

Good afternoon SJS Community,

I am excited to welcome our new parents to St. John School tomorrow (Thursday) for New Parent Orientation. It will be a nice time to learn more about the ins and outs of St. John School.

As a reminder, our SJS school calendar has now been 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). Also in FACTS, please make sure that you have Emergency Pick Up Contacts in FACTS, particularly if you are using aftercare. This can be done under the Family Demographic Form in Web Forms.

Today, I will highlight some pieces of our dress code. If you don't know, this is one of my least favorite subjects – so much so that it has become a running joke!

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.

As I mentioned at the end of last school year, we will start the school year with a concerted effort to enforce dress code. Please review the dress code with your children ([Click here](#) for Handbook). Parents/guardians should enforce the dress code at home, and we believe you are our partners in this effort. There are some changes/clarifications of dress code policies in the Handbook, including types of shoes, colors of socks, allowable jewelry, and dress down procedures. We are also, for the first time, allowing limited fingernail polish. 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 socks or tights (solid color)
- Dark socks (black or blue) are required with dress shoes
- White 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 shirts) is available from September to October and from the Monday following April vacation to the end of the school year.
- Only St. John School sweaters or sweatshirts are allowed 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.”
- No Scholastic or JB Pride uniform pieces are allowed

SJS Calendar

Thursday, August 18 – New Parent Orientation (6:30 – 7:30)

Monday, August 29 – Grade 6 Orientation

Wednesday, August 31 – First Day of School for Kindergarten – Grade 8

Thursday, September 1 – PS and PK Visit Day

Friday, September 2 – Monday, September 5 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 6 – First Day of School for PS and PK

Friday, September 9 – School Mass (9:00 am)

Preschool Half Day Dismissal

With the shift of preschool eating lunch in the gym with other students, we have had to shift their lunch time to 11:30. This also means that our preschool half day program will move to an 11:30 dismissal. Mrs. O’Sullivan will be in touch with more details.

Second Notices

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. Lunch monitors are such an integral part of our St. John School community.

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

Extended Day

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

Uniforms

[Click here](#) for an email on uniforms.
[Click here](#) for 2022-2023 Uniform Policy.

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