

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Well after two and a half years of avoiding COVID, I caught it earlier this week. I have spent, and continue to spend, a very interesting week in my son's room quarantining with him. We have an enormous supply of Legos and games and yes IPADS. We have built so many different structures and vehicles. I have met every one of his stuffed animals and we have shared many stories (and a few books). The only problem is that he is so done with my "dad jokes!" I will hopefully be back in school on Monday and in a mask some of next week. This is a good reminder (although we probably don't need one) that COVID is still active and lurking. St. John School will continue to follow DPH and DESE regulations and Mrs. Medeiros will keep you aware of any changes.

I love that St. John School doesn't miss a beat without me – people just step in to support. That is what family is all about. St. John School continues to get ready for our faculty on Monday and our students on Wednesday. We do have a few new "things" at school that I was intending on sharing this week but will next week.

From here on out, you will get an end of the week email from me typically on Friday. As you can see my emails have a similar structure - some thoughts/news, dates, events, reminders. If something is very important it may require a separate email during the week. I will do my best to communicate clearly and in depth but not overwhelm you. As always please let me know if you have any questions or need anything.

I am so looking forward to seeing our faculty together on Monday and our students on Wednesday. Oh, and no matter how much I love my son, I can't wait to leave this room.

SJS Calendar

Monday, August 29 – Grade 6 Orientation

Wednesday, August 31 – First Day of School for Kindergarten – Grade 8

Thursday, September 1 – PS and PK Visit Day

Friday, September 2 – Monday, September 5 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 6 – First Day of School for PS and PK

Friday, September 9 – School Mass (9:00 am)

Second Notices

Lunch

Lunch ordering for September is open and we have seen many orders come in. See attached for instructions on how to order lunch. Lunch orders are due by Thursday, September 1 at noon. Also, please remember, particularly when packing snacks and lunches, that St. John School is a peanut free school.

Lunch Monitor Sign Ups

[Click here](#) to sign up for being a lunch monitor. Being a lunch monitor is both a great way to do your SJS Service Hours as well as interact with our wonderful students. Lunch monitors are such an integral part of our St. John School community.

Student-Parent Handbook

[Click here](#) for the 2022-2023 Student-Parent Handbook. Every family must turn in a signed copy of the handbook by Friday, September 9. You can send this in with your child or email to Mrs. Sullivan (suzanne.sullivan@sjscanton.org).

Extended Day

[Click here](#) for information on our Extended Day Program (before and after care). Extended day is a drop-in program that opens at 7:15 each morning and ends at 5:30 each evening. The cost is \$10 per child per hour. Ms. McGrath (caroline.mcgrath@sjscanton.org) is our Extended Day coordinator this year. There will be no aftercare on half days.

Uniforms

[Click here](#) for an email on uniforms.
[Click here](#) for 2022-2023 Uniform Policy.

CORI and VIRTUS

Please send in your CORI forms for the 2022-2023 school year. Also, if you want to volunteer you must have completed VIRTUS (www.virtusonline.org). [Click here](#) for a CORI form.

Helpful Links

Ebackpack - <https://www.sjscanton.org/e-backpack>

2022-2023 School Calendar - [Click here](#)

Chris