

# SAN JOSE STORM

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Families:

It's amazing to see that the end of the school year has arrived. Though I have only been here a short time, I want to thank you for all the support and patience I have been shown these past 3 months. We had successes and some challenges, yet despite it all, we forged ahead and completed the work that needed to be done. There are countless people to whom I owe an expression of gratitude and hope that we will continue to have a positive working relationship in the coming years. I want to begin by thanking Mr. Hall, Executive Director and former Principal of San Jose Schools, who has been a steady hand and has offered me so much wisdom and guidance throughout my short tenure here. There are not enough words to express the gratitude I also have for Mr. Stabile, my Assistant Principal and right hand man. He too has provided me with immeasurable support and is an invaluable member of this learning community. An expression of thanks also goes to all the parent volunteers who participated in field trips and supported teachers in numerous ways. Your presence and support make a much stronger San Jose Academy & Preparatory HS. We hope to continue counting on you in the years to come. At the heart of any successful learning community is a team of talented and dedicated educators and support staff so I want to give a HUGE "shout out" to all of my teachers and office staff for your hard work, collaborative spirit and support of one another. You folks are the glue that binds all of the hard work that goes on with students on a daily basis. A final thanks go out to Mr. & Mrs. Shelton, parents of two of our esteemed students. Your support and love for our school is immeasurable. I am so glad we have you for another four years.

Starting Monday, June 5th we will have a four day work week through Thursday. The hours will be from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, with the exception of dates when we have our Open Houses for potential students and their families. Those dates are listed on a post card at the bottom of my newsletter.

Best,  
Mrs. Carolyn E. Aponte



The Faculty and Staff at San Jose Schools wish  
all of our students a relaxing and safe summer

vacation. They look forward to seeing everyone back on August 14th. For those who will be moving on, the faculty and staff sends them lots of love and hope they will continue to work to their fullest potential.



## SUMMER READING LIST FOR 2017

This year we are taking a different approach to summer reading. We are going from making the books below "required" to "recommended". Summer is an important time for students to keep reading and improve their language skills. If your child doesn't continue to read regularly throughout the summer, they may be in danger of the "summer slide"—a decline in their reading ability. Families must encourage students to read for the enjoyment of escaping to new worlds via books so that they develop a lifelong passion for reading. Please see recommended list below.

### 6th Grade:

- The Egypt Game by Ziloha Keatley Snyder
- Number The Stars by Lois Lowry
- Wringer or Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

### 7th Grade:

- *Hunger Games* By: Suzanne Collins
  - Dystopian/utopian (relates to *The Giver*, which we will read this year)
- *StarGirl* By: Jerry Spinelli
  - Related themes to this year's reading
- *Freak the Mighty* By: Rodman Philbrick
  - related themes to this year's reading

### 8th grade:

- *Anne Frank: The Diary of a young Girl*
  - connects to Holocaust books the students have read the past two years
- *Monster* By: Walter Dean Myers
  - shares similar themes to what we will read this year
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* By Mark Twain
  - list this as a "challenge for advanced readers"

### 9-12th Grades:

- 9th- *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor
- 10th- *I Have Lived A Thousand Years*- Livia-Bitton Jackson
- 11th- *Jekyll and Hyde* by Stevenson
- 12th- *Things Fall Apart* by Achebe

### AP Classes

- AP Lang- *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
- AP Seminar - *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*- Thomas Foster

## MESSAGE FROM SAN JOSE PARENT ORGANIZATION



**O**n Wednesday, May 31, the San Jose Community parent organization met for their end-of-year Annual Meeting. During this meeting

SJC members voted for 2017-18 Leadership Team (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President volunteers, Vice President fundraising). Individuals serving in those roles were voted back in and will serve in the same capacity for the next school year.

**A**dditionally, there was a unanimous vote to change the group's name from San Jose Community to San Jose Parent Organization. The Leadership Team, comprised of President, Secretary, etc., will be called "San Jose Council".



### SPIRIT WEEK MAY 30 - JUNE 2ND

Spirit Week was a HUGE hit and many students chose to hang up their uniforms during the last week of school in exchange for some silly attire. One the left is a sampling of what was photographed last week. Top left was Twinning Tuesday, top right was Wild 80's, bottom left was Tacky Thursday and bottom right was Funky Hat Friday.

There will be more pictures coming soon on our school app so please stay tuned!

### NOW ENROLLING

If you know of any families seeking a small learning environment for children going into 6-12th grade, please refer them to us. On the right is an information postcard with upcoming Open House dates and a quick list of things San Jose Academy & Preparatory HS has to offer potential students.

Space is limited so the sooner families can come in to tour with us, the better the chances of getting enrolled into our school.

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You are invited to our campus for an OPEN HOUSE at 6 pm  
**June 1, 8, 13, 22, 29, July 11, 18 & 28**

- ✓ Tuition-free charter grades 6-12
- ✓ Limited enrollment and small class sizes mean teachers know your child
- ✓ Before and after-care
- ✓ Technology-forward curriculum
- ✓ Pre-Early College for middle school
- ✓ Dual high school-college enrollment available for 11th & 12th graders
- ✓ AP Capstone diploma program
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