

Good afternoon SJS Community,

I want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Break. It is a great time to relax and rejuvenate. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the past 12 weeks of school and look forward to the next four weeks before Christmas. Can you believe that when we return on Monday it will be Advent?!

I am thankful for many things this year, but I would like to take a minute and thank the faculty and staff of St. John School. This year we have 37 amazing individuals who make up our professional school community. These include teachers, aides, custodians, and many other support specialists. Every one of them plays an important role in our school and is integral to our success. Together they are like a beautiful mosaic – each piece/individual unique and important to the overall structure and beauty. Together we are strong and support each other. These 37 individuals have poured their hearts and souls into St. John School this year. They have gone above and beyond in every aspect of learning and support. This year has not been easy on any of them, but they continue to adjust and thrive. I would encourage you as parents to let these teachers and staff know how much they mean to you and your family. Things like a kind word/email, a thank you, or a prayer are so meaningful and powerful.

The SJS Parent Group's 2nd annual Cash Calendar Drive is open! Calendars are \$10 and can be purchased through Venmo (@SJScanton) or with a check.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) for a calendar.

[Click here](#) for a list of exciting student prizes.

SJS Calendar

Wednesday, November 24 – Friday, November 26 – NO SCHOOL

Monday, December 6 – Picture Retake Day

Thursday, December 9 – Christmas Shoppe

Friday, December 10 – Half Day (NO AFTERCARE)

Thank you

Open Houses

We are holding Open Houses on Tuesday November 30 and Tuesday December 7 for preschool and kindergarten. They are by appointment only. Please feel free to share the attached.

Second Notices

December Lunch

[Click here](#) for the December lunch order form. Please email to sjslunch@sjscanton.org before Thursday, December 2 at noon.

Enrollment

As a reminder, preschool and kindergarten enrollment is open for new students for the 2022-2023 school year. [Click here](#) to apply and share. We do have a few open seats in preschool and possibly in kindergarten.

December Mass Schedule

Grades 6 – Thursday, December 2
Grade 2 and 3 – Tuesday, December 7
Grades 1 and 7 - Wednesday, December 8
Grades K and 8– Thursday, December 9
Grades 4 and 5 - Tuesday, December 14

Picture Retake Day

Picture retakes are for students who were absent and anyone who is unhappy with their original package. Unwanted packages will need to be brought on Picture Retake Day in exchange for a retake.

Helpful Links

Ebackpack - <https://www.sjscanton.org/e-backpack>
Service Hours Tracker - <https://tinyurl.com/SJSService21-22>
Virtus Training – to www.virtusonline.org
2021-2022 School Calendar - [Click here](#)

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