

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Welcome to October and the chill that it brings. Amazingly, we have now completed 21 days of school – over 10% of the year. This year has again been an abnormal success - with ups and downs and challenges and growth. Each day we all come to school and give our best. We do this as a family and it is working!

We are very excited for our Grade 8 Medal Mass next week. This is a great event where our 8<sup>th</sup> graders receive a St. John medal. It is truly the beginning of their last year at SJS. Please keep all of these 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your prayers as they are in the midst of discerning where they want to go after St. John School.

### **SJS Calendar**

Wednesday, October 6 – Walk to School Day  
Thursday, October 7 – Instrument Lessons Begin  
Thursday, October 7 (9:00 am) – Medal Mass  
Monday, October 11 – NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday, October 12 – Picture Day

### **Thank you**

#### **Picture Day**

SJS Picture Day is Tuesday, October 12. All students should be in full uniform. Students will be bringing home order forms. You can also order online with Lifetouch at <http://www.my.lifetouch.com>. Use code EVT87WXP.

#### **Trunk or Treat**

The SJS annual Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 30 in our front parking lot. Set up will occur from 5:30 to 6:00 and trick or treating is from 6:00 – 8:00. Dress up in a costume, decorate your car, and hand out treats. See attached.

#### **October Health Update**

Please see the attached for the October Health Office Update. Please note the new language and policy around Test-and-Stay.

## **October Mass Schedule**

Grade 8 – Thursday, October 7 (Medal Mass)

Grade 6/7 – Tuesday, October 12

Grades 4/5 – Tuesday, October 19

Grade 2/3 – Thursday, October 21

Grade 1 – Tuesday, October 26

Kindergarten – Thursday, October 28

## **Second Notices**

### *VIRTUS*

All volunteers at SJS must complete a VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children training. Please log on to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and sign up for a training session. You will need to create an ID and find a session. After completion, email Mrs. Sullivan a copy of your certificate. If you plan to volunteer at St. John School, including being a lunch monitor and going on field trips, this must be completed by Thanksgiving. If you are new to SJS and have already completed VIRTUS, please provide Mrs. Sullivan with a copy of your certificate.

### *Walk to School Day*

On Wednesday, October 6 we will celebrate National Walk to School Day. Students 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 and then to SJS.

### *SJS Parent Group Events*

[Click here](#) for a tentative calendar of events for the SJS Parent Group.

### *COVID Policies*

[Click here](#) for the *DESE/DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios - SY 2021-22 (SJS)*.

### *Ebackpack*

Visit <https://www.sjscanton.org/e-backpack> for the SJS Ebackpack.

### *2021-2022 School Calendar*

[Click here](#) for our 2021-2022 School Calendar.

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