

Good afternoon SJS Community,

When I send out the Student-Parent Handbook, it means that the school year is really upon us! Yes, we are less than three weeks away from Day 1. This email has lots of important information on extended day, lunch, and our Student-Parent Handbook. Please take some time over the next few weeks to review the information in this email and let me know if you have any questions. You can also always reach out to me, your child's teacher, and/or your Room Parent with questions.

### **St. John School Nurse**

We are still searching for a school nurse. I have had a few very nice conversations with candidates, but nothing has come to fruition at this point. Please spread the word and send me any potential candidates. You are one of our best recruiters!

### **Lands' End Sale**

Lands' End is having another 30% off school uniforms sale today through Sunday. See attached.

### **Student-Parent Handbook**

Please find the SJS Parent-Student Handbook attached. Every family must turn in a signed copy of the handbook by Friday, September 6. You can send this in with your child or email to Mrs. Foster ([dora.foster@sjscanton.org](mailto:dora.foster@sjscanton.org)). This is a requirement for attendance at SJS. I would encourage new and returning families to read the handbook as it has undergone a few changes. If any additional changes are made, I will notify everyone.

### **Extended Day**

Please find a handout on our Extended Day (before and after care) attached. Extended day is a drop-in program that opens at 7:15 each morning and ends at 5:30 each evening. The cost is \$10 per child per hour. Ms. McGrath ([caroline.mcgrath@sjscanton.org](mailto:caroline.mcgrath@sjscanton.org)) is our Extended Day coordinator this year. There is no aftercare on half days.

### **Lunch**

We will again use Lunch Box as our vendor for lunches this year. Lunches will be \$7/day and will include an entrée, fresh fruit, and a snack. Our weekly entrée menu will typically be:

Monday – Cheeseburger

Tuesday – Hot Dog (Beef)

Wednesday – Mozzarella Sticks

Thursday – Chicken Nuggets

Friday – Cheese Pizza (two slices)

In addition, Cheese Quesadillas and Caesar Salads will be available every day for order.

Lunch ordering for August/September is open and will close on Friday, August 23 at noon.

As a reminder, for lunch ordering, you need to go to your account on the Family Portal of FACTS. Under Student there is a tab labeled Lunch (see attached picture). If you click on this tab it will bring you to lunch ordering. On the next screen you should see the offerings for the month (choose the month and then month view). To order lunches, click on Create Web Order (see attached picture). At this point, you will see your child's name and all the lunch days available to order. If you have multiple children, each child will be listed. You then click on any day you want to order and choose the quantity 1. After choosing your days, click Submit Order at the bottom of the screen. This will take you to a summary page where you can confirm and pay (see attached picture).

### **Lunch Monitors**

Check your schedules! We'll soon be sending out sign-ups for lunch duty monitors. This important role supports the school and offers a great way to get involved with the SJS community while earning service hours. If you can't commit to a regular shift, please consider joining our list of substitutes. If you have any questions, please reach out to Meredith McLoughlin at [sjsslunchcoordinator@sjscanton.org](mailto:sjsslunchcoordinator@sjscanton.org).

### **Room Parents**

Please find the Room Parent list attached. These parents are wonderful connections to SJS – please use them.

### **Physicals**

Please drop off any physicals that occurred over the summer at the Main Office so we can get ahead of the back-to-school rush.

### **CORI and VIRTUS**

[Click here](#) for the 2024-2025 CORI form. The original filled out form must be returned to the Main Office along with a copy of your license. If you want to volunteer at SJS you must also have completed VIRTUS training ([www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)). There will a session offered at St. Oscar Romero Parish on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:45 pm. New SJS parents have a grace period for VIRTUS until October 1.

### **SJS Calendar**

Monday, August 19 – 6:00 New Parent Orientation

Wednesday, August 28 – First Day of School for Kindergarten – Grade 8

#### *Second Notices*

##### *New Parent Orientation*

Our New Parent Orientation is Monday, August 19 at 6:00 in the Gym. This will be about an hour, and you will have an opportunity to ask any lingering questions and get one last tour of the building. If you are new to SJS, this is a nice opportunity to meet other new parents.

##### *Mrs. Dembrowsky Meet and Greet*

We will have a meet and greet with Mrs. Dembrowsky, our new preschool teacher, on Monday, August 19 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the preschool classroom. This is a drop in time to meet the new teacher.

##### *Helpful Links*

Ebackpack - [Click here](#)

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

Chris