

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Yesterday we celebrated our kindergarten students at Kindergarten Graduation. It was a wonderful ceremony and was followed up by an awesome ukulele concert. Congratulations to this amazing class and thank you to Mrs. Miller and Ms. McGrath.

Speaking of Mrs. Miller, we hope to see many people at our End of the Year/Mrs. Miller's Retirement Mass on Friday at 9:00 am at St. Oscar Romero Church. Please share the date as we would love to see lots of alumni as well.

This afternoon teachers had their first in-depth professional development around our new Kindergarten through Grade 5 ELA series for the fall – myView (a Savvas product). There are lots of pieces that I found interesting and a good fit for SJS. The units are based on science and social studies themes and are similar across grade level, increasing in complexity as students get older. This creates a nice, multidisciplinary approach to reading and writing, which are tied together with bridge activities. Another great piece is that each unit ends with a project-based inquiry that helps students apply skills learned to real world situations. The student books are consumable and bright with lots of graphic organizers and high level stories. There are also lots of additional pieces like leveled readers and intervention strategies. While implementing a new ELA series is a huge task, our teachers are excited and up to the challenge.

Please remember that the SJS Parent Group will be hosting Cardio for Kieran on Sunday, June 11 at 8:00 am in the gym! It is one hour of fun and sweat by a certified fitness instructor at Lifetime Fitness. 100% of proceeds benefit Kieran Whall and his family. This special event is open to all (18+), so please invite your friends! [Click here](#) to register.

We are excited to announce that we have hired Mrs. Trish Saponaro as our Grade 1 aide for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Saponaro lives in Canton where she has served as the President of the Mom's Club of Canton. She has a degree in Business Administration from the University of Kansas and has worked in the Lifetime Fitness children's

program for the past 5 years. We are excited for Mrs. Saponaro to join Mrs. Hart on our Grade 1 team for next year.

Also, Mr. Sabella will not be returning to St. John School next week. His last day was Wednesday.

SJS Calendar

Saturday, June 10 (9:00 am – Noon) – Fill a Truck - [click here](#) for a flyer.

Wednesday, June 14 (9:00 am) – Step Up Day

Thursday, June 15 – Field Day

Friday, June 16 – Last Day of School, Half Day, All School Mass (9:00 am)

Second Notices

SJS Open Positions for 2023-2024

[Click here](#) for Spanish details.

[Click here](#) for Grade 4/5 Long-Term Sub details.

SJS Uniform – 2023-2024

Please [click here](#) for the 2023-2024 SJS dress code policy. Lands' End will also have a sale in July - [click here](#) for details.

Field Day Rosters

St. John School Field Day will occur on Thursday, June 15. Your child should dress in the color of their team on Field Day. [Click here](#) for a list of teams. Students are provided a pizza lunch so no need to bring a lunch. This is not a parent event.

CORI Form and VIRTUS for 2023-2024 School Year

Volunteers at SJS you must fill out a CORI every year. [Click here](#) for the CORI form and return original to Mrs. Sullivan. Volunteers also must complete VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children (www.virtusonline.org). There will be a VIRTUS training at St. Oscar Romero Church on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm.

Helpful Links

Ebackpack - <https://www.sjscanton.org/e-backpack>

Service Hour Tracking Information - [click here](#)

2022-2023 School Calendar - [click here](#)

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