

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Today for our professional development, St. John School is receiving training from Ratio Risk Services, a partner of the Archdiocese of Boston Office of Risk Management. This training relates to violent intruder and active shooter situations. The goal is to enhance adaptability and critical thinking in emergency situations by providing participants confidence in their ability to protect themselves and those they care for in the face of a violent situation. The training will help us ensure that the SJS safety and security policies are rigorous and up-to-date. We are also happy to have the Canton Police Department and Police Chief Helena Rafferty attending. This creates an important connection for SJS.

Please keep our 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your prayers over the coming week as they complete their St. John School journey. On Monday they are headed to New York City for an adventure. On Wednesday, we have their penultimate celebration – Class Night. On Thursday, they graduate and join the thousands of alumni of St. John School!

We have finished general MAP testing for Kindergarten through Grade 8. Next week we will finish any remaining makeups and then proceed to retesting. At SJS we retest select students who do not show expected growth from the fall. There are numerous reasons this may occur, and retesting helps us determine the why behind the data. Sometimes students are sick, have allergies, or just had an off day and the retest shows what they accurately know. Other times, students just did not try very hard or lacked focus and a retest is a new opportunity to show what you know. And other times this lack of growth can be related to classroom instructional and/or curriculum. If this is the case, we want to attack the issue in the future. No matter what the reason, a retest provides us more information on the pathway forward to ensure growth and success for all students. We do not reach out to parents if a retest occurs.

There is still space in our Summer Camps, particularly Drama for Week 1 and STEM for Week 2. Send in sign-ups to myself or Mrs. Sullivan as soon as possible.

**SJS Calendar**

Monday, May 22 (8:45 am) – May Crowning in Mary Garden

Thursday, May 25 – Last NJHS After School Tutoring

Thursday, May 25 (6:00 pm @ St. Oscar Romero) – SJS Graduation

Monday, May 29 – NO SCHOOL

Thursday, June 1 (7:00 – 9:00 pm) - SJS Parent Group Wine and Cheese Thank you/Annual Meeting

**SJS Parent Group Wine and Cheese Thank you/Annual Meeting**

Save the date of Thursday, June 1 for the SJS Parent Group Wine and Cheese Thank you/Annual Meeting in the gym.

**Grade 8 Fill a Truck**

Grade 8 will sponsor a Fill a Truck event on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 am – Noon in front of the school. Clean out your closets for SJS! See attached.

*Second Notices*

*SJS Open Positions for 2023-2024*

[Click here](#) for Grade 1 Aide details.

*CORI Form for 2023-2024 School Year*

If you want to volunteer at SJS you must fill out a CORI every year. [Click here](#) for the CORI form and return original to Mrs. Sullivan.

*VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children*

St. Oscar Romero Parish is hosting a VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children Session on Thursday, June 1 for anyone that has not taken the course. Visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to sign up.

*Service Hours*

Service hours need to be entered into FACTS (even those that will occur after May 26 but before June 15) by Friday, May 26. [Click here](#) for an explanation on how to enter them into FACTS. We will charge families

who have not completed their hours during the week of June 5 in FACTS. As a reminder, every family must perform 20 hours of service each year (with limited exceptions). Failure to do so will result in a prorated \$750.00 penalty charge, which will be charged through the FACTS incidental billing system.

### *Cardio for Kieran*

The SJS Parent Group will be hosting Cardio for Kieran! One hour of fun and sweat by a certified fitness instructor at Lifetime Fitness. 100% of proceeds benefit Kieran Whall and his family. This special event is open to all (18+), so please invite your friends! [Click here](#) to register.

### *Helpful Links*

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

*Service Hour Tracking Information* - [click here](#)

*2022-2023 School Calendar* - [click here](#)

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