

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Today we celebrated our Medal Mass. This is the day on which we give our Grade 8 students their St. John School medals, symbolizing the beginning of the end as well as their responsibility to evangelize by loving and serving others. This is a special class of young men and women. They were our first preschool class 11 years ago and seven of them have been here the entire time. They are also a group of 29, which is an enormous number for St. John School. The last year we had more graduates was in 1993! Please keep our Grade 8 students in your prayers over this coming year.

Today we also announced our 2024-2025 Student Council. Every student who ran for these positions did an amazing job.

Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Student Council members:

Grade 4: Nora Macleod and Libby Watts

Grade 5: Anthony Polillio and Ashton White

Grade 6: Luke Erhard and Greg Medeiros

Grade 7: Sam Bishay and Lolly Popoola

Grade 8: Camryn DiFiore and Teddy Erhard

It was also wonderful seeing so many parents, both new and old at our SJS Parent Group Meeting. There are lots of amazing events coming up!

A few notes for next week.

-On Monday, we will have our first Donation Dress Down Day of the year. We are collecting money for the victims of Hurricane Helene. Students are allowed to dress down if they provide a donation. Students can bring in cash or parents can Venmo @SJScanton. We have a few organizations that we will donate to, including the American Red Cross, World Central Kitchen, and Foothills Food Hub. As a reminder, from the Student-Parent Handbook:

*On dress down days students can choose not to wear their school uniform. School wide dress down days may require a donation. Appropriate dress for school is required, including the ability to participate in gym. Clothes with inappropriate words, symbols or gestures are unacceptable. Tight, body shaping clothing is not allowed unless worn under pants, shorts, or a*

*skort. Parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing their children's clothing choices on Dress Down Days.*

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-On Wednesday, we will celebrate National Walk to School Day. Anyone who wants to walk to school with classmates should meet at Paul Revere Park between 8:00 and 8:15. We will gather and walk to school as a community at 8:15. Parents are welcome to drop students or join in the walk. We will walk up Revere Street to Washington Street then to SJS. This is always an awesome event (and those who participate get an always popular dress down pass).

## **SJS Calendar**

Monday, October 7 – Donation Dress Down Day

Tuesday, October 8 (2:45 – 3:15) – Used Uniform Table

Wednesday, October 9 – Walk to School Day

Monday, October 14 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 15 (3:30 - 5:00) – Superhero Party

## **Superhero Party**

Our annual Superhero Party hosted by Grade 8 and Ms. McGrath will return on Tuesday, October 15 from 3:15 – 5:00. PK through Grade 3 students are invited to this event. Please see the attached for details and a sign up. This is a major fundraiser for our Grade 8 students.

## **Grandparents Day**

Grandparents Day is Wednesday, October 23. Preschool through Grade 3 is at 9:30 and Grade 4 through Grade 8 is at 10:30. This is a half day

and early dismissals are very welcome. Please see attached for an official invite and an FAQ. This event is a long standing, fantastic tradition at SJS and we hope to see many of our grandparents and Special People. Students are already working on their song, and they sound great!

### **Trunk O Treat**

The SJS Parent Group will host its annual Trunk O Treat event on Saturday, October 26 in the front parking lot. See attached for details. All SJS families are welcome to this great event.

### *Second Notices*

#### *National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Tutoring*

NJHS tutoring is offered every Thursday from 3:15 – 4:15. These sessions are open to Kindergarten to Grade 2 students. Pick up is at the Main Entrance at 4:15.

#### *2025-2026 School Year*

Applications for preschool and new kindergarteners for next year are open. Please spread the word.

#### *Helpful Links*

Ebackpack - [Click here](#)

2024-2025 Calendar - [Click here](#)

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