

Good afternoon SJS Community,

This week we were able to welcome back a few SJS traditions. Our Walk to School on Wednesday was amazing. We had over 160 students walk to school. It was a great turnout. On Thursday we brought instrument lessons back to SJS. It was particularly great to see our grade 1 students start to learn the ukulele. Also on Thursday, we celebrated our Medal Mass. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders received their St. John the Evangelist medal and were commissioned to do great work this year. They are a spectacular group of students and individuals. Today was our first dress down day of the year and field trips returned (grades 1 and 2 went to Ward's Berry). While this year may not be normal, we are still making memories the SJS way!

Please keep an eye out for parent volunteer opportunities from our SJS Parent Group. It seems like every time an opportunity goes out, it fills up extremely quickly! This is great but I also realize difficult/stressful for some. We have been exploring other service opportunities and have made a significant change in service hour requirements. We will now count parent volunteering in the classroom as well as on field trips toward your service hour requirement (previously we did not do this). This means parent volunteers for field trips like Ward's Berry and Plimoth Plantation get service hour credit. This also means that anyone who volunteers in the classroom as a result of a teacher request will receive hours as well. This is a change that should help many families. Please remember that to volunteer at SJS you must have an active CORI and be VIRTUS trained. If you volunteer for a field trip or in a classroom, you will need to record your hours at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSService2021>. Please keep this link accessible for this year.

## **SJS Calendar**

Monday, October 11 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 12 – Picture Day

Friday, October 22 – Super Hero Party (3:30 – 5:00 pm)

**Thank you**

-Thank you to Michelle Mullin and Grade 7 for providing the refreshments for our Medal Mass gathering.

### **Super Hero Party**

Join our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders for a Super Hero Party on Friday, October 22 from 3:30 – 5:00. This is an annual event and is a fundraiser for 8<sup>th</sup> grade spring trip. Students in PK through Grade 3 are invited. Please return the attached to Mrs. Miller by Friday, October 15. You will be billed \$20 through FACTS after the party.

### **Second Notices**

#### *Picture Day*

SJS Picture Day is Tuesday, October 12. All students should be in full uniform. Students will be bringing home order forms. You can also order online with Lifetouch at <http://www.my.lifetouch.com>. Use code EVT87WXP.

#### *SJS Parent Group Survey*

If you haven't, please take a few minutes to fill out our SJS Parent Group survey at <https://forms.gle/5qwxGJ9XUuHCvUKY6>.

#### *Trunk or Treat*

The SJS annual Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 30 in our front parking lot. Set up will occur from 5:30 to 6:00 and trick or treating is from 6:00 – 8:00. Dress up in a costume, decorate your car, and hand out treats. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

#### *October Health Update*

[Click here](#) for the October Health Office Update.

#### *October Mass Schedule*

Grade 6/7 – Tuesday, October 12  
Grades 4/5 – Tuesday, October 19  
Grade 2/3 – Thursday, October 21  
Grade 1 – Tuesday, October 26  
Kindergarten – Thursday, October 28

*VIRTUS*

All volunteers at SJS must complete a VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children training. Please log on to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and sign up for a training session. You will need to create an ID and find a session. After completion, email Mrs. Sullivan a copy of your certificate. If you plan to volunteer at St. John School, including being a lunch monitor and going on field trips, this must be completed by Thanksgiving. If you are new to SJS and have already completed VIRTUS, please provide Mrs. Sullivan with a copy of your certificate.

*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