



# The SJDA Weekly

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## A Message from the Principal



Dear parents:

National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period from September 15 to October 15 in the United States, when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to this country.

Hispanic Heritage Week was established by legislation sponsored by Rep. Edward R. Roybal (D-Los Angeles) and first proclaimed President Lyndon Johnson in 1968. The commemorative week was expanded by legislation sponsored by Rep. Esteban E. Torres (D-Pico Rivera) and implemented by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period (September 15 - October 15). It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988 on the approval of Public Law 100-402. September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. All declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

Hispanic Heritage Month also celebrates the long and important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in North America, starting with the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. A map of late 18th-century North America shows this presence, from the small outpost of San Francisco founded in the desolate wilderness of Alta California in 1776, through the Spanish province of Texas with its vaqueros (cowboys), to the fortress of St. Augustine, Florida — the first settlement in North America, founded in 1513, ninety-four years before the English landed in Jamestown, Virginia.

Hispanics have contributed to the development and progress of the United States in different capacities: art, literature, music, science, sports, politics, technology, medicine, the economy, the Armed Forces, and so forth. Hispanic contribution will continue for generations to come. We need to ensure our children are aware of this legacy and are well prepared to leave a mark and move forward.

One way to do this is by asking children to be proud of their heritage, to aim for the best, to raise above average, be disciplined and motivated.

We believe that working together:

**"Your children will succeed in school**

**Your children will graduate from San Juan Diego**

**Your children will be going to college"**

Sincerely,

*Dr. Brenes*



Excerpts taken from The Hispanic Heritage Foundation & Wikipedia  
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## Hispanic Heritage Month at SJDA

**Monday, October 10, 2016 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

All families from the six parishes are invited to join us in the celebration of the National Hispanic Heritage Month. Students from each grade at SJDA will be presenting information they have researched. Parents will prepare regional foods for sale for families to enjoy in the cafeteria. Music and folkloric dances will also be presented.

## Job Fair at SJDA

San Juan Diego Academy is hosting a Job Fair sponsored by **Lack's Enterprises**. This activity will take place on Monday, **October 24, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.** in the school gym. If you are interested in employment with this company, this is the opportunity to know more about the company, complete a job application and an interview. More information will be provided in the next few weeks.

## Carpooling to and from School

Transportation to and from school is an issue for some families. We are requesting parents help each other. If you have problems with transportation or if you are willing to help provide transportation please let the school secretary know as soon as possible.

## Blessing of the Animals/Pets

In celebration of San Francis of Assisi, Fr. Dudek will be blessing your pets in the parking lot of the school from 3:00-4:00 p.m.. Parents are invited to bring their pets at 3:00 p.m. We will allow the students to join parents for the blessing ceremony.

## Chocolate Sale

**Last day to return money from the Chocolate Fundraising is this Friday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please keep in mind that by helping with fundraisings you are also contributing to pay for your children's tuition. We asked to send the money in an envelope, with the name of the child, grade and the amount included. We have received a few envelopes with no name and some money missing. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Field Trips

Throughout the year teachers organize educational field trips intended to support their curriculum. Sometimes parents are invited to help as chaperones. Keep in mind that to help in this capacity, parents must have attended the Virtus training.

## Playground/Cafeteria Help

Interested in helping supervising students during recess? You will be paid two hours (\$10 per hour) per day. If interested, see Dr. Brenes as soon as possible.

## Service Hours

Please keep in mind that all families are required to serve 30 hours of services at SJDA. If families do not serve their hours, they will have to pay higher tuition to make up the scholarships. A form to keep record of the hours will be sent next week.