

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Thank you to all of parents who attended the SJS Parent Group Fall Social and all the parents who joined us for our Walk to School Day journey. It is always wonderful for parents and families to come together at fun events. Be on the lookout for more of these great events.

We celebrated two grades this week as Club 99 members. Grade 3 scored in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile in achievement and growth on the Math and Language Usage MAP assessment. Grade 8 scored in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile in achievement on the Language Usage MAP assessment. We are extremely proud of both classes and thankful to our amazing teachers and supportive parents.

Today we conducted a Shelter in Place drill. We practice safety and security drills like this a few times a year (including Fire Drills and Lock Downs). A shelter in place is called when we need students to remain out of the hallways. This may be done in a medical emergency or a threat outside of the building. A lock down, on the other hand, is called when there is a danger/threat in the actual building. We will practice a lock down drill next week. I try to inform parents when these drills occur as students may come home and want to discuss them.

### **SJS Calendar**

Saturday, October 15 (8:30-10:30am) - Fill a Truck ([Click here](#) for flyer)

Tuesday, October 18 – Superhero Party

Wednesday, October 19 (6:00 pm) – Family STEM Night

Friday, October 21 – HALF DAY and Grandparents Day

Saturday, October 29 – Trunk or Treat

### **Halloween**

All students are welcome to dress up on in Halloween costumes on Monday, October 31. These costumes do need to be school appropriate.

No masks or weapons are allowed. Teachers in specific grades may send out more specific details.

### **Warm Weather Uniform Option**

Starting Tuesday, November 1, there is no longer a Warm Weather Uniform Option at SJS. This basically means no shorts - gym or Bermuda. As it is getting colder, also remember that students will need to dress in layers and be ready to go outside every day. Only St. John School Wear (jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, sweaters, etc) is allowed in school. Any jackets and/or coats can be used outdoors.

### **St. Oscar Romero Music Ministry Youth and Junior Choirs**

Singing at Mass is a terrific way to gain self-confidence and enhance your own experience of Mass while you are enriching it for others. See attached for a flyer for the St. Oscar Romero Music Ministry Youth and Junior Choirs.

### *Second Notices*

#### *Preschool, Prekindergarten, and Kindergarten Enrollment*

Enrollment for preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten new families for the 2023-2024 school year is open. [Click here](#) for a flyer and please spread the word.

#### *Superhero Party*

Join our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders for a Superhero Party on Tuesday, October 18 from 3:15 – 5:00. This event is a fundraiser for Grade 8. Students in PK through Grade 3 are invited. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

#### *SJS Family STEM Night*

St. John School will be celebrating MASS STEM Week with an SJS Family STEM night on Wednesday, October 19 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Mrs. Zessis will demonstrate some of the awesome STEM activities and every family will go home with a LEGO Education Personal Learning Kit. Advanced sign up is required – [click here](#) to sign up. [Click here](#) for details.

#### *Grandparents Day*

Grandparents Day is on Friday, October 21. [Click here](#) for an FAQ and [click here](#) for an invitation and we hope to see many of our SJS

Grandparents and special people in attendance. This is a half day and students may be dismissed to parents or grandparents early.

#### *November Lunch Ordering*

Lunch ordering for November is now open through FACTS. It will close on Thursday, October 27 at noon.

#### *Trunk or Treat*

The SJS annual Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 29 in our front parking lot. Set up starts at 5:00 pm and trick or treating is from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Dress up in a costume, decorate your car, and hand out treats. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

#### *Picture Retake Day*

Picture retake day will take place on Thursday, November 17. If there are issues with your child's photos and you need them retaken, you must return the package with your child on that day.

#### *National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Tutoring*

NJHS tutoring occurs on Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15 and is open to students in Kindergarten - Grade 3. This is an opportunity for younger students to get extra reading/math support and to get to know an older student. No sign up is needed and pickup will be at the Main Entrance.

#### *CORI and VIRTUS*

In order to volunteer at St. John School you must have an active CORI and completed VIRTUS training. Families new to SJS have until November 1 to meet the VIRTUS training requirement. To sign up for VIRTUS go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and choose Boston, MA (Archdiocese).

#### *Helpful Links*

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

*Service Hour Tracking Information* - [click here](#)

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

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