

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Well, this is it – the big end of summer email. It means that the school year is really upon us! I apologize for the length of this email, but you will find a lot of important information on typical beginning of the year things (extended day, lunch, Room Parents, etc) as well as COVID policies. Please take some time over the next week to review the information in this email and let me know if you have any questions. We (myself and Mrs. Medeiros) will also highlight some pieces in more depth next week (drop off, pick up, COVID policies, etc). You can also always reach out to your child's teacher and/or Room Parent. One thing I will note up front is that every policy dealing with COVID is fluid and could/will be updated as new data and recommendations come out.

Parent Forum

We will have a Parent Forum next week on Monday at 7:00 pm. I will review some of the information below, but it is really an opportunity for you to ask questions and listen to questions other parents may have.

Zoom link is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81027887233>

Meeting ID: 810 2788 7233

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 and COVID policies (also referenced below). 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). This is a requirement for attendance at SJS.

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) is our Extended Day coordinator this year. There will be no aftercare on half days.

Financial Guide

Please find the updated Financial Guide for SJS. You should have already received this and your enrollment contract from Mrs. Anne Guerini our Business Manager. You can contact Mrs. Guerini at aguerini@cantoncatholic.org with any questions.

Room Parents

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

Lunch

Please find an order form for School Lunch attached. We use an outside provider, Lunch Box. Lunch is \$6 per day this year and must be ordered ahead of time using the monthly calendar attached. We had to move from \$5 to \$6 as Lunch Box increased the cost of their lunch 15% this year after a 20% increase last year. Each lunch consists of an entrée (see below for daily option), a fresh cut fruit, and snack. If you want to order lunch, please fill out and email the ordering sheet back to Mrs. Palmer (sarah.palmer@sjscanton.org) before Friday, August 27 at noon. We will then charge your FACTS account.

Monday – Hot Dog

Tuesday – Chicken Patty Roll

Wednesday – Chicken OR Steak Burrito

Thursday – Chicken Nuggets

Friday - Cheese Pizza

Lunch Monitors

Sign-ups for Lunch Monitors are now open. [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to sign up.

Mask Policy

Please find the SJS Mask Policy attached. It is also in the Student-Parent Handbook. In general, all unvaccinated students and faculty/staff will be in masks inside (except when eating). All vaccinated students/staff are strongly encouraged to be masked inside. If a vaccinated student or faculty/staff choose not to mask, they must turn in a copy of their vaccination card to Mrs. Medeiros our nurse. Mrs. Medeiros' email is tara.medeiros@sjscanton.org. All visitors to SJS will be required to wear a face mask.

COVID Policies

St. John School will follow the *DESE/DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios - SY 2021-22*. Please see attached for the document. It has been modified to remove any references to pooled testing, which SJS will not participate in. Mrs. Medeiros will be sending a more detailed email next week. Below are some highlights.

Daily Screenings

Daily screenings are a home-based commitment with students and their families monitoring their health prior to arriving at school. Anyone with symptoms from the COVID-19 symptoms list should notify Mrs. Medeiros for consultation prior to entering the school building.

Revised COVID-19 symptoms list

The official COVID-19 symptoms list follows

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Headache *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Fatigue, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) *when in combination with other symptoms*

Test to stay Program

St. John School has been approved to utilize the Test to Stay program available through DESE/DPH. This program will consist of rapid tests conducted daily for five days to monitor for COVID-19 rather than quarantine. This means that asymptomatic close contacts can remain in school and do not have to quarantine. Parents can opt in to this program in writing ahead of time or on the phone in the event of a close contact declaration.

Remote Education

St. John School will only offer remote education to students who are COVID positive or are a symptomatic close contact. Asymptomatic close contacts will not be offered remote education, instead we will strongly recommended our test to stay option, which allows students to remain in school.

SJS Calendar

Monday, August 23 (7:00 pm) – Parent Forum via Zoom

Tuesday, August 31 – Grade 6 Transition Day (Noon – 3:00)

Wednesday, September 1 - First Day for Kindergarten through Grade 8

Second Notices

School Uniform Update

-Lands' End is experiencing delays in shipping their uniforms. Some of you may be affected by this situation. If you are having trouble getting uniforms, please reach out as we may have extras and we can make accommodations for the beginning of the school year. You can also contact Rachel Khalil at rachelkhalil09@gmail.com who has a used uniform inventory.

2021-2022 School Calendar

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

Chris