

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Today we celebrated our 8th grade Medal Mass. This is always a wonderful time to celebrate our current 8th graders and commission them to be shining examples for our students. Thank you to the parents who attended. Thank you also to Grade 7 for hosting the reception afterward and the Hyppolite family for donating the food.

Tonight, we will have our SJS Parent Group Fall Social from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in our back parking lot. Join us for music, charcuterie, and cheer. Pack your own cooler with the beverage of your choice and enjoy great company.

As I was reviewing this email, I realized it is the first really long email in a while. It is full of great information – new events and secondary reminders. This means that we are truly in the swing of things for the 2022-2023 school year.

One last reminder. After 3:10, students are not allowed back into the school building. It can create safety and security concerns and many teachers are working on responsibility with their students.

SJS Calendar

Friday, October 7 (7:00 – 10:00 pm) – SJS Parent Group Fall Social

Monday, October 10 – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 12 – Walk to School Day (meet at Paul Revere Park by 8:15 am)

Saturday, October 15 – Fill a Truck

Tuesday, October 18 – Superhero Party

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

Friday, October 21 – HALF DAY and Grandparents Day

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. See attached for a flyer.

Super Hero Party

Join our 8th Graders for a Super Hero Party on Tuesday, October 18 from 3:30 – 5:00. This annual event is a fundraiser for the Grade 8 spring trip. Students in PK through Grade 3 are invited. The sign up forms should be returned to Mrs. Miller. You will be billed \$20 through FACTS after the party.

SJS Basketball

The SJS Basketball program is now open for students in grades 3 and above. Basketball sign up forms went out this week and it is attached. If your child wants to play basketball, please return this form to Mrs. Miller.

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 them your student on that day.

Preseason Basketball Clinic

The Canton Boys Basketball program is offering a preseason basketball clinic on Monday. See attachment for details.

Second Notices

Preschool and Prekindergarten Enrollment

Preschool enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. If you have a child you would like to enroll in our preschool program (age 3 by September 1, 2023) next year, please reach out to Mrs. Sullivan or myself soon. We have also opened prekindergarten registration for non-SJS families for the 2023-2024 school year. See attached for a flyer

SJS Wear

Arrow Sports is accepting SJS Wear orders through October 16. The link to the SJS store is <https://stjohncanton.itemorder.com/shop/home/>. We have added a pink hoodie and an SJS fleece.

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 she is using in class. Every family will also be introduced to and 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 in attendance. This is a half day and students may be dismissed to parents or grandparents early.

Walk to School Day

On Wednesday, October 12 SJS will celebrate National Walk to School Day. Anyone who wants to walk to school with classmates should meet at Paul Revere Park between 8:00 and 8:15. We will walk to school as a community at 8:15. Parents are welcome to drop students or join in the walk. We will walk up Revere Street to Washington Street then to SJS.

Grade 8 Fill a Truck

Grade 8 will sponsor a Fill a Truck event on Saturday, October 15 from 8:30 – 10:30am. Clean out your closets for SJS! [Click here](#) for a flyer.

November Lunch Ordering

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

NJHS Tutoring

National Junior Honor Society tutoring occurs every Thursday from 3:15 – 4:15 in the library and is open to students in Grades 1 – 3. This is a great way for our younger students to get in 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

Please remember that in order to volunteer at St. John School in the presence of students you must have an active CORI and completed VIRTUS training. Families new to SJS have until November 1 before we enforce the VIRTUS training requirement. To sign up for VIRTUS go to www.virtusonline.org and choose Boston, MA (Archdiocese). When complete, email Mrs. Sullivan or turn in a physical copy.

Helpful Links

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

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

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

Chris