



# SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

111 JOHN E. MANN STREET, WARRENTON, VA 20186

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August 2021

Dear St. John Families,

**WELCOME Back!!** I am delighted to welcome you to what is shaping up to be another great year at St. John the Evangelist. Our informal Meet the Teacher is rapidly approaching and will be held on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. For new families, it is a great opportunity to drop off supplies, meet teachers, and become increasing familiar with the school and various programs. It is always exciting to see how the children have grown over the summer. This year, we will once again limit the number of families attending Meet the Teacher at the same time. The schedule will be as follows:

**1:00-2:00 p.m. (A-K: student last names)**

**2:00-3:00 p.m. (L-Z: student last names)**

**Please note that this is a recent revision due to local health metrics. We will continue to revise best health practices and monitor our Health Plan Overview on a weekly/bi-weekly basis.**

For planning purposes, please note that Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> are the first two Early Dismissals. Carpool will begin just before 11:30 a.m. and continue until 11:50 a.m. Please note that Extended Day will not be offered on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and there is no school on Labor Day- Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Since our Design for Excellence recertification is now complete, you will notice significantly less Early Dismissal on our school calendar than last year.

Shifting to academics, we are pleased to once again offer Honors Literature (6-8th grade) and our advanced math track for students entering fifth grade and beyond. For those students needing some additional support in their academic development, we will continue to offer reading and math resource.

Kudos to all of our students that have already completed their Think Stretch booklets at the K-4<sup>th</sup> grade level. Students in 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade should also be completing their summer book reports and projects if they have not done so already. Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it!!



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## SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

**New Staff Members-** I would like to officially welcome Mrs. Keats (part-time kindergarten instructional assistant), Mrs. Konsin (2<sup>nd</sup> grade instructional assistant), Mrs. Russo (third grade), and Mrs. Reder (5-8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish) to our school community. They are all preparing diligently to become increasingly familiar with our diocese, school, and most importantly, our students. Please make sure to stop in and help them feel welcome at Meet the Teacher on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at your allotted time.

I would also like to welcome back Mr. Hechinger (PE) and publically share that Mrs. Evans will be our new Assistant Principal at SJES. Mrs. Evans will be heavily involved in testing, instruction, curriculum, and many other area(s) that require increased attention. For new families, Mrs. Evans was a student here several years ago. Her faith, dedication to our parish/school, and many years of educational experience will serve her well as she transitions to administration.

At the time of this writing, I am still searching for a part-time music teacher and a part-time spanish (preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade) teacher. If you know anyone that might be interested in Catholic education, please have them email me at [tmacdonald@sjesva.org](mailto:tmacdonald@sjesva.org).

**Upgrades/Improvements-** The school is coming together nicely and we will be ready to begin very shortly. In addition to meeting our summer needs, the maintenance staff have addressed various areas around the school. We are excited our new Clock and Bell System and Chromebooks have arrived. The remaining 4 Active panels to complete our Phase 1 Technology Plan are expected by early October. We will rely on fundraising from the fall Color Run to upgrade our aging iPad cart. I am grateful to all members of our school community that have given generously to our school. There will always be areas of needed growth but thanks to all (past and present), we have made a variety of technology upgrades over the past few years, for the benefit of our students and school.

**Standardized Testing-** Our primary students (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students) will be assessed through the PALS testing program in the fall and spring. A third assessment in the winter is also encouraged to monitor academic progress at the halfway point.



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Students in third through seventh grade will once again be assessed three times a year in Math, Reading, and Language Arts with the assessment tool, Performance Series by Scantron.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Temple W. Macdonald