

Good afternoon SJS Community,

We had an awesome two days at St. John School. It was great seeing so many smiling faces in the halls. My favorite part is when a new student says how great the day was. And this is just the beginning. Next week we welcome in our preschool and prekindergarten to complete our family.

Today was our first day of STEM for some students. This year is our first year of having STEM as a special and Mrs. Zessis has put together a great curriculum. I am excited to see this program grow. The only other major academic change we have instituted is we are now using the program Handwriting Without Tears in preschool through Grade 5. This will give our handwriting program more continuity and the curriculum links well with ELA. Another subtle change you will see at SJS is that Mrs. Fleming, our Guidance Counselor, will now be working with Grade 1 and above once a week using the Second Step Program. Second Step is a holistic approach to Social Emotional Learning. It is also a wonderful way for our students to get to know our Guidance Counselor.

Next week we also celebrate our first all school Mass on Friday at 9:00. Any parents are more than welcome to join us. Grade 7 will be leading us.

### **SJS Calendar**

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)

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)

**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. Please see attached for try out and 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.

*Second Notices*

*August Health Office Newsletter*

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

*Back to School Nights*

We have scheduled our fall Back to School Nights, which are wonderful times for parents to hear from teachers about what to expect from the upcoming year. They are also a great opportunity to get to see where your children are learning. This year, Back to School Night for Preschool through Grade 5 will be on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm and Back to School Night for Middle School will be on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00 pm. More details will follow.

*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 9. You can send this in with your child or email to Mrs. Sullivan ([suzanne.sullivan@sjscanton.org](mailto: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](mailto:caroline.mcgrath@sjscanton.org)) is our Extended Day coordinator this year. There will be no aftercare on half days.

### *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](http://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