

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Today our school community celebrated and commissioned our Grade 8 students at Medal Mass. Each 8<sup>th</sup> Grader received a St. John the Evangelist medal and was asked/challenged to be an evangelizer like St. John. This means spreading the good news of the gospel. There is no better way to do this than to show love for all through service. This is the way of St. John School and the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We are proud of our 20 8<sup>th</sup> graders and are excited to celebrate this year with them. It was also a great blessing to have the return of our youth choir to Mass.

Thank you to everyone, student, faculty, and parents, who joined us at Paul Revere Park for Walk to School Day. This is a favorite event of many, and we had beautiful weather to celebrate.

I wanted to provide a quick review of attendance codes at SJS. We use four codes – P for present, PER for present released early, T for tardy, and TPD for tardy partial day (after 9:00 am). We do not distinguish between excused and unexcused. At the end of each Term, we do a review of students who have hit the threshold of 10% days absent/early release and/or tardy (10% is the typical threshold for truancy). After Term 1, students/families over the 10% threshold will get a letter from me. If this continues into Term 2, we set up an in-person meeting. We believe that in-school time is precious and want to protect it. We do, however, understand extenuating health circumstances and take them into account.

One last note - there was an error in previous emails concerning the end time of NJHS tutoring. Pick up is at the Main Entrance at 4:15.

## **SJS Calendar**

Monday, October 9 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 17 (3:15 – 5:00) – Superhero Party

## *Second Notices*

### *Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year*

Enrollment for new preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year is open. If you have a child that is eligible for one of these grades next year, please reach out to me or Mrs. Sullivan.

### *Superhero Party*

Our annual Superhero Party hosted by Grade 8 and Ms. McGrath will return on Tuesday, October 17 from 3:15 – 5:00. PK through Grade 3 students are invited to this fun-filled fabulous event. [Click here](#) for a sign up. This is a major fundraiser for our Grade 8 students.

### *Grandparents Day*

Grandparents Day will occur on Friday, October 27. Preschool through Grade 3 is at 9:30 and Grade 4 through Grade 8 is at 10:30. This is a half day and early dismissals are very welcome. [Click here](#) for an official invite. [Click here](#) for an FAQ.

### *Trunk O Treat*

The SJS Parent Group will host its annual Trunk O Treat event on Saturday, October 28 in the front parking lot. [Click here](#) for details. All are welcome to this great event.

### *National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Tutoring*

NJHS tutoring is offered every Thursday from 3:15 – 4:15. These sessions are open to all Kindergarten to Grade 2 students. There is no need to sign up, just make sure your child's teacher knows they are going. Pick up is at the Main Entrance at 4:15.

### *Helpful Links*

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

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

Chris