

Good afternoon St. John School,

Catholic Schools Week is next week. This is a time to celebrate Catholic education around the nation. Please see below for details on the week.

This week we began rapid at home testing with teachers. We had 39 teachers and staff sign up and this testing caught two COVID cases. This shows that rapid at home testing is effective in preventing COVID in our school. Next week we will begin rapid at home testing for students. If you have not opted into rapid at home testing, please take the opportunity at <https://forms.gle/uZJ1LUY33ujDa6H57>.

Next week we will end our test to stay program and contact tracing. I will email you on the day we make this shift (it will be the day that we receive our student at home rapid tests). Our remote option will revert to its original policy on Tuesday, February 1, which means that only COVID positive students may access Zoom. Also on Tuesday, vaccinated students who are close contacts outside of school will be allowed in school.

Term 2 report cards went out this afternoon via RenWeb. You should have received an email. Report cards can also be accessed through the RenWeb Family Portal. Congratulations to our Term 2 Middle School Honor Roll students – see attached.

I want to offer another reminder about drop off and pick up, particularly as the weather worsens. For drop off, if you are walking your child to the Main Entrance, a parent must walk all the way to the front door with their child. We also have rolling drop so once you turn with the gym to your right side, students should exit their car. For middle school pick up, parents must park, leave their car, and walk over to the grass to pick up their child. No middle schooler may walk in the parking lot unattended.

My final reminder – please make sure your child has appropriate winter clothing. This includes a warm coat, hat, and gloves. We will be going outside as often as we can. If your child wears boots to school, they must also bring appropriate shoes to change in to in the building.

SJS Calendar

Friday, January 28 – Report Cards

January 30 – February 6 – Catholic Schools Week

Thank you

SJS Drama Club Presents Shrek

The SJS Drama Club is excited to present Shrek: The Musical on May 6 and 7. Auditions are open to students in grades 5 through 8 and will occur the week of February 14. Please return the attached to Mrs. Palmer.

Note: The SJS Drama Club will have a Grade 3/4 musical in May/June.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) will occur next week. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. Each day we have a specific theme:

Monday – Celebrate our Students

Tuesday – Celebrate our Community

Wednesday – Celebrate our Parents

Thursday – Celebrate our Parish

Friday – Celebrate our Teachers

We have a few special activities during the week

-Monday (2:00 pm) – St. John School Walk

-Tuesday (9:00 am Mass) – Presentation of the Fr. McLellan Award

-Tuesday (2:00 pm) – Geography Bee

-Thursday (2:00 pm) – Spelling Bee

We will also have two dress down days during the week.

-Monday is a general dress down day

-Friday is "Dress Like a Teacher Day"

Also, our CSW Mass schedule is below.

Grades 4, 5, and 6 – Tuesday, February 1

Grades 1 and 7 – Wednesday, February 2

Grades K and 8 – Thursday, February 3

Grade 2 and 3 – Friday, February 4

Second Notices

SJS Summer Camps

SJS will be offering summer camps the weeks of June 20 and June 27. Click here for more information and click here for a sign up.

LetGoYourMind Lego/STEM summer camps will also be offered at SJS the weeks of July 25 and August 1. Click here for more information.

March 18 Half Day

On Friday, March 18, SJS will have a half day for teacher development. This half day was not on our original school calendar. There will be no aftercare and no PM buses. I apologize for this late notice.

Financial Aid Applications for 2022-2023

The financial aid application for the 2022-2023 school year is now available through FACTS. Please log on to <https://factsmgmt.com/aid>. If you already have an account, just sign in. If you are applying for financial aid for the first time, you will need to create an account and select St. John School, Canton. Financial Aid applications are due March 4 and we will make decisions by the end of March.

Helpful Links

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

Service Hours Tracker - <https://tinyurl.com/SJSService21-22>

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

Chris