

Good afternoon SJS Community,

I am excited to welcome our new parents to St. John School tonight for New Parent Orientation. It will be a nice time to learn more about the ins and outs of St. John School. We will also have gently used uniforms to pick through.

I would like to officially welcome Mrs. Sheila Neeser to the SJS staff. She will serve as our Spanish Assistant for the year, which entails overseeing the Rosetta Stone program and being in Spanish classes. Mrs. Neeser has a wonderful background in education as she was a grade 1 and 2 teacher for over 15 years and has been a Religious Education Teacher at St. Oscar Romero. She knows SJS well in that she also served as a substitute teacher with us last year.

The Performing Arts teacher that we hired in the spring, Ms. Symington, has decided that she can no longer fill the role for the school year. We have therefore opened a new search. Please send me any leads. It is a part time, two day a week position teaching music/performing arts.

I am hoping to have an update on the Grade 4/5 Long Term substitute for Mrs. McMillan by the end of the week.

Today, I am going to review drop off and pick up procedures.

St. John School hours are 8:40 a.m. to 3:10 pm. (PS and PK dismissal is at 3:00). For half days, dismissal is at 12:00 for K – Grade 8 and 11:45 for PS and PK.

### **Arrival**

Parents will enter from Washington Street, drive next to the Church and then loop around in the parking lot near St. John School. Drop off begins at 8:20 and Dr Flieger will be at the Main Entrance to greet students. Students will exit their car on the school side (passenger) as soon as their car is parallel to the gym and not before the doors open. Students must be able to independently get out of the car (without parent's help). If a student cannot independently get out of their car, parents should park and walk them to the Main Entrance. Students will enter through

the Main Entrance. Parents dropping off children must follow the traffic cones and rules in the parking lot.

Parents or families who want to walk their child(ren) to the door may park in the spaces across from the church or in the back of the gym. Parents must accompany their children to the Main Entrance - children may not walk through the parking lot unattended. The adult who brings the student to school must remain with them until the doors open. Bus students will enter school through the side door.

When students enter the building, they will go directly to their classroom. Announcements and attendance will be taken at 8:40 a.m. Any student not in their classroom by the 8:40 bell is considered tardy. Parents of kindergarten and above students may walk their child to their classroom on the first day of school. Parents of PS and PK students may walk their children to their classroom the first week of school, if necessary.

## **Dismissal**

### *Kindergarten through grade 8*

The school day concludes at 3:10 p.m. Students will be dismissed through the Gym. The front gym door will open at 3:10. Parents must park, enter through the Gym doors, and escort their child(ren) out of the school building through the side alley door of the Gym (not through the back entrance which is reserved for bus riders). Students not picked up by 3:15 will be sent to aftercare.

### *Preschool and Prekindergarten*

The school day concludes at 3:00 pm. Students will be dismissed to their parents or guardians. Preschool and prekindergarten students will be dismissed at the Side Door. Students not picked up by 3:10 will be sent to aftercare.

### *Additional Notes*

- Cars may not drive down the side alley of the school.
- Grade 5 through grade 8 students and their siblings (grade 2 and above) will be allowed to walk to the Canton Public Library after school. A teacher will accompany students to Washington Street.
- Grade 5 through 8 may ride their bikes to and from school independently. There is a bike rack near the Main Entrance.

-No student will be dismissed after 2:45 unless an emergency occurs.

## **SJS Calendar**

Wednesday, August 30 – First Day of School for Kindergarten – Grade 8

Tuesday, September 5 – First Day of School for PS and PK

Friday, September 8 (9:00 am) – Opening of the Year Mass

Wednesday, September 13 (6:00 pm) – Back to School Night (PK – G5)

Friday, September 15 – HALF DAY

Wednesday, September 20 (6:00 pm) – Back to School Night (PS and Middle School)

### *Second Notices*

#### *Lunch*

Lunch ordering for September is open through FACTS and will close on Friday, August 25 at noon. Lunches are \$7/lunch and will include an entrée, fresh fruit, and a snack. Please remember to go through the entire process and pay for the lunches. Our weekly entrée menu will be:

Monday – Cheeseburger

Tuesday – Hot Dog (Beef)

Wednesday – Chicken Tenders

Thursday – Mozzarella Sticks

Friday – Cheese Pizza (two slices)

In addition, Cheese Quesadillas and Caesar Salads will be available every day for order.

#### *Blood Drive*

SJS will be hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 20- from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. This is in honor of our own Kieran Whall as well as to support Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (September). To make an appointment, go to [www.bostonbchildrens.org/halfpints](http://www.bostonbchildrens.org/halfpints) and use the sponsor code STJOHN.

*Student-Parent Handbook*

[Click here](#) for the SJS Parent-Student Handbook. Every family must turn in a signed copy of the handbook by Friday, September 8.

*Extended Day*

[Click here](#) for information on our Extended Day (before and after care).

*Classroom Supply Lists*

[Click here](#) for all classroom supply lists if needed.

*CORI and VIRTUS*

Please send in your CORI forms for the 2023-2024 school year. Also, if you want to volunteer you must have completed VIRTUS ([www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)).

*Helpful Links*

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

2023-2024 Calendar - [Click here](#)

Chris