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## PRESS RELEASE

### St. Joseph Catholic School honors Law Enforcement and First Responders

Auburn, California - October 28, 2019 - St. Joseph Catholic School celebrated Red Ribbon Week last week, continuing its commitment to help spread the message of "Say No To Drugs" throughout the community. The week culminated last Friday with its annual Law Enforcement Day; an event where local law enforcement agencies visit the school to share their profession with the students.

"Law Enforcement Day is a day organized by our school to honor and recognize law enforcement and first responders," said Jenny Oliver, principal at St. Joseph Catholic School. "We are thankful for their commitment to our community. We want our students to see the dedication they exhibit on a daily basis, and respect what law enforcement officials do for our community."

The event began with a California Highway Patrol helicopter landing on Brennan Field. As it was descending, the students could be heard cheering and clapping with excitement.

"This is my favorite day of the year," said Michelle Childers, kindergarten teacher and organizer of the day. "Even the 7th and 8th graders, who have had the opportunity many times to experience the event, look forward to Law Enforcement Day. They gain something new from it each year, and it is our hope they will take what they have learned when they leave SJCS."

Many local agencies participated in the day including: Auburn Police Department, Placer County Sheriff Department including K-9 and SWAT, Department of Justice, California Highway Patrol including helicopter and Mounted Patrol Unit, Cal Fire Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Placer County Probation Department and DEA.

Agencies brought vehicles and gear for the students to see and explore. Officers answered endless questions posed by preschoolers through 8th grade students. The students were curious about everything - from what the numbers on the helicopter mean, to what lead officers to be in law enforcement. Each agency reiterated the Red Ribbon Week message: "Say No To Drugs".

"We really appreciate all the officers taking their time to come to our campus and be with our students," Mrs. Oliver continued. "This will make a lasting impact on our students. We are committed to fostering good citizenship and community participation throughout their time at SJCS."

### About St. Joseph Catholic School:

Since 1943, St. Joseph Catholic School has been educating preschool - 8th Grade students in the Auburn area. We foster academic excellence and character development in a faith based environment. Community service serves as part of well-rounded curriculum by teaching the importance of giving back, instilling responsibly, and allowing students to explore the world around them.

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