

Good morning SJS Community,

We had an amazing birthday celebration for an amazing woman this week. Mrs. Miller turned 70 and had some awesome birthday wishes from SJS and many special people online. With this celebration comes another piece of emotional news. After 35 years at St. John School, Mrs. Miller will be retiring at the end of the school year. For those of you that do not know, Mrs. Miller created the kindergarten program at St. John School and has become an integral part of the fabric of this school, literally impacted hundreds of students lives. Besides her role as kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Miller has also been our Athletic Director, After School Club Coordinator, and an enormous supporter of 8th grade events (remember – Teddy Bear Tea is today). There will be many more words and actions in the coming months to celebrate Mrs. Miller, but her leaving will leave an enormous hole in our hearts. I will have further information about Kindergarten staffing for 2023-2023 at a future date.

I have had a few questions about attendance records on the report card for Term 2. First, we do not keep records of excused and unexcused absences in the FACTS system. This is only done in the Health Office. All absences fall under the same category and are treated the same in FACTS and on our official transcript. In the past they were categorized as excused for the Report Card but because of a recent update in FACTS, it caused all absences to be categorized as unexcused (it also did this retroactively). We have shifted this back to excused and you will see the update online now. The issue is more a problem with our Report Card Template which still has places for excused and unexcused absence. Some of you will remember a few years ago we tried to distinguish between excused and unexcused absences, but it became a big mess. We will investigate getting the Report Card changed to just list absences and tardies (as our transcript does). If I remember correctly, we have not done this because any change to our Report Card Template (no matter how small) costs \$1,500! Sorry for the long explanation but it does provide context.

SJS Calendar

Tuesday, February 14 – Donation Dress Down Day (American Heart Association)

Thursday, February 16 (7:00 pm) – Aristocats Drama Production (\$5 donation at the door)

Monday, February 20 – Friday, February 24 – NO SCHOOL

SJS Drama Club presents *Aristocats*

The SJS Drama Club will present *Aristocats* on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 and will be purchased at the door through Venmo or cash. See attached for a poster.

Second Notices

March Lunch Ordering

March lunch ordering is open on FACTS. Orders must be placed by Friday, February 24 at noon.

SJS Summer Camps

St. John School will be offering Summer Camps for the weeks of June 19 and June 26. These camps will be supervised by our teachers and are limited to SJS students (current and incoming). [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) for a registration.

Financial Aid Applications for 2023-2024

The financial aid application for the 2023-2024 school year is open through FACTS - <https://factsmgt.com/aid>. Financial Aid applications are due March 10, and decisions will be made in early April.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Tutoring

NJHS tutoring occurs on Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15 and is open to students in Kindergarten - Grade 3. This is an opportunity for younger students to get extra support and to get to know an older student.

Helpful Links

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

Service Hour Tracking Information - [click here](#)

Tuition for 2023-2024 - [click here](#)

2022-2023 School Calendar - [click here](#)

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