional Science Fair
- 9 students were inducted into the Betty Bloethe Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society
- 3 teachers attended the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Convention in San Francisco
- Over \$3000 worth of library books were purchased for our media center
- Grandparents’ Day had record attendance
- Athletic teams continue to thrive. Athletes were recognized at an Awards Assembly in the spring
- SJCS alumni Shawn Proctor recognized as National Merit Scholar and Valedictorian at Santa Fe Catholic.
- SJCS alumni Rocel Balmes received the Robert J. Fisher Award for excellence in Poetry for the Polk County Council of Teachers of English Poetry Awards and will attend Yale next year.

