

Good afternoon SJS Community,

It was awesome welcoming back our kindergarten through grade 8 students this week. They came in ready to learn and have fun. We also were able to meet our PS and PK students. What a wonderful two days we had! Thank you for all you do in supporting this school – it makes everything better. Have a wonderful, long weekend and we are back at it on Tuesday!

This year, we will hold our Open Houses virtually, via Zoom. Teachers will send out Zoom links later. The schedule is below. We hope you can join us.

- Tuesday, September 21 (7:00 pm) – PS – Grade 3
- Wednesday, September 22 (7:00 pm) – Grade 4 and 5
- Thursday, September 23 (7:00 pm) – Grade 6 – Grade 8

I wanted to provide a few reminders about drop off. We hope to keep the line moving and reduce delays.

- Students must either be dropped in a car or walked to the front door (students cannot walk across the parking lot unattended)
- Students should exit their car as soon as the car is parallel to the gym
- Cars should pull up as far as they can to the front entrance
- Students in kindergarten and above should work on being able to get out of the car by themselves. If a parent needs to help a PS or PK student, they should do it as quickly as possible.

The Canton Board of Health has passed an Indoor Mask Mandate for all individuals aged 2 and above. This mandate will be in effect through at least December 7. This mandate supersedes any other recommendations and mandates St. John School has received, which means we will all be in masks through at least December 7.

SJS Calendar

Friday, September 3 and Monday, September 6 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 7 – First Day for PS and PK

Friday, September 17 – SJS Parent Group's Parents Night Out

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 . [Click here](#) for a short video that explains most of the instruments.

Second Notices

Parents Night Out – Friday, September 17

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 or two, 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.

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.

Student-Parent Handbook

Please return a signed copy of the Parent/Student Handbook (page 34) before Friday, September 10. It can be send 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