

Good morning SJS Community,

This time of summer is always a unique time. Teachers are in and out of the building getting their classroom ready. We get to catch up about the summer and look forward to the school year. The school looks amazing – clean and organized – but eerily quiet. It is like the building is just waiting to welcome students back as it has done for 65 years. If I could tell you anything today, it is that St. John School is ready. We are ready to welcome our students back for another school year. We are excited to pull them into our loving embrace! On Wednesday, when students finally arrive, this building will again transform into a true school community. Enjoy the next few days and we will see you soon.

A few reminders today:

-A great resource for our parents is the Ebackpack section of our website. All past communications and attachments are housed there so it is a great place to visit for something you may have missed or misplaced. Visit <https://www.sjscanton.org/e-backpack> to check it out.

-[Click here](#) to review the St. John School Revised Mask Policy. Simply put, we will all be in masks starting on Wednesday.

-[Click here](#) to review the St. John School Drop Off Procedure.

-[Click here](#) to review the St. John School Pick Up Procedure.

SJS Calendar

Tuesday, August 31 – Grade 6 Transition Day (Noon – 3:00)

Wednesday, September 1 - First Day for Kindergarten through Grade 8

Thursday, September 2 – Visit Day for PS/PK

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

Tuesday, September 7 – First Day for PS and PK

Parent Social Event

The SJS Parent Group will be hosting a Parent Social Event on Friday, September 17 in the back parking lot of SJS. More details to come but please save the date.

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. See attached for details.

Second Notices

Lunch

[Click here](#) for the September School Lunch form. Lunch is \$6 per day this year and must be ordered ahead of time using the monthly calendar attached. If you want to order lunch, please fill out and email the ordering sheet back to Mrs. Palmer (sarah.palmer@sjscanton.org) before Friday, August 27 at noon. We will then charge your FACTS account.

Parent Consent

Parent consent for Test-to-stay COVID testing is available in both paper form and electronically. [Click here](#) for paper consent and return to Tara Medeiros School Nurse if you would like your child to participate. Shortly, there will be an online platform to sign up online- more information to come.

Lunch Monitors

Sign-ups for Lunch Monitors are now open. [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to sign up. You can also contact Sheri O'Neil at sjshasalunchcoordinatorcontact@gmail.com for more information.

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 10. You can send this in with your child or email to Mrs. Sullivan (suzanne.sullivan@sjscanton.org).

Extended Day

[Click here](#) for a handout on our Extended Day (before and after care) attached. Extended day is a drop in program that opens at 7:15 each morning and ends at 5:30 each evening. The cost is \$10 per child per hour. Ms. McGrath (caroline.mcgrath@sjscanton.org) is our Extended Day coordinator this year. There will be no aftercare on half days.

Room Parents

[Click here](#) Room Parent list attached.

COVID Policies

[Click here](#) for the *DESE/DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios - SY 2021-22 (SJS)*.

2021-2022 School Calendar

[Click here](#) for our 2021-2022 School Calendar.

Chris