



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

September 4, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear SJES Families,

As I write this note, I am thrilled that our school community is physically back together for the 2020-2021 school year. Bishop Burbidge and our superintendent, Dr. Vorbach, both called to check in during the first week and offered their prayers. We begin each morning praying for a particular school family and ask that you pray as well for a happy, healthy, and holy school year. Challenges, obstacles, and moments of frustration will continue to occur but we have been inspired by the faith, obedience, and resiliency of your children. Your understanding and continued support as parents while we navigate uncharted territory is appreciated. Someone said it best, "This is everyone's first year as an educator regardless of experience."

For the month of September, our school will emphasize the virtue of Justice with traits of respect and responsibility. It is filling that we begin the school year emphasizing respect and responsibility as we ask our students to fulfill their duties, accept consequences for their actions, and deepen their knowledge and faith through daily prayer and instruction. We look forward to recognizing one student per grade that best exemplifies this virtue and traits at our first Student of the Month Mass on Friday, September 25th. It might look a little different but we will continue to find alternative ways to recognize our wonderful students.

Our annual Back to School Night will be virtual this year on Thursday, September 10th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. using ZOOM. Sessions will be available for up to 30 minutes increments and you will have the necessary links and material by the end of the day Wednesday. Although this setting is not ideal, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to listen and learn more about our school, classes, various instructional programs and opportunities.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is busy preparing for our largest fall fundraiser, the Color Run. On Friday, October 2nd, all classes (one grade at a time) will run laps attempting to help us raise \$15,000 earmarked for technology. We recently replaced four Active Panels and there are seven others around the building that need to be "retired" after 10+ years. It is my opinion that technology should never dominate instruction but it can be a great resource for the visual and 21st Century learner.

As we continue to prepare for our Design for Excellence reaccreditation in March, I would like to share with our new families our updated school mission and philosophy of learning.

Our Mission

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School provides a Christ-centered atmosphere that recognizes the God-given gifts inherent within each child on the journey toward spiritual and academic excellence.

Our Philosophy

Saint John the Evangelist School integrates Catholic teachings and virtues throughout our school culture. We foster a challenging and inclusive academic program addressing the diverse needs of students. In partnership with families and the parish community, we encourage students to serve others while growing in the image of Christ.

Let us continue to pray, learn, and serve... the vulnerable and less fortunate.
Mr. Macdonald

Upcoming Events



September 7

Labor Day/NO School

September 8-10

Grade 3 & 4 Scantron Testing

September 10 6:30-8:30pm

Virtual Back to School Night

September 11

School Photos

Wear School Uniforms (No PE)

Think Stretch due for NEW Students

September 14-17

Grade 5, 6 & 7 Scantron Testing

September 15

Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

September 21-25

Makeup Scan Testing

September 25

Student of the Month

September 30

Dress Down Day

October 2

PTO Color Run

Early Dismissal 11:30am

Teacher Workday

October 9

1st Trimester Interim

NO School

October 9-10

Oktoberfest

October 12

Columbus Day

No School

October 23

Photo Retakes

October 27

Dress Down Day

October 30

NO School

Professional Development

PTP Halloween Bingo 6-8pm

Please check the school website for the complete calendar.



Notes from the Clinic

Dear Parents,

As we navigate through the beginning of the school year, St. John's is taking full measures to keep students and staff members safe during COVID-19. We are so grateful for your cooperation so far on our school mask/face covering policy during these uncertain times.

Our healthcare team has noticed a number of students coming into school with bandanas and gaiters rather than CDC approved face masks or face shields. After speaking with our Rappahannock and Rapidan County Health Coordinator, St. John's policy has updated our face covering policy due to the study that states bandanas and gaiters do not offer protection from respiratory droplets.

We are asking that all 4-8 grade students, visitors and staff wear either a face mask or face shield that goes below the chin and covers the side of the face. According to the CDC, students in K-3rd grade are not required to wear a mask/face covering but it is strongly recommended.

We understand these options are not as comfortable, however St. John's is committed to providing safety towards our community on and off campus.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in advance. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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Cafeteria Reminders

Due to the new safety measures in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19, we have implemented a few changes to the way we will serve lunches. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms at this time. We will continue to offer lunches through Campus Cuisine.

An account will need to be set up your child(ren) with campus cuisine to place orders. For those who have used this program in the past, you will need to update your child's information. All orders/changes need to be placed by 12:00pm the day before.

We also offer Hershey's ice cream daily in our cafeteria and will also be delivered to the classroom. Students must bring their ice cream money in a sealed envelope (or ziploc bag) with the student's name, grade and flavor of ice cream that must be turned in to the teacher upon arrival in their classroom at the start of school. Please send exact cash, if possible.

Please visit www.hersheyicecream.com/smart-snacks-in-schools for product and allergen information.

Popsicles \$0.50

Cherry
Orange
Root Beer

Ice Cream \$1.00

Reduced Fat Cookies & Cream Ice Cream Sandwich
Reduced Fat Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwich
Reduced Fat Brownie Batter Ice Cream Sandwich
Low Fat Chocolate Ice Cream Cup
Low Fat Vanilla Ice Cream Cup
No Fat Birthday Cake Twister
No Fat Cotton Candy Yogurt Twister
Fudge-O Fudgsicle

Specialty Bars \$1.50

Strawberry Scooter Crunch Ice Cream Bar
Chocolate Scooter Crunch Ice Cream Bar

Please Note: We will not be able to accept or distribute any lunches from anyone other than a parent or our Campus Cuisine vendors. **Any lunch delivered by any other source (DoorDash, Grubhub, etc.) will not be accepted** and a forgotten lunch will be provided to the student for \$4.00.

Parents dropping off lunch must write their student's name and grade on the bag/container. Parents delivering lunches to more than one child must have each lunch separated in individual bags/containers and labeled with their students' names and grades.

Campus Cuisine

Lunches delivered fresh from local restaurants for over 23 years.

Welcome to Campus Cuisine! Please follow the steps below to register and order Campus Cuisine lunches.

1. Sign in or Register at <https://www.campuscuisine.net> with the access code SJES540.
2. Click Students to add or edit them. Please update their grades for the new school year!
3. Click Order lunches on the student profile. The deadline to order is noon EST the day before.
4. View options for Monday or click the arrow to view other weekday options.
5. Enter a quantity for each menu item that you wish to order and check at least one date.
6. Click add to cart.
7. Repeat for each student.
8. When you are finished, click your cart and click checkout.
9. Payment can be made via PayPal, Amazon Pay, Apple Pay or by entering your credit card. If you click to apply a credit, please be sure to complete the order, since the credit will be removed from your account at that time.
10. Click "Calendar" to see your upcoming lunches. Alternatively, you may click "Lunch List" and enter a student or day of the week in the search bar to view lunches in chronological order by date.
11. To change or cancel lunches, click "Calendar", select a lunch and click "cancel". You may also click "Lunch List" and "delete". You will receive a credit that can be applied to your next purchase. Credits must be used to purchase other lunches, are not refundable and expire in June.

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