

Good afternoon SJS Community,

It was wonderful celebrating Mass with our school community this morning. Thank you to Grade 7 for their leadership. Each month one of our grades leads our school at Mass, particularly doing the readings.

This week and next we are starting up some of our wonderful SJS activities. Book Buddies and all school Mass were this week. Drama will also begin soon. As you will see below, afterschool clubs will begin in later September as will instrument lessons. We are also excited that National Junior Honor Society will begin tutoring soon and we are bringing back our Student Council. Lots of awesome SJS activities on the horizon!

MAP testing will begin next week (Middle School) and will continue through the end of September. MAP is the standardized assessment that we give twice a year. It is an adaptive test that provides us a wealth of important information. We use the data for teaching and learning as well as curriculum development. After the MAP is complete, we will celebrate our students who scored in the 99th percentile for achievement or growth in either math, reading, or language usage. As an FYI, we do retest some students if we feel their results are not representative – as we all know, sometimes we have off days. Families receive MAP results in the spring after the second testing and a full year of growth. We have also begun using an assessment called MAP Fluency with our kindergarten through Grade 2 students. This assessment gives us some quick data around phonemic awareness and the building blocks of reading.

SJS Calendar

Tuesday, September 13 – Picture Day (all students in full uniform)

Tuesday, September 13 (6:00 pm) – Back to School Night (Preschool – Grade 5)

Thursday, September 15 – Band Demonstration

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

Friday, September 23 – Half Day

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool Clubs will start at the end of September. Please see the attached for our fall offerings – Sports and Games, Crocheting/Arts and Crafts, Board Games, Flag Football, Field Hockey. Forms need to be turned in to Mrs. Miller by September 21 and families will be charged through FACTS.

Picture Day

Picture Day is this Tuesday. All students must be in their full uniform. Students should have brought home ordering forms this week. Order before Picture Day at mylifetouch.com (Code – EVTHKW7C9).

Instrument Lessons

On Thursday we will have our instrument demonstrations for students. They will get to experience the instruments that we offer lessons for. Instrument lessons are offered through Paul Effman Music and our director is Mr. Chris Nowselski. Lessons are on Thursdays during the school day. Please see the attached sheet for details (please note - we do not offer violins for grade 1 until the spring as all grade 1 students take ukulele lessons as a whole class in the fall). You can also visit the website - <http://www.pemusic.com/join>.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night for Preschool through Grade 5 is Tuesday. We will meet in the Gym at 6:00 for a short presentation. At 6:15 we will release parents to classrooms. Each teacher will present information on their class twice. The first session is 6:20-6:50. The second session is 6:50 – 7:20. Teachers will then remain in their classrooms until 7:45 if you have additional questions or need to get to a third teacher. We structure Back to School Night this way so families can visit multiple grades if needed.

Second Notices

St. John School Drama Club Presents Peter Pan Jr.

St. John School Drama Club will present *Peter Pan Jr.* on Friday, November 18 and Saturday November 19 at 7:00 pm. [Click here](#) for rehearsal information. This production is open to Grades 5 – 8.

October Lunch Ordering

Lunch ordering for October is now open through FACTS. It will close on Thursday, September 29 at noon.

August Health Office Newsletter

[Click here](#) for the August Health Office Newsletter.

Lunch Monitor Sign Ups

[Click here](#) to sign up for being a lunch monitor. Being a lunch monitor is both a great way to do your SJS Service Hours as well as interact with our wonderful students.

Student-Parent Handbook

[Click here](#) for the 2022-2023 Student-Parent Handbook. Every family must turn in a signed copy of the handbook by Friday, September 9. You can send this in with your child or email to Mrs. Sullivan (suzanne.sullivan@sjscanton.org).

CORI and VIRTUS

Please send in your CORI forms for the 2022-2023 school year. Also, if you want to volunteer you must have completed VIRTUS (www.virtusonline.org). [Click here](#) for a CORI form.

Helpful Links

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

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

Chris