Education is not just about going to school and getting a degree. It's about widening your knowledge and absorbing the truth about life.

(Shakuntala Devi)

No one would doubt an education is about “widening your knowledge” or even deepening it. But, “absorbing the truth about life,” well that is a very different story in our modern world and culture. But, it is not merely a different story, it is whole different genre to believe there is really truth about life, actual and factual truth about life and living.

Yet, only within the Catholic worldview is there any significant measure of truth, truth that explains life and reveals its meaning. Truth that finds order in life and brings order to it. Truth that demonstrates life’s ultimate purpose and finds its many truths and meanings in the mundane magnificence of our daily lives.

For life’s ultimate meaning and the depth and breadth of truths is ours for the taking. Working in concert within us, our two organs of knowing – our minds and our hearts – show us the ultimate truth of God’s existence, His character and His truths about life and living. And, our hearts and minds blended harmonically tell us about life and invite us in to experience it with our eyes and our minds and our hearts wide open.

Thus, we can know about God through the rational faculties of our mind and, in the same instant, experience Him in loving intimacy, in the immediate moment. We can know about Him and know of Him. We can think rationally and logically and know Him. And, we can sense Him, feel Him, love Him. And, we can do both – know and love Him – all at the same time.

The Big News this week is really next week’s Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, August 29th from 6:00 – 8:00.

We will have coffee and snacks in the lobby from 5:30 – 6:00. The evening will begin promptly at 6:00 in the library. I will open the even with prayer, introductions and some information regarding our current priorities and need for volunteers (see below).

The evening’s format will make it possible for you to visit with each of your children’s teachers. The early sessions for each teacher are apt to be the most popular. But, for parents with multiple children, our schedule will accommodate times for you meet with all of your children’s teachers. The schedule for the evening is below, so you may map out an efficient schedule. I will announce the various times to keep things moving. Please save individual discussions for after the program or for another mutually advantageous time or a more lengthy discussion.
2018 19 Back-to-School Night:

6:00 - 6:10 Welcome (Library): Frank Cronin
   Introduce Teachers; Current Needs; Volunteers
   Times Announced via PA

Cycle #1:
Grades 6th-7th: By teacher (3)  Grades 4th-5th: By teacher (2)  PreK-3rd: By grade
   6:45 – 6:55

Cycle #2:
Grades 6th-7th: By teacher (3)  Grades 4th-5th: By teacher (2)  PreK-3rd: By grade
   7:00 – 7:10  7:00 – 7:15  7:00 – 7:15
   7:30 – 7:40  7:40 – 7:55  7:40 – 7:55
   7:45 – 7:55

6th & 7th Grade Teachers:
Allison Simino: English & Math
Luke Agnew: Latin & Religion
Zach Souza: Science & Social Studies

4th & 5th Grade Teachers:
Brady Forrest: Math, Science, Religion, Reading, Vocab, Spelling
Megan Sherrick: Language Arts, Social Studies, Religion, Reading, Vocab, Spelling

Pre-K – 3rd:
Amanda Pokracki: Pre-K
Alyse Berry: Kindergarten
Rita Antone: 1st Grade
Adrianna Wright: 2nd Grade
Cindy Nardini: 3rd Grade

2018 – 19 PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS:
1. Prayer Group: Pray for God’s guidance and provision weekly as a group.
2. Volunteer Management: Manage volunteers according to their expertise/interest.
3. Enrollment: Allocate and equip volunteers to relationally and/or publicly market SJVS.
4. Marketing/Visibility: Enhance SJV marketing and visibility on social media.
5. Fundraising/Endowment: Short term infrastructure/tuition assistance.