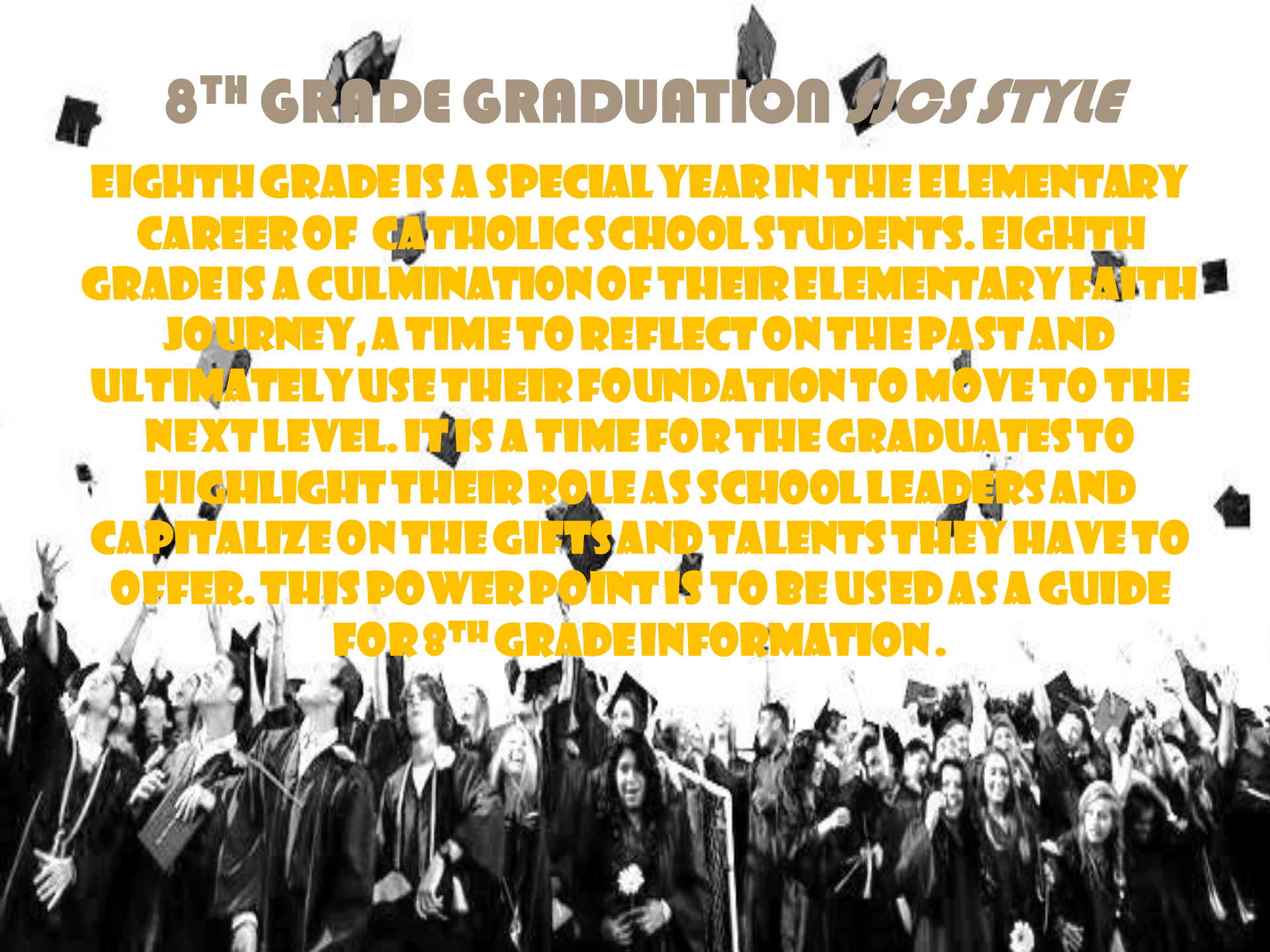


# **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION *SICS STYLE***

**EIGHTH GRADE IS A SPECIAL YEAR IN THE ELEMENTARY CAREER OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS. EIGHTH GRADE IS A CULMINATION OF THEIR ELEMENTARY FAITH JOURNEY, A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE PAST AND ULTIMATELY USE THEIR FOUNDATION TO MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL. IT IS A TIME FOR THE GRADUATES TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR ROLE AS SCHOOL LEADERS AND CAPITALIZE ON THE GIFTS AND TALENTS THEY HAVE TO OFFER. THIS POWER POINT IS TO BE USED AS A GUIDE FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INFORMATION.**



# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PICTURES

Eighth grade pictures are taken on School Picture Day in August. Parents can order the pictures from the photography company.



# EIGHTH GRADE RETREAT

Each year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class attends a fall one-day, spiritual retreat that is generally held off campus.

The Religion teachers coordinate the details of the retreat. The cost of the retreat (lunch and snack included) is covered in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade fees.



# **CLASS T-SHIRT**

**Eighth grade students submit designs for the class t-shirt. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class votes to determine the design and motto. The t-shirts are considered an eighth grade privilege. The t-shirt is generally worn on the retreat, field trips, and informal gatherings throughout the school year so as to define an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from other students.**



- The Middle School dances (winter and spring) are coordinated by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and school staff.
  - Parents and staff members chaperone. All chaperones must be fingerprinted and approved by the Diocese of Orlando. Chaperone names must be submitted to the school office 72 hours prior to each dance.
  - Parents are responsible for decorations, set-up, clean-up, snacks and drinks.
- The school hires the DJ and coordinates the DJ payment.
- Dance fees (\$10-20) are collected at the door of the event.
- Cell phones are confiscated during the event but returned at the end of the dance.
- Dance dates, generally two dances per year, are calendared by the school and posted on the monthly school calendar.



# ***PICTURES AND DVD***

- ❖ **An 8X10 class picture (cost included in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fee) with the graduates in gowns, is coordinated and taken by a professional photography company.**



- ❖ **Parents coordinate an 8<sup>th</sup> grade video including pictures of the graduate as a baby, of sacramental events, accomplishments, etc...**
  - **The video is played at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Luncheon.**

# YEARBOOKS

**Each graduate receives a yearbook which is included in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Fee (approximately \$45).**

# YEARBOOK DEDICATION

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade families often purchase an advertisement in the St. James yearbook in order to express their sentiments and congratulations to the graduating students. The cost for advertisements is not included in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade fees.
- Information for the dedication page is communicated each year in the fall.

**Yearbook Dedication Page:**

**Pre-Sale Payment Deadline 01/31/24 \$100**

**Final Payment and Artwork Deadline 3/31/24 \$200**



# GOWNS, DIPLOMAS AND COVERS

✓ **SJCS gowns are mandatory for the class picture and graduation.**

✓ **Gowns are supplied by the school (measurements are taken in the spring).**

- **Girls and boys wear royal blue gowns**

✓ **The diploma and cover are provided by the school.**





## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS TRIP**

- **Graduates generally go to Islands of Adventure (IOA) for their final class field trip.**
- **Chaperones are needed but they must be fingerprinted and pay their own way. Season passes may be used by chaperones only (no passes can be used for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students).**
- **Approximate cost (\$100) reflects current entrance fee prices (group rate) and bus transportation. This amount does not include meals, souvenirs or other individual purchases.**

# GRADUATION LUNCHEON

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders vote on a luncheon of their choice. The food is served by parents after the graduation practice the day before the Candlelight Mass and Graduation Ceremony. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade video is played for the students during the luncheon.



# CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY



- The Candlelight Ceremony is scheduled at 9:00am on the school calendar. This special ceremony is a highpoint for graduates to pass on their "LIGHT" of leadership to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- The entire school as well as parents, grandparents, family members, etc., are welcome to attend this special ceremony and join in our celebration.
- Graduation gowns are worn over Church appropriate clothes.





# **GRADUATION MASS**

The SJCS Graduation Mass takes place at the St. James Cathedral at 9:45am, immediately following the Candlelight Ceremony.

Information regarding seating is emailed in the spring.

Students are required to report to the Cathedral by 8:45am. Gowns are worn over Church appropriate clothing.

Diplomas are presented after the Mass.

# GRADUATION RECEPTION



**Immediately following the Candlelight Mass, there is a reception for the graduates in the Cathedral Social Hall.**



# GRADUATION FEE SUMMARY

Fee Re-Cap: (approximate costs)

■ 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat	\$35
■ Graduation Luncheon	\$40
■ Class T-shirt	\$15
■ Class Sweatshirt	\$30
■ Class Picture and Video	\$20
■ Yearbook	\$45 (ads are a separate fee)
■ Gown, Diploma and Cover	\$40
■ 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip	\$100 (Venue and Bus)
■ Graduation Ceremony	\$10

**Total: \$335.00**

# GRADUATION FEE SUMMARY

- At any time fees or details of activities may be changed. SJCS will communicate with families regarding any changes, in a timely manner.
- Graduation payment of fees is added to the annual tuition payments during the school year.
- The SJCS Accountant processes all graduation related money transactions.
- Outstanding tuition or fees will exclude graduates from attending graduation or receiving a report card. If this causes a financial burden, please contact the School Administration.

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

A black silhouette of a person wearing a graduation cap and gown, positioned in the center of the image. The background is a soft, out-of-focus yellow and white bokeh.

**Good luck in high school  
and beyond. Know that your  
faith and academic  
foundation started here at  
SJCS. We are always here to  
support you!  
God Bless!**