

Good afternoon SJS Community,

I am sure we are all excited with the break in the heat this week and I hope everyone has some fun weekend plans. As the summer is winding down, St. John School is getting a little more active – Mr. Hall and Mr. Feghali (our Maintenance Manager) are busy with numerous projects and improvements. Next week, we will start to share some pictures online. Some teachers have been in to set up their classes (or move to another room). We are also busy with interviews for our open positions. We are still searching for a Middle School ELA teacher, a Grade 4/5 Social Studies teacher, and a Spanish teacher. This is the most important action we can take over the summer – ensuring that we continue to have high quality faculty who believe in our mission. I will continue to keep you informed on progress.

Lunch Monitor sign ups went out earlier this week. [Click here](#) to sign up. 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. If you have any questions about lunch monitoring, please let me know.

Every few days for the next two weeks I will take some time to highlight parts of the Student-Parent Handbook. Today I will address arrival and dismissal. Dismissal, in particular, will look very different from last year as we are reverting back to our pre-COVID procedure.

St. John School school day hours are 8:40 a.m. to 3:10 p.m (PS and PK dismissal is at 3:00). For half days, dismissal is at 12:00 for K – Grade 8 and 11:45 for PS and PK.

### **Arrival**

For arrival, parents will enter from Washington Street, drive next to the Church, and then loop around in the parking lot near St. John School. The doors to the school will open at 8:20 and Dr Flieger will be at the Main Entrance to greet students. Students will exit their car as soon as their car is parallel to the gym and not before the school doors open (no congregating at the Main Entrance). Students will enter through the Main Entrance and proceed to their classrooms. Drivers should follow all traffic patterns and cones to exit.

Parents who walk their child(ren) to the Main Entrance may park in the spaces across from the church or in the back of the gym (accessible via Revere Street). Children may not walk through the parking lot unattended.

Announcements and attendance will be taken at 8:40 a.m. Any student not in their classroom by the 8:40 bell is considered tardy.

The only students who will not enter through the Main Entrance are our bus riders, who will enter the school through the Side Door. There will be a teacher on duty at the side door each morning.

Parents of kindergarten and above students may walk their child to their classroom on the first day of school. Parents of PS and PK students may walk their children to their classroom the first week of school if necessary.

### **Dismissal**

#### *Kindergarten through grade 8*

The school day concludes at 3:10 p.m. Students will be dismissed through the Gym. The front gym door will open at 3:10. Parents must park, enter through the Gym doors, and escort their child(ren) out of the school building through the side alley door of the Gym (not through the back entrance which is reserved for bus riders). Students not picked up by 3:15 will be sent to aftercare.

#### *Preschool and Prekindergarten*

The school day concludes at 3:00 pm. Students will be dismissed to their parents or guardians. Preschool will be dismissed at the Side Door while prekindergarten will be dismissed through the Main Entrance. Students not picked up by 3:10 will be sent to aftercare.

#### *Additional Notes*

- Cars may not drive down the side alley of the school.
- Grade 5 through grade 8 students and their siblings (grade 2 and above) will be allowed to walk to the Canton Public Library after school. A teacher will accompany students to Washington Street.

- Grade 5 through 8 may ride their bikes to and from school. There is a bike rack near the Main Entrance.
- No student will be dismissed after 2:45 unless an emergency occurs.

## **SJS Calendar**

Thursday, August 18 – New Parent Orientation (6:30 – 7:30)

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*

#### *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 10. You can send this in with your child or email to Mrs. Sullivan ([suzanne.sullivan@sjscanton.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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