

Good morning St. John School,

Welcome to August and the last four or so weeks of vacation! This week on Monday I opened my blinds for the first time in a month and let in the beautiful sunlight and fresh air. It was a great way to start the new school year! We are busy around SJS – floors are clean, teachers are in getting classrooms set, and we are finishing up the new field. This week we are also completing some required asbestos work (as a reminder, we have 6-month asbestos checks and 5-year inspections and work). This week we are rewrapping some pipes inside the walls in the janitor closet. We also continue to enroll new students. We are currently at 266 students. We have a single open kindergarten seat and a single open Grade 4 seat. This means we are 99.3% full – amazing!

Next week you will get our big summer email with information on lunch, aftercare, Student Handbook, etc. In the meantime, I have a few small updates today. Also, please remember I am always available via email to answer questions.

Also, don't forget about summer work – Reading and Khan Academy!

### **Open Positions**

We are currently searching for a part time Spanish teacher.

We are currently searching for a long-term sub for Mrs. McMillan from August 28 – November 10.

We are currently searching for a Grade 4/5 ELA teacher to start either in September or January.

If you have any leads, please let me know.

### **Open Seats**

We have two open seats. One in Kindergarten and one in Grade 4. Please share and let me know of any leads.

### **Classroom Supply Lists**

Please see attached for all classroom supply lists if needed.

### **SJS Calendar**

Wednesday, August 30 – First Day of School for Kindergarten – Grade 8

Tuesday, September 5 – First Day of School for PS and PK

### *Second Notices*

#### *New Parent Orientation*

We will be holding a New Parent Orientation on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00 in the Gym. This will be about an hour, and you will have an opportunity to ask any lingering questions and get one last tour of the building. If you are new to SJS, this is a nice opportunity to meet other new parents. We will also have gently used uniforms to take.

#### *Student Orientations*

Two other dates important dates for some families. Grade 6 Orientation will be on Tuesday, August 29 (Noon – 2:30 pm). Mrs. Bowers will be reaching out with details. Preschool/Prekindergarten Visit Days are Wednesday and Thursday, August 30 and 31. Mrs. O’Sullivan and Mrs. Brooks will be reaching out with more details.

#### *CORI and VIRTUS*

Please send in your CORI forms for the 2023-2024 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>

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

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