

Good afternoon SJS Community,

The 2021-2022 school year continues to roll on with great success. Our students are learning, growing, and having fun. Thank you for your continued support. We hope to see some of you at our Parent's Night Out event tonight from 7:00 – 10:00 in the back parking lot. Pack a cooler and we will provide some music and pizza!

Back to school nights are scheduled for next week. Your classroom teachers should be sending out Zoom links. I will send an overarching document next week.

Our test-to-stay program is now up and running. [Click here](#) to consent to COVID testing. Our preference is online completion rather than paper. As a reminder, we will use this program for asymptomatic close contacts as well as in school students with COVID-like symptoms. Please let Mrs. Medeiros or me know if you have any questions.

We are excited to announce that the SJS Drama Program will be performing a holiday musical in December. Auditions for students in grades 4 and above will start in late September and rehearsals begin in October. Mrs. Palmer will provide more details soon.

MAP testing began this week. Grades 4 – 8 are complete and Grades 2 and 3 start next week. MAP is the standardized assessment that we give twice a year. It is an adaptive test that provides us a wealth of important information. We use the data for teaching and learning as well as curriculum development. After the MAP is complete, we will celebrate our students who scored in the 99th percentile for achievement or growth in either math, reading, or language usage. As an FYI, we do retest some students if we feel their results are not representative – as we all know, sometimes we have off days.

A quick note on aftercare. Aftercare students will go to the playground after their snack each day (weather permitting). If you arrive for pickup after 3:30 there is a good chance they will be outside so parking behind the school may be best.

¼ of our families have still not turned in a signed St. John School Student-Parent Handbook. Please do this before Monday. [Click here](#) for the handbook and see attached for the signature page (page 34).

SJS Calendar

Friday, September 17 – SJS Parent Group’s Parents Night Out
Tuesday, September 21 (7:00 pm) – PS – Grade 3 Open House via Zoom
Wednesday, September 22 (7:00 pm) – Grade 4/5 Open House via Zoom
Thursday, September 23 (7:00 pm) – Grade 6 – 8 Open House via Zoom
Saturday, September 25 (9:00 – 11:00 am) – Fill a Truck
Friday, October 1 – Half Day (NO AFTERCARE)

October Lunch

The October lunch order form is attached. If you want to order lunch, please fill out and email back to sjsslunch@sjscanton.org before Thursday, September 30 at noon. This is a new email address.

Second Notices

SJS Parent Group Events

[Click here](#) for a tentative calendar of events for the SJS Parent Group.

September Mass Schedule

Grade 1 – Wednesday, September 22
Grade 3 – Thursday, September 23
K and Grade 2 – Friday, September 24

Fill a Truck – Saturday, September 25, 9-11 am SJS parking lot

Clean out your closets and help Grade 8 Fill A Truck. We will take any soft goods: clothing, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows etc. [Click here](#) for details.

Instrument Lessons

Instrument lessons will be offered this fall through Paul Effman Music and Mr. Chris Nowelski. Parents contract with the company and students have lessons during the school day. Lessons are open to

students in grade 2 (violin only) and above. The link to the online registration portal is [Pemusic.com/join](https://www.pemusic.com/join).

COVID Policies

[Click here](#) for the *DESE/DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios - SY 2021-22 (SJS)*.

Ebackpack

Visit <https://www.sjscanton.org/e-backpack> for the SJS Ebackpack.

2021-2022 School Calendar

[Click here](#) for our 2021-2022 School Calendar.

Chris