FALCON NEWS

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Dear SJS Families,
As the first week of school is behind us, we did experience several members of the community with positive test results for COVID-19. While medical experts refer to Omicron as a less intense virus, it is certainly contagious. It has even shown up in individuals who tested positive earlier this school year.

It is important, as you have done in the past, to communicate with the school if your child has either tested positive or if your child had close contact with someone with the virus. The guidelines from the C.D.C. have been updated and it can be found on the last page of the Falcon News. There are multiple options that are more feasible than simply staying isolated for 10 days. It is important that you read them carefully. If you have any questions on such topics, please call the office.

The COVID era is frustrating. We want normalcy and we want it now. Still, here we are and we must be prudent in the decisions that we make and put our trust in God's providence. Let us pray for wisdom for those in authority. Let us also hope that all of this is soon behind us. St. Joseph, pray for us.



Upcoming Events!

Tuesday, 1/11
- NO TUTORING THIS WEEK
- 3:05-4PM NEHS Mtg in Gremillion

Wednesday, 1/12
- Spirit Shirt Day

Thursday, 1/13
- Student of the Year Interviews
- NO TUTORING THIS WEEK

Friday, 1/14
- 8:15AM School Mass- GRADES K5-8TH MUST WEAR A MASK AS WELL AS GUESTS

Monday, 1/17
- No School, MLK Jr. Day

Tuesday, 1/18
- Early Registration Begins!

Wednesday, 2/2
- 5:30-7:30PM OPEN HOUSE



Early Registration begins January 18!

for Returning Families

Registration fee due March 31

All other fees: June 20

Save the Date



MARDI GRAS MAMBO

2.5.2022

St. Joseph Catholic School

Auction & Soiree

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

INDUSTRIOUSNESS

Diligence, especially in work that leads to natural and supernatural maturity

ST. JOHN NEUMANN



- First Male American Saint
- Known as a priest for the people
- Archbishop of Philadelphia
- Organized diocesan school system
- Known for his organization skills



JANUARY 11

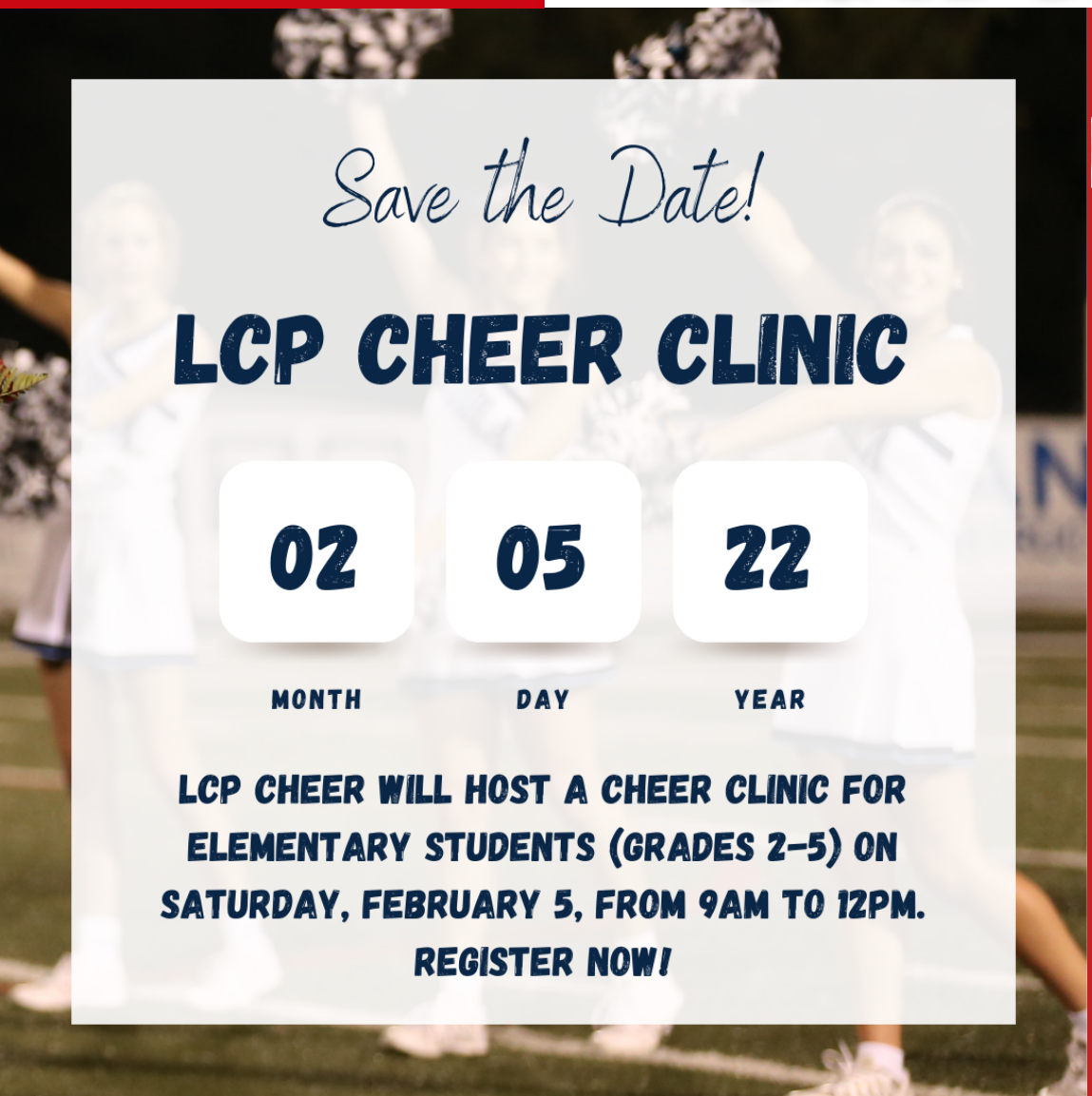
LOYOLA VS. HAUGHTON

5:30 @ MESSMER

*GUMBO + BOUDIN BALLS BEING SERVED

*ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO BENEFIT OUR OWN

BRICE BROWN



IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP AT LOYOLA COLLEGE PREP!


SJS
Student Talent Show
Returns February 1, 2022
Do you have a special talent
to share with everyone?
Start thinking now!
*Two divisions (1–5, 6–8)
*Auditions on Tuesday,
January 11th
~more details to come in Wednesday folders~

UPDATED C.D.C. GUIDANCE

Given what we currently know about COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, CDC is shortening the recommended time for isolation from 10 days for people with COVID-19 to 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others. The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after. Therefore, people who test positive should isolate for 5 days and, if asymptomatic at that time, they may leave isolation if they can continue to mask for 5 days to minimize the risk of infecting others.

Additionally, CDC is updating the recommended quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19. For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days. Alternatively, if a 5-day quarantine is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure. Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure. For all those exposed, best practice would also include a test for SARS-CoV-2 at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.

Isolation relates to behavior after a confirmed infection. Isolation for 5 days followed by wearing a well-fitting mask will minimize the risk of spreading the virus to others. Quarantine refers to the time following exposure to the virus or close contact with someone known to have COVID-19. Both updates come as the Omicron variant continues to spread throughout the U.S. and reflects the current science on when and for how long a person is maximally infectious.

ALL GUIDANCE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE