



August 2018

Dear SJ Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 academic year!

Several new and exciting things have taken place since school closed in June. We are quickly getting ready to greet our returning students and preparing a warm welcome to the Class of 2022! Please note that our school day is being extended this year.

We will begin each school day **five minutes earlier** (7:55am) and dismiss **fifteen minutes later** (2:15pm). This additional instruction time will be distributed throughout the school day. We will follow the same school schedule as last year (with "X" as a fixed morning period) but the times will be adjusted. The first full day of school will take place on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**.

Enclosed is a copy of our official school calendar. You might want to post it on your refrigerator. Extra copies will be available during student orientation and during "Back to School Night." The school calendar and the complete athletic calendar also appear on the new school website: www.sjcadets.org. Also enclosed in this mailing are the orientation schedules for the opening of school.

Note that there will be a "New Parent Orientation" on **Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7:00pm**. The one-hour welcome session for all new parents of students in grades 9-12, is an opportunity to meet with administrators who will review the messages that will be communicated at orientation with regard to dress-code, homework expectations, and discipline procedures. The administrators will also field any last-minute questions that parents might have.

The start of a new school year brings with it a great deal of excitement and, sometimes, just a little bit of anxiety. Know that if you need us, the capable and attentive SJHS staff and I are just a phone call away.

It will be a great year!

Sincerely,

James P. Keane, MDiv, MEd, PhD
Principal