

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Thank you to everyone who attended our SJS Parent Group Social on Friday night, both new and old parents. It was also good to see our Middle School and preschool Back to School Night so well attended. And congratulations to all our 8th grade parents who met, some to start the end of their SJS journey!

Instrument lessons began this week. It was awesome seeing our over 30 students taking group lessons as well as our entire first grade learning the ukelele. There is still time to sign up for lessons for students in Grade 2 and above.

Join the SJS Parent Group for their fall meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30 PM in the library. This is a great opportunity to learn about the Parent Group's exciting plans for the year ahead and discover how you can get involved. Whether you're a returning parent or new to our community, your voice and participation are vital to our success. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our vision for a fantastic year together!

There is still time for the SJS Parent Group SJS Logo Opportunity (#DrivewayEagles). For just \$50, you can display your pride and support for our school with the outline of an eagle and SJS written above it sprayed in maroon on your driveway. The painting will take place during the weekends of September 28th and October 5th. To participate, [click here](#).

We have been working hard trying to find qualified specials teachers and we now have the beginnings of a plan. We have gone back to Young World to furnish us with a gym teacher for the rest of the year. I met Ms. Katrina James this week and she will start on Monday. She has a BA in Physical Education from Bridgewater State University and has worked with children in various settings, including the YMCA, for the past few years. This will allow us to move Ms. Keough to the art classroom. As you may know, Ms. Keough has a BA in Fine Arts from the School of Visual Arts and will do a fantastic job as our Art teacher. She is very excited to start this new adventure. At this point, we will continue to utilize substitutes in our STEM classroom as we continue to search

for a permanent teacher. Mrs. Graffeo has been a life saver these past few weeks. This development has forced us to switch specials' days.

Gym will now be on the following days:

Monday – K, G2, G5, G6, G7, and G8

Friday – PS, PK, G1, G3, G4

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will start their after-school tutoring sessions on Thursday, October 3. These sessions are open to all Kindergarten to Grade 2 students and run from 3:15 – 4:15 each Thursday. At these sessions, students work with our middle school NJHS students one on one or in small groups. It is a great opportunity to complete homework, work on reading and math skills, and establish a relationship with older students. Mrs. Fleming runs our NJHS program and Mrs. Bowers oversees the tutoring program. There is no need to sign up, just make sure your child's teacher knows they are going. Pick up will be at the Main Entrance at 4:15. This is a free service. Students can go to aftercare after tutoring for the normal fee.

SJS Calendar

Tuesday, October 1 (6:30) – SJS Parent Group Meeting

Thursday, October 3 – No Canton Buses

Thursday, October 3 (3:15 – 4:15) – NJHS Tutoring Begins

Friday, October 4 (9:00 am) – Medal Mass (All School Mass)

Wednesday, October 9 – Walk to School Day

Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 9 is National Walk to School Day and SJS will again participate. It is a day when students across the country walk to school in support of healthy lives and walkable communities. Anyone who wants to walk to school with classmates should meet at Paul Revere Park between 8:00 and 8:15. We will gather and 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.

This is always an awesome event (and those who participate get an always popular dress down pass).

Second Notices

2025-2026 School Year

Applications for preschool and new kindergarteners for next year are open. Please spread the work.

Helpful Links

Ebackpack - [Click here](#)

2024-2025 Calendar - [Click here](#)

Chris