

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Last night we celebrated our 8th graders for the last time. They are now graduates/alumni of St. John School. Class Night and Graduation at St. John School are two of the most powerful events during the school year. At Class Night, we celebrate the accomplishments of our students. I would like to highlight two awards in particular. This year every single one of our 8th graders (all 20) received a Presidential Achievement Award. This is a phenomenal accomplishment, indicating that every one of them achieved at a high level throughout their middle school careers. As far as we can tell, this has never happened at SJS. I would also like to congratulate our 2023 Valedictorian – Grace Collins. This is a well-deserved and earned accomplishment. We are proud of Grace and excited to see her continued growth at Canton High.

During graduation, we have a tradition of acknowledging and celebrating all of the families who are leaving SJS for the last time. It is a powerful moment when they stand to be recognized. Please join me in celebrating and recognizing the following families who said their final SJS goodbye last night – you will be missed.

The Bailey Family
The Choute/Accime Family
The Copithorne Family
The Correia Family
The Dolloff Family
The Eugene-Pack Family
The Harper Family
The Mahady Family
The Nellos/Gomes Family
The Reiad Family

Congratulations to our five instrumentalists who were invited to and able to perform at Fanuiel Hall this week. It is an honor to be chosen. They were Nathan Elwood, Jameson Vlahos, Hannah Stone, Abby Gallagher, and James Ross.

I also have a lot of thank you notes this week.

- Thank you to Mercy Bishay for organizing Mother Son Night and to all of her helpers.
- Thank you to Joe Butler, Kris Millington, and Brian Erhard for helping chaperone 8th grade events these past two weeks.
- Thank you to Mrs. Fleming for her leadership of National Junior Honor Society and Mrs. Bowers for running the NJHS after school tutoring program, which was a huge success this year.
- Thank you to Ms. Wesner for her leadership in Student Council this year – it has been an awesome year having this group back after a few year hiatus. And, they accomplished one more thing before the year was over . . . see below.
- Thank you to Grade 2 for our May Crowning Ceremony this week as well as to Mr. Francis and Mrs. Foster for their support.

SJS Calendar

Monday, May 29 – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, May 31 (3:00 – 4:00) - Popsicles on the Playground (see below)

Thursday, June 1 (9:30 am) – Instrumental Concert

Thursday, June 1 (7:00 – 9:00 pm) - SJS Parent Group Annual Meeting

Friday, June 2 (9:00 am) – All School Mass (Grade 2 leads)

Thursday, June 8 (10:00 am) – Kindergarten Graduation

Friday, June 9 - Half Day

Wednesday, June 14 (9:00 am) – Step Up Day

Thursday, June 15 – Field Day

Friday, June 16 – Last Day of School, Half Day, All School Mass (9:00 am)

Spanish Position

We have opened up a search for a new Spanish teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Please share and [click here](#) for more information and application.

SJS Parent Group Annual Parent Meeting

On Thursday June 1, the SJS Parent Group will hold their annual parent meeting which will also serve as a thank you wine and cheese celebration. See attached for details.

Popsicles on the Playground

Student Council will sponsor Popsicles on the Playground on Wednesday, May 31 after school until 4:00. After pickup, head down to the playground with your child for a popsicle and fun. See flyer for details.

Field Day Rosters

St. John School Field Day will occur on Thursday, June 15. This is an awesome event led by our 7th graders. Every child in the school is assigned to a team and rotates through 10 or so events as a team. Each team has a captain, a name (college), and a color. Your child should dress in the color of their team on Field Day. Please see attached for a list of teams. Students are provided a pizza lunch so no need to bring a lunch. This is not a parent event.

SJS Dress Code

Thank you to Student Council for organizing a school wide petition requesting that we change our school dress code policy to include black socks with sneakers. They wrote a petition and encouraged all student to sign it. We made this change in dress code on Tuesday and it will continue in the handbook next year. This is a simple example of how student leadership and voice matter.

Instrumental Concert

SJS will hold our instrumental concert on Thursday, June 1 at 9:30 am in the gym. All students who took lessons this year will be performing (Kindergarten and Grade 1 will not be performing ukulele). All parents are welcome as this will be the only performance.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston 150th anniversary celebration

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year. The Archdiocese will host a Mass of Thanksgiving for the sisters on Saturday, June 3 at 4:00 pm at St. John Church at St. Oscar Romero Parish in Canton. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the impact the Sisters of St. Joseph have had on St. John School. [Click here](#) for details

Second Notices

SJS Open Positions for 2023-2024
[Click here](#) for Grade 1 Aide details.

Grade 8 Fill a Truck
Grade 8 will sponsor a Fill a Truck event on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 am – Noon in front of the school. Clean out your closets for SJS! [Click here](#) for a flyer.

CORI Form for 2023-2024 School Year
If you want to volunteer at SJS you must fill out a CORI every year. [Click here](#) for the CORI form and return original to Mrs. Sullivan.

VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children
St. Oscar Romero Parish is hosting a VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children Session on Thursday, June 1 for anyone that has not taken the course. Visit www.virtusonline.org to sign up.

Cardio for Kieran
The SJS Parent Group will be hosting Cardio for Kieran on Sunday, June 11 at 8:00 am in the gym! It is one hour of fun and sweat by a certified fitness instructor at Lifetime Fitness. 100% of proceeds benefit Kieran Whall and his family. This special event is open to all (18+), so please invite your friends! [Click here](#) to register.

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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