

Good afternoon SJS Community,

It is great to see lots of teachers in the building getting ready for the school year as well as students getting together for their grade level summer meet ups. You can feel the energy of the school year coming back into the building. It is like St. John School is waking up from a nice summer nap! Lots of good updates today.

Lunch Monitor sign ups went out last week. [Click here](#) to sign up. Being a lunch monitor is both a great way to do your SJS Service Hours as well as interact with our wonderful students.

Back to School Night dates have been set.

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

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

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.bostonchildrens.org/halfpints and use the sponsor code STJOHN. See attached for details.

As a reminder, our SJS school calendar is connected to the Family Portal of FACTS SIS. This will provide you access to all our events in one place (the Calendar Tab under School on the Family Portal).

Today, I will highlight some pieces of our dress code from the Student-Parent Handbook.

Our uniform distributor is Lands' End. Uniforms may be ordered online at www.landsend.com (School Code - 900192469). You can also start at the Lands' End "Get Started" page by [clicking here](#). If you haven't ordered uniforms yet, please reach out to us for support.

We will again start the school year with a concerted effort to enforce dress code. Please review the dress code in the Handbook with your child(ren) - see attached. Parents/guardians should enforce the dress code at home - you are our partners in this effort. There are a few

minor shifts in the Handbook this year which were noted in the spring, including allowable sock colors and clarifying knee socks/tights to be worn with the skort. Beyond the official uniform, we use the rule of thumb that dress should not be a distraction to others or self. A few things to remember about the Dress Code -

- Stud earrings, a watch, a simple medal and/or a cross on a necklace are the only pieces of jewelry allowed
- Minimal nail polish is allowed – all nails must be a single solid color and not peeling, other nail accessories are not allowed (including fake nails or acrylics)
- Students may not change their hair color – only their natural hair color is acceptable (this means no dying, highlighting, or frosting of hair) and hair should not interfere with vision or distract others.
- Chino style/flare legs/skinny jeans/leggings are not allowed
- Dark belts are required for Grades 2 through 8
- If a student wears a skort, they only have the option of wearing gray, navy blue, or maroon knee socks/tights (solid color)
- Dark socks (black or blue) are required with dress shoes
- White or black socks are required for sneakers and must be able to be seen above the top of the shoe
- Sneakers must be white, black, or gray (no light-up sneakers, no sneakers with wheels, no sparkles, no bright/other colors) with white or black shoelaces
- Shirts must be always tucked in
- The Warm Weather Uniform Option (mainly shorts) is available from September through October and April through June
- Only St. John School sweaters or sweatshirts are allowed in the building during the winter months
- Any St. John School t-shirt may be worn for gym class
- For gym class, white, black, or gray sneakers that are laced and tie are required (no slip-on sneakers or shoes), white or black shoelaces
- On dress down days students can choose not to wear their school uniform. Appropriate dress for school is required, including the ability to participate in gym. Tight, body shaping clothing is not allowed unless worn under pants, shorts, or a skort. Shorts may not be worn on dress down days unless they are “in season.”

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 (PS – G5)

Friday, September 15 – HALF DAY

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

Second Notices

Open Positions

We are currently searching for a School Nurse.

We are currently searching for a long-term sub for Mrs. McMillan from August 28 – November 10.

We are currently searching for a part time proctor for Spanish class.

We are currently searching for a Grade 4/5 ELA teacher to start either in September or January.

If you have any leads, please let me know.

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.

Spirit wear Ordering

Spirit wear ordering for the fall is open through Arrow Sports. Order by August 20. <https://sjs2324.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

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).

New Parent Orientation

We will be holding a New Parent Orientation on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00 in the Gym. This will be about an hour, and you will have an opportunity to ask any lingering questions and get one last tour of the building. If you are new to SJS, this is a nice opportunity to meet other new parents. We will also have some gently used uniforms to share.

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).

Helpful Links

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

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

Chris