

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 about three weeks away. You will find a lot of important information on typical beginning of the year things in the Handbook (extended day, lunch, Room Parents, etc). Please take some time over the next week 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 Room Parent with questions.

### **Student-Parent Handbook**

Please find the SJS Parent-Student Handbook attached. This has up-to-date information on drop off and pick up as well as dress code. Every family must turn in a signed copy of the handbook by Friday, September 10. You can send this in with your child or email to Mrs. Sullivan ([suzanne.sullivan@sjscanton.org](mailto:suzanne.sullivan@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 quite a few changes. I will highlight some of these changes next week.

### **COVID**

While COVID continues to exist and affect our lives, it is refreshing to not have to spend an inordinate amount of time on COVID policies. We will continue to follow best practices at St. John School and Mrs. Medeiros will continue to be our point person. We are working on an in-school COVID testing program for symptomatic students and will have more details later. If a student tests positive for COVID out of school, you are required to notify Mrs. Medeiros. She will review isolation dates, guidelines and return dates. Isolation times for students with COVID will continue to be enforced, but no remote education will be offered. COVID absences will be treated the same as other sick absences. We will continue to support any student that wants to wear a mask.

### **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 will be no aftercare on half days.

### **Lunch**

We are finalizing our lunch ordering system and will have more information soon. We are attempting to have all ordering online.

### **SJS Parent Group**

Please see the attached sheet for our SJS Parent Group Executive Board. Since the end of the year, we have added Kat Belanger as Treasure-in-training.

### **Lunch Monitors**

We are excited that Meredith McLoughlin has volunteered to be our Lunch Monitor Coordinator for year.

The sign-ups for Lunch Monitors will be out very soon.

### **Room Parents**

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

### **SJS Calendar**

Wednesday, August 31 – First Day of School for Kindergarten – Grade 8

Tuesday, September 6 – First Day of School for PS and PK

### *Second Notices*

#### *Uniforms*

[Click here](#) for an email on uniforms.

[Click here](#) for 2022-2023 Uniform Policy.

#### *CORI and VIRTUS*

Please send in your CORI forms for the 2022-2023 school year. Also, if you want to volunteer you must have completed VIRTUS ([www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)).

### *Helpful Links*

*Ebackpack* - <https://www.sjscanton.org/e-backpack>  
*2022-2023 School Calendar* - [Click here](#)

Chris