

Good afternoon SJS Community,

The first full week of school is complete – 5 full days! It is fun to walk around school and into classrooms and see so much learning going on in a structured classroom. Policies and procedures and class norms have been established in the classes and we have moved solidly into the academic school year. On the flip side, it is also awesome to see our students outside enjoying the beautiful weather. Our second playground (Nature Center) has added a great space for classes.

I am excited to announce our first St. John School Parent Group event – our Fall Social! The Fall Social will occur on Friday, October 7 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in our back parking lot. Join is for music, charcuterie, and cheer. Pack your own cooler with the beverage of your choice and enjoy great company. Please remember – adults only. See attached flyer.

MAP testing will continue next week for Kindergarten through Grade 5. As a review, MAP is the standardized assessment that we give twice a year. It is an adaptive test that provides us a wealth of important information. We use the data for teaching and learning as well as curriculum development. As an FYI, we do retest some students if we feel their results are not representative – as we all know, sometimes we have off days. Families receive MAP results in the spring after the second testing and a full year of growth.

SJS Calendar

Tuesday, September 20 (6:00 pm) – Back to School Night (Middle School)

Friday, September 23 – Half Day (NO AFTERCARE AVAILABLE)

Thursday, September 29 – Student Council Elections

Back to School Night

Back to School Night for Middle School is Tuesday. We will meet in the Gym at 6:00 for a short presentation. At 6:15 we will release parents to classrooms. See attached for a schedule.

Service Hour Deposit

All new families at St. John School are charged a \$250 Service Hour Deposit. This fee is held to ensure that all families perform their required service hours for the year. This exact amount will be refunded to the family when their last child has graduated from the school or in the event the family leaves the school if all work credit hours are completed for that year and if all tuition and incidentals are paid in full. All new families will be charged this fee next week through FACTS.

NJHS Tutoring

National Junior Honor Society will begin after school tutoring for students on October 6. Tutoring occurs every Thursday from 3:15 – 4:15 in the library and is open to students in Grade 1 – 3 (we may expand grades depending on participation). This is a great way for our younger students to get in extra reading/math support and to get to know an older student. Teachers may reach out to encourage specific children to attend. No sign up is needed and pickup will be at the Main Entrance.

Second Notices

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool Clubs will start at the end of September. [Click here](#) for our fall offerings – Sports and Games, Crocheting/Arts and Crafts, Board Games, Flag Football, Field Hockey. Forms need to be turned in to Mrs. Miller by September 21 and families will be charged through FACTS.

Instrument Lessons

This week we had our instrument demonstrations. Instrument lessons are offered at SJS through Paul Effman Music and our director is Mr. Chris Nowelski. Lessons are on Thursdays during the school day. Please see the attached sheet for details (please note - we do not offer violins for grade 1 until the spring. You can also visit the website - <http://www.pemusic.com/join>.

October Lunch Ordering

Lunch ordering for October is now open through FACTS. It will close on Thursday, September 29 at noon.

Helpful Links

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

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

Chris