

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Thank you to all our parents who braved the rain on Wednesday to attend Back-to-School Night. It was wonderful to see so many parents engaged with teachers around learning. Thank you for being our partners in education.

Back to School Night for Middle School and preschool is Wednesday. The schedule for Middle School is attached. Parents will start in Period 1 classes and then move between the classrooms. For preschool, Mrs. O'Sullivan will run two sessions, one at 6:00 and one at 6:30 if needed. You will go directly to classrooms.

We hope to see many of our parents at our SJS Parent Group Fall Social on Friday, September 22 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the SJS back parking lot. Join us for pizza, charcuterie, and cheer. Pack your own drinks and enjoy time with friends – old and new. [Click here](#) for details.

Club registrations are still open for soccer and flag football which start this week. We also have a few spots for Sports and Games if you missed sign ups. Also, there was a typo in the fall club registration – it said \$70, but it is \$80 (\$10 per session, same as aftercare). This will be billed through FACTS next week.

Also, next week, all new families will be billed their \$250 work credit deposit. This deposit continues to roll forward as long as families perform their expected number of service hours and is reimbursed when your child graduates or leaves SJS.

MAP testing for Kindergarten through Grade will occur next week. We will also be completing makeups and retests for Middle School.

I have also received some questions about Rosetta Stone. Right now, Grades 3 and above are using Rosetta Stone in class while Kindergarten through Grade 2 are being taught Spanish by Mrs. Neeser. We will evaluate Spanish at the lower grades in a few weeks and determine if we will move them on to Rosetta Stone. All students do have access to Rosetta Stone outside of school. The website is

<https://stjohnevangelistisch.rosettastoneclassroom.com/> and their logons are below.

Username convention for grades 3 thru 8

Username: students email address

Password: ilovespanish

Username convention for grades PK thru 2

Username: firstname lastinitial

Password: ilovespanish

SJS Calendar

Wednesday, September 20 – Blood Drive (see below for details)

Wednesday, September 20 (6:00 pm) – Back to School Night (PS and Middle School)

Friday, September 22 (7:00 – 10:00 pm) – SJS Parent Group Fall Social

Tuesday, October 3 (6:00 pm) – SJS Parent Group Fall Meeting

Friday, October 6 (9:00 am) – Grade 8 Medal Mass (all school)

October Lunches

Lunch ordering for October is open through FACTS. Orders must be in by Wednesday, September 27 at noon.

SJS Parent Group Fall Meeting

The SJS Parent Group will have their fall meeting on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 pm. Join us to learn more about our events and how you can participate.

Second Notices

Blood Drive

SJS will be hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 20 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. This is in honor of our own Kieran Whall as well as to support Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (September). To make

an appointment, go to www.bostonchildrens.org/halfpints and use the sponsor code STJOHN.

Instrument Lessons

St. John School will again use Paul Effman Music for instrument lessons this year. [Click here](#) for a sign up. Lessons take place during the day and are available to Grades 2 and above.

Helpful Links

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

2023-2024 Calendar - [Click here](#)

Chris