



# Lancer Update

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Merry  
Christmas



Happy  
New Year

## Letter from the President/Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

“Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.”

*Norman Vincent Peale*

*The Christmas season is upon us as well as all sorts of preparation for the holidays. Please let us not forget the real celebration of Christmas, the birth of our Lord! I am asking that each of you take time to participate in the liturgies of the season being conducted in your parish. We, as adults, are the best examples for our children.*

Once we return from the holidays and it's 2020, the students will start the scheduling process for the 2020-2021 school year. There are several additions and deletions from the Course of Studies Guide so please make sure you check the website to view any changes. As always, you, the parent, will be part of the scheduling process to assure the best possible course of action for your child.

As we look to the future of our school and its community, approximately 350 eighth-grade students took the placement test at SJV, and acceptances will be emailed in late December 2019. We look forward to the course selection for the Class of 2024 in the beginning of February. There will be a 4.25 % increase in tuition for the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you again for all your continuous support of our community. May God Bless you and your families this Christmas season, and watch over and protect you in the New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Mr. Steven C. DiMezza*

## Student Activities

**THE GOLD AND WHITE AWARD** requirements include a minimum number of points earned in several areas of activity. There are many opportunities for students to earn points, so please see all of the categories listed on page 22 of the Calendar/Handbook. Parents and students should familiarize themselves with these requirements by carefully reviewing the section which details the information about this prestigious award.

**TRANSPORTATION APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR** will also be completed by students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 on January 10, 2020. The deadline for returning the signed applications to the Transportation Office is January 17. Every student in grades 9-11, regardless of whether he/she rides a bus, must complete a state transportation form, have it signed by a parent, and returned to SJVHS no later than Friday, January 17, 2020.

**STATEBOOK LOAN FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL TERM** Students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 will be completing copies of the Individual Request for Loan of Textbooks on January 10, 2020, and bringing them home for parent signatures. New Jersey state law requires these forms before any money is released for the purchase of non-public school textbooks. It is imperative that each student meet the deadline of returning the signed forms by January 17, as requested.

**SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS**— Senior parents have the opportunity to take out ad space to tell their senior how proud they are of him or her. You may purchase a senior congratulatory ad for \$50. Ad orders are due by December 31, 2019. There is no extra charge to order online. **Orders can be placed at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com), or call them toll free at 1-877-767-5217.**

Mrs. Michele Langdon  
Director of Student Activities

## Dual Enrollment Program at SJVHS

We are excited that our Dual Enrollment (DE) courses with Seton Hall University, Brookdale Community College, and Georgian Court University are thriving. Currently we are in the process of updating the Course of Studies Guide for the 2020-2021 school year. Once this is completed, we will post that document on our website under Academics/Curriculum. Please check out the DE offerings in the guide when it is posted so you can determine courses that you and your child would like to consider.

Mrs. Margaret Kane  
Assistant Principal

### Picking Up Students After School

For the safety of our students, please wait for all the buses to depart from the school before you enter the front circle. Students should be picked up at 2:40 PM which is after all the buses have left the front circle. It is also very unsafe for students to cross Line Road to meet you. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Emergency



### School Closings

- Now that the winter season is upon us, please note the procedure for snow days, delayed openings, and early dismissals due to inclement weather. The automated phone system will be activated when school is closed in the early morning hours.
- You can call 1-844-224-7995 and listen to our latest phone message. You can also access the SJVHS website at [www.sjvhs.com](http://www.sjvhs.com) and Channel 12 News radio at [news12.com](http://news12.com) for current information. **Please limit your phone calls to the school.** When roads begin to get hazardous around SJVHS, we may dismiss students who drive earlier than bussed students because the transportation companies do not fall under our jurisdiction. Please be reassured that student safety is always our first priority here at SJV!

**Slow Down When Driving on Wet Roads!**

## Schedule for Final Exams

SJVHS has an “*open campus*” policy during exams which means that students are only required to come to school during the exam blocks. For example, if a student only has an exam during Block 1, he/she may leave school after that exam is over or arrive when the Block 2 exam begins. Transportation will be provided on both exam days with busses leaving at 12:30 pm.

<b>Wednesday, January 22</b>	8:05 AM	Students go to Block 1 exam
	10:00 AM	Block 1 exam ends
	10:20 AM	Students go to Block 2 exam
	12:20 PM	Block 2 exam ends
	12:30 PM	Bus pick-up
<b>Thursday, January 23</b>	8:05 AM	Students go to Block 4 exam
	10:00 AM	Block 4 exam ends
	10:20 AM	Students go to Block 5 exam
	12:20 PM	Block 5 exam ends



## Make-Up Exam Schedule

Individual absences must be reported to Mrs. Kane (Ext. 244), Assistant Principal, prior to or on the day of the exam. No student may take a make-up exam without a doctor’s note and/or approval from Mrs. Kane. All make-up exams are held after school from 2:30–4:00 PM.

<b>Tuesday, January 28</b>	.....	Block 1 Make-up Exam
<b>Wednesday, January 29</b>	....	Block 2 Make-up Exam
<b>Thursday, January 30</b>	.....	Block 4 Make-up Exam
<b>Friday, January 31</b>	.....	Block 5 Make-up Exam

## Asbestos

Saint John Vianney High School is in complete compliance with all federal and state laws regarding asbestos inspection, maintenance, and removal. A complete report is on file in the Principal's Office. SJV has an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy in effect regarding the use of pesticides in our school. A manual with complete details is also on file in the Principal's Office.

## Emergency Phone/Email Messages

The Automated Phone System is called  
School Messenger

In the case of emergency closings of school, we expedite phone calls, text messages, and emails to alert our families. If you would like to re-listen to a phone message from the automated system that was sent to you, please call **844-224-7995** to listen to the last phone message. Please keep this callback number handy especially during inclement weather.

**Mrs. Susan Conrad**  
Director of Technology

## Ordering Books Online

Term 2 books are available online now! Please go to the SJVHS webpage, access *Quicklinks* (the gold link image at the top right of our homepage), Follet On-line Bookstore. If you have any questions contact Mrs. Conrad at [conrad@sjvhs.org](mailto:conrad@sjvhs.org).

**50th Anniversary Celebration**

SJVHS is celebrating 50 Years of Outstanding Education!

**Commemoration Mass and Gala will be held on June 13, 2020.** We are collecting memories and memorabilia for this event. If you have any SJV items, photos, or memories that you would like to donate or share, please visit our website [www.sjvhs.com](http://www.sjvhs.com) and let us know.

Come celebrate this milestone with us by purchasing an ad in our Anniversary Journal, or become a Gala Sponsor. Please visit our website [www.sjvhs.com](http://www.sjvhs.com) and see how you can get involved! Thank you!



**Spring Sports  
Physicals**



All physicals and update forms must be handed in to the Nurse's office not later than **January 31, 2020**. Remember to take an SJVHS physical form with you to the doctor when you go since it is the only acceptable form. You can download any physical form from the SJVHS website @ [www.sjvhs.org](http://www.sjvhs.org) under the "Athletics" tab. All completed physical forms must be in by the deadline in order to be eligible for the first day of tryouts, so please make your doctor's appointment early.

Nurse's Office

**Save the Date...**

Renew your Wedding Vows on Valentine's Day  
February 14, 2020  
More info to follow...

