

Good afternoon SJS Community,

Two amazing days down and now a nice four-day break. Have fun enjoying the last bits of summer (although they say we are in for a warm fall).

We are excited to welcome our entire school back on Tuesday. Preschool and prekindergarten families are welcome to walk their child(ren) into the classroom for the first week if needed. Kindergarten through Grade 8 students should be able to enter the school on their own starting on Tuesday.

Back to School Night for Prekindergarten through Grade 5 is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17. Back to School Night for Middle School is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24. More details on the structure of the night will follow soon.

Two quick reminders about drop off - all students in the drop off line should be able to independently get themselves out of their car and exit on the school side. Parents are always welcome to park and walk their child(ren) to the front door – although please remember to park behind the school or across from the Church. Today's drop off was awesome by the way!

Also, a note on pickup – please park in a legal parking spot. In the front, they are clearly marked. In the back, you can also park on the driveway going out to Revere Street, but not coming in. We will continue to monitor pick up and adjust as needed.

As an FYI, gym days are as follows:

-Monday – Kindergarten, G2, G5, G6, G7, G8

-Wednesday – Preschool, Prekindergarten, G1, G3, G4

Also, families are always welcome to join SJS for all school Masses. Each Mass will be led by a grade – they will read the petitions and readings, bring up the gifts, and welcome people to Church. Our first school Mass is Friday, September 6 at 9:00 am at St. Oscar Romero Church.

SJS Calendar

Monday, September 2 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 3 - First Day of School for Preschool and Prekindergarten

Thursday, September 5 (8:40 am) - Back to School Coffee and Muffins with the SJS Parent Group (Mary Garden)

Friday, September 6 (9:00 am) – Mass (led by Grade 8)

Tuesday, September 10 – Picture Day

Picture Day

Picture Day is Wednesday, September 10. All students must be in their full uniform. Students will bring home ordering forms next week. Order before Picture Day at mylifetouch.com (Code – EVT74D2M4).

Instrument Lessons

St. John School will again use Paul Effman Music for instrument lessons this year. Mr. Chris Nowselski will return as well. We will have an instrument demo next week and lessons will begin in late September. Please see attached for a sign up. Lessons take place during the day and are available to Grades 2 and above. Grade 1 will take ukulele lessons in the fall and Kindergarten in the spring.

Lands' End Labor Day Sale

Lands' End will hold a Labor Day Sale – see attached for information.

Child Find

Please see attached for a Child Find Notice from Canton Public Schools. It is the responsibility of the Canton Public Schools to identify any child who may have a disability who is either a resident of Canton or who attends a private school within the geographic boundaries of Canton even if the student is not a resident of Canton.

Second Notices

Back to School Coffee and Muffins with the SJS Parent Group

The SJS Parent Group will host a Back to School Coffee and Muffins event on Thursday, September 5 right after drop off in the Mary Garden (Church basement if rain). Come say hi to old friends and meet new ones. See flyer for details.

Spiritwear

The SJS Spiritwear Store through Arrow Sports is now open. The order deadline is September 20. Visit <https://sjs202425.itemorder.com/shop/home/>.

Student-Parent Handbook

[Click here](#) for the 2024-2025 SJS Parent-Student Handbook. Every family must turn in a signed copy of the handbook by Friday, September 6. You can send this in with your child or email to Mrs. Foster (dora.foster@sjscanton.org).

CORI and VIRTUS

[Click here](#) for the 2024-2025 CORI form. The original filled out form must be returned to the Main Office along with a copy of your license. If you want to volunteer at SJS you must also have completed VIRTUS training (www.virtusonline.org). There will be a session offered at St. Oscar Romero Parish on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:45 pm. New SJS parents have a grace period for VIRTUS until October 1.

Helpful Links

Ebackpack - [Click here](#)
2024-2025 Calendar - [Click here](#)

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