

Good afternoon SJS Community,

We had two awesome events at St. John School this week. First was our SJS Pumpkin Patch on Monday. Everyone loved the Minions theme! Thank you to the SJS Parent Group and co-chairs Anne MacLeod and Jenny Smyth for organizing this event. Then on Wednesday we had our grandparents in to school for an amazing visit. Thank you to Tim and Michelle Stone and Nicole Vaillette and Courtney Stadelmann for co-chairing this event. Thank you also to Ms. Keough for preparing our students to raise their voices and to Teddy Erhard and Luke Johnson for being our student speakers.

And the fun continues . . . The SJS Parent Group will host its annual Trunk O Treat event on Saturday in the front parking lot. [Click here](#) for details. All SJS families are welcome to this great event. **ONE CHANGE IS THE SETUP CANNOT OCCUR UNTIL 5:30.**

On Monday we will have an all-school rosary (Prekindergarten and above) during our AM meeting. Grade 5 will lead us. If your child has a rosary, please send them in with it. We have some available, but individual rosaries all have special stories we can share.

Mrs. Neeser, our Spanish teacher, has taken a leave of absence. Please keep her in your prayers and we will welcome her back when she can return. In the meantime, we are working to fill the Spanish position with a substitute. Mrs. Neeser has left excellent plans for the classes. With this development, we will shift Grades 6, 7, and 8 term grades to an O, S, N scale on the reports card rather than number grades for the year.

We are looking for qualified substitute teachers or individuals who have experience in STEM and Spanish and would like a longer term substitute role. We are blessed to have a wonderful substitute in Denise Graffeo, who has been handling STEM. Mrs. Julie Miller has also been extremely supportive. However, with days off, illness, and unexpected openings, we need more qualified people. So, if you know of anyone, please connect them with me.

One last note – there will be NO NJHS Tutoring on Thursday because of Halloween.

SJS Calendar

Saturday, October 26 – Trunk O Treat

Monday, October 28 – All School Rosary

Friday, November 1 – Term 1 Ends

Tuesday, November 5 – No Canton Buses

Friday, November 8 – NO SCHOOL (Parent Teacher Conferences)

Monday, November 11 – NO SCHOOL

SJS Hallway of Heroes

St. John School honors our veterans each year with our *Hallway of Heroes*, which will occur the week of November 4. Members of the St. John School community are encouraged to bring in a photograph of family members who serve or have served in the military in uniform if possible. We will display these photographs on the first-floor hallway of our school. When sending a photograph, please include their name, title, military unit, and war in which they fought (if applicable). If you need the photograph returned, please indicate that. We also have many saved from previous years. This memorial to our heroes means a great deal to our school community.

Second Notices

November Lunch

November lunch orders are now open and will close on October 30 at noon. The menu now includes

Monday - Cheeseburger OR Penne with Meatball

Tuesday – Hot Dog OR Mac and Cheese

Wednesday – Mozzarella Sticks OR Penne Alfredo with Chicken

Thursday – Chicken Nuggets

Friday – Cheese Pizza

Every Day – Cheese Quesadilla

Every Day - Garden Salad with Grilled Chicken

Halloween

All students are welcome to dress up in Halloween costumes on Thursday, October 31. Costumes must be school appropriate (no masks or weapons). Teachers may send out more specific details for their class.

Warm Weather Uniforms

The last day for warm weather uniforms is Thursday, October 31. That basically means no shorts starting on Friday, November 1. It is also that time of year when students need to start bringing jackets for outdoor recess.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will occur on Friday, November 8. Signups are now open.

-For PS-grade 3, please [click here](#) for a sign up. **You will then need to choose the tab for your specific grade.**

-For grades 4 and 5, please [click here](#) for a sign up. **You will then need to choose the tab for the specific teacher you want to meet with.**

You can choose to meet with one or more of your child's teachers.

-Middle school teachers will each have a table in the gym. They will be available from 8:30-noon, 1:00-4:30, and 5:30-7:00. One note - Mrs. Ross will only be available until 4:30.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Tutoring

NJHS tutoring is offered every Thursday from 3:15–4:15 and is open to Kindergarten to Grade 2 students. Pick up is at 4:15.

Helpful Links

Ebackpack - [Click here](#)

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

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