

Good morning SJS Community,

Welcome to August. I hope that everyone is having an amazing summer – lots of sun and fun . . . and reading and math. We have been busy at SJS giving our building a deep clean and making sure all our technology is up to date (thank you Mr. Hall). The school looks great and some teachers are already getting their classrooms ready for September.

As you have probably seen, the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (as well as the Catholic Schools Office) have released recommendations for masking for the fall. We are in the midst of digesting this information and do not have any final details yet. We are also waiting for more information about distancing and COVID testing/close contact recommendations. Our goal is to have more information out to you next week.

In the next two weeks you will also receive our welcome to 2021-2022 email with lots of information for the new year including extended day (which we will have), lunch, drop off/pick up and other important policies.

We will have a New Parents Orientation Zoom meeting for new parents on Wednesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm. Please join us at Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83424009085>  
Meeting ID: 834 2400 9085

We will also schedule an open forum for all families later this month. There are still a lot of moving parts for the fall, but we are prepared!

I know that many families in Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 5 have been anxiously awaiting cohort assignments for the fall. They are attached. We do not anticipate that these will change unless enrollment shifts in the particular grade. Grade 6 cohorts are a bit more complicated since each student will have two cohorts (one for math/science and one for ELA/History/Theology) as well as being with the entire class for specials (including Spanish). We will give grade 6 students their schedules/cohort assignments at Grade 6 Orientation Day on August 30.

As always, we are here if you need anything.

### **SJS Calendar**

Wednesday, August 18 (7:00 pm) – New Parent Orientation

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

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

### **Second Notices**

*2021-2022 School Calendar*

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Chris