

Good afternoon SJS Community,

It was wonderful this week to welcome our preschool and prekindergarten students. We feel complete with them here. Now we are a family of 274 students, 35 faculty/staff, and many, many parents!

It was also great to welcome back a long standing SJS tradition – Book Buddies! Each of our kindergarten students gets an 8th grader to be their buddy throughout the year. It is an awesome experience that is remembered for years.

And next week we get back to attending Mass as a community. While we will not have all school masses, students in kindergarten through grade 8 will be at Mass once a month. Fr. Tom, Fr. James, and Deacon Dan are excited to welcome us to St. Oscar Romero Parish.

We would like to welcome our new gym teacher, Mrs. Laurie Chabot. Mrs. Chabot is a Canton resident and is very familiar with St. John School. We are excited to have her join our faculty.

A few quick reminders about drop off

- Starting Monday, all students should be able to walk themselves to class (including PS and PK students). This means parents leaving students at the Main Entrance. We will have extra teachers on duty Monday to support any students who need help.
- No student should walk through the parking lot without an adult – if walking to the Main Entrance, an adult must accompany them.
- There is no parking in front of St. John School for drop off. If parking, you must park in the back parking lot or across from St. John Church.

We hope to see many of you at our first social event of the year – Parent’s Night Out on Friday, September 17 from 7:00 – 10:00 in the SJS Back Parking lot. Join us for a fun night out to socialize, meet new faces, reconnect with old friends and celebrate the start of school! Listen to some music, play a lawn game, and enjoy some light food from Fire Wagon Pizza Company. Simply pack a cooler with your beverages of choice and the SJS Parents' Group will take care of the rest! Party will take place outside in the back parking lot, so that we can safely

celebrate together. In case of challenging weather, we will move inside the gym. Please go to <http://evite.me/jt6yT1YMBY> to RSVP.

The SJS Parent Group has been busy planning events for the year. Please see attached for a tentative calendar. This includes dates for Trunk or Treat, Christmas Shoppe, Grandparents Day and other awesome events. There are also two general meetings for all parents.

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

September Mass Schedule

Middle School - Thursday, September 16
Grade 4/5 – Friday, September 17
Grade 1 – Wednesday, September 22
Grade 3 – Thursday, September 23
K and Grade 2 – Friday, September 24

Canton 9/11 20-year commemoration

Please find a flyer attached which outlines the September 11 commemoration through Canton. It will take place at Revere Park.

Canton Public School Proportional Share

Any family with a child on a formal IEP may join a proportional share meeting with Canton Public Schools on Wednesday, September 15 at 9:00 am (meet.google.com/rzx-scek-upy). This yearly meeting discusses special education services provided by Canton Public Schools at SJS.

Second Notices

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 return to St. John School this fall. As in the past, we will use Paul Effman Music and Mr. Chris Nowelski. Parents contract with the company and students have lessons during the school day at SJS. We will have a demonstration day later in September. In the meantime, here is a link to their online registration portal [Pemusic.com/join](https://pemusic.com/join) . [Click here](#) for a short video that explains most of the instruments.

Student-Parent Handbook

Please return a signed copy of the Parent/Student Handbook (page 34) as soon as possible. It can be sent it to school or emailed to Mrs. Sullivan. [Click here](#) for the Student-Parent Handbook.

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