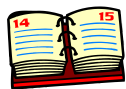


## Mark Your Calendar



**Friday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

**½ Day, End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr  
12:00-12:30 Dismissal**

**Monday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Report Cards Go Home**

**Monday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**

**No School  
President's Day**

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mid-Terms Go Home**

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Seder Celebration**

**½ Day**

**12:00-12:30 Dismissal**

**March 25- April 1**

**Spring Break**

**Tuesday, April 2**

**School Resumes**

**Friday, April 5**

**End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

**½ Day**

**12:00-12:30 Dismissal**

**Our School's  
Weekly Memory Verse  
for Week 18:**

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

*Psalms 139:13-14*



## A Word from the Principal

As a follow up to Mrs. Young's words on the importance of memory work from last week, I will attempt to answer the questions that so many new parents ask and the students are destined to ask at some point in their time here at the Academy.

**Why study Latin? Why not study Spanish or French? How does Latin fit into memory work?**

Here are 3 good reasons out of so many as to why we learn Latin here at SJA.

- 1) Latin improves your child's vocabulary and helps him understand his own English language. When the root of a word is understood, a student can have an understanding of a word without ever setting eyes on it before.  
-Approximately 50% of all English words derive from Latin.  
-90% of English words with more than 2 syllables have a Latin root.
- 2) Learning Latin grammar helps us organize and understand English grammar better. It gives a student superior understanding of his/her own English language.
- 3) Latin provides intellectual discipline for your child's mind. Latin is systematic and precise. Learning Latin demands intellectual discipline which will in turn permeate into his learning processes of other subject material.

Dorothy Sayers once stated, and I wholeheartedly agree:

"I will say it once, quite firmly, that the best grounding for education is Latin grammar. I say this not because Latin is traditional and medieval but simply because even a rudimentary knowledge of Latin cuts down the labor and pains of learning almost any other subject by at least 50%."

Non Nobis Domine,

Mrs. Reinhold, Upper School Principal

\* The Classical Corner article in last week's newsletter was written by Martin Cothran, editor of *The Classical Teacher*.

## This Week Around SJA



Commander Jonathan Saburn of the USS Gerald R. Ford returned early today to surprise his family at SJA. He has been deployed for the past 8 months. On behalf of St. John's Academy, **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE** Officer Saburn!