

Good afternoon SJS Community,

I wanted to take a minute to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Medeiros, our school nurse. She has done an amazing job since she arrived at SJS a little over a year ago. Her loving, detail-oriented, and humorous attitude has allowed SJS to remain a place of health and safety. She has answered hundreds of questions and successfully implemented a new test-to-stay program with no support from the state. Thank you, Mrs. Medeiros, for being a part of our family and keeping us healthy!

This week we also finished our beginning of the year safety drills with a Lock Down drill and a Shelter in Place drill. We previously completed a Fire Drill. We do these drills 2-3 times a year to ensure that students and teachers know what to do in emergency situations. We want to ensure that St. John School is always a safe and secure place.

Thank you to all of our parents who joined us for our Back to School Nights. The attendance and conversation was great and we appreciate being able to share our classrooms with you.

We are excited to welcome back our enrichment program this year. This year, as in the past, we will be offering reading enrichment to some students in grades 2 through 5 (with the goal of expanding to Grade 1 in the new calendar year). Students chosen for enrichment typically read an extra book outside of school and discuss it in school with one of our specialists (Mrs. Graham, Mrs. MacLeod, Mrs. Ross). This is a wonderful program to support the growth of our thriving readers. Teachers use MAP scores as well as classroom assessments to determine enrichment students.

With the return of drama, we must make a shift in aftercare on Tuesdays. On Tuesdays, aftercare pickup will either be on the playground or at the Main Entrance. If it is nice outside, aftercare students will go to the playground at 3:20 and pickup will be there. If it is not nice outside, aftercare students will go to the library and pickup will be at the Main Entrance. You will need to ring the school doorbell (on the right) and a teacher will bring your child down.

As I mentioned in the back-to-school video, I want to make you aware of the spectacular MAP scores of our Grade 8 students. As a class they were in the 91st percentile in Language Usage, 90th percentile in math, and 81st percentile in reading. These are staggering numbers and illustrate what a spectacular class this is. Being in the 90th percentile or above as a student is great but being in the 90th percentile as a class average is almost unheard of. Congratulations Grade 8.

SJS Calendar

Saturday, September 25 (9:00 – 11:00 am) – Fill a Truck

Friday, October 1 – Half Day (NO AFTERCARE)

Wednesday, October 6 – Walk to School Day

Thursday, October 7 – Instrument Lessons Begin

Monday, October 11 – NO SCHOOL

Thank you

-Thank you to the Archibalds, Erhards, and Gannons for organizing our Parents Night Out event last week. Great fun and fellowship was had by all.

Walk to School Day

On Wednesday, October 6 we will celebrate National Walk to School Day. Anyone who wants to walk to school should meet at Paul Revere Park between 8:00 and 8:15. We will 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 and then to SJS.

Second Notices

October Lunch

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

SJS Drama

SJS Drama has announced they will be performing Elf this Christmas season! It will be a wonderful return for the drama program! See

attachment for a flyer. If you sign up your child, you will be billed through FACTS.

Health Update

Please see attached for the 9.22 Health Update which has lots of great information on COVID procedues.

SJS Parent Group Events

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

Test-to-stay

[Click here](#) to consent to COVID testing through our test-to-stay program. As a reminder, we will use this program for asymptomatic close contacts as well as in school students with COVID-like symptoms.

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