Welcome New Families and New Students!

We would like to wish a warm welcome to all of our new families registered for the 2020-2021 school year! The following is a list of new families registered as of today:

The Carlson Family, Charlotte-Preschool
The Darby/Patrick Family, Delaney-1st grade
The Easlick Family, Maria-Preschool
The Follett Family, Paul-4th grade
The Hardman Family, Brooklyn-Preschool
The Higgins Family, Georgia-Preschool
The Jankowski Family, Flora-6th grade
The Kolar Family, Natalia-1st grade
The Kopydlowski Family, Bernie-Preschool, Joey-Preschool
The Landaal Family, Colin-K
The Mackey Family, Madison-Preschool
The McAlindon Family, Sebastian-7th grade

The McFarlane Family, Julia-K, Lena-Preschool
The Mooney Family, Annabella-Preschool
The Murphy Family, Adrielle-Preschool
The Norman Family, Edward-1st grade
The Reed Family, Elliot-K, Alan-Preschool
The Serges Family, Giovanna-Preschool
The Shaw Family, Sedona-5th grade
The Taddei Family, Jason-2nd grade
The Webb Family, Brianna-K, Brandon-Preschool
The Winowiecki Family, Allie-4th grade
Back to School Open House and Backpack Blessing

Our annual Backpack Blessing will take place on Wednesday, August 19th from 6 PM to 7 PM. This will be done drive-through style like our end of the year parade in June. Please line up in the upper loop area by the north end of the parking lot and process through the drive in front of the school for your child to receive his or her blessing from Father Robert and Father Ryan. Additionally, Father Robert and Father Ryan will be here on the first day of school to bless each classroom.

Due to social distancing guidelines, our Back to School Open House this year will be for preschool and kindergarten students only. This event will be held on Thursday, August 20th from 5 PM to 7 PM. By Monday, we will be sending out a Sign Up Genius link from each early childhood teacher. You will be able to select a 10 minute time slot to meet the teacher and see the classroom. Each classroom will only allow two students at one time and only ONE parent will be allowed to attend with each student. We are excited to welcome our youngest learners to school in a safe way!

School Supplies

The majority of school supplies are included with the cost of tuition. There are just a couple things that will need to be provided from home:

- **Backpack**—Large enough to fit folders and books
- **Gym shoes**—Clean with non-marking soles. Must be able to be left at school. Gym shoes do not need to be brand new.
- **Art shirt**—Large, old shirt or t-shirt that will fit over school uniform shirt.

**NEW THIS YEAR for middle school students only**

- Due to many student requests, we are asking middle school students to provide their own pencil bag or pencil pouch. The pouches we are able to order have not proven to be popular among the middle schoolers. We will have some extras available for families who do not wish to purchase their own.

Important Updates

- The schedule for our first week of school has changed for students in Grades 1-8. We will be following the schedule below:
  - Monday, August 24 (Half Day): Welcome students to classrooms procedures, get used to wearing masks
  - Tuesday, August 25 (Half Day): Welcome students to lunchroom, recess, and Mass procedures
  - Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday August 27: Full Day of School
  - Friday, August 28 (Half Day): Teachers meet in afternoon to evaluate Phase 4 protocols.

**Preschool and Kindergarten students will still have half-days for the entire first week, as previously scheduled.**

- Procedures for arrival and dismissal will be sent in a separate email next week. **Please note that students must be dropped off in the loop everyday, including on the first day of school. Unfortunately, we will not be able to do our traditional first day drop off with families gathering in the courtyard and walking in together. We will miss this tradition just as much as you, but safety is our top priority.**

- Please see the updated yearly calendar at the back of this newsletter. It has been updated to reflect the change in the first week, as well as the update to Applefest Weekend. There will be no school for staff or students on Friday, September 18th due to the Applefest Golf Outing.
School Uniform Information

School uniforms are required for all students preschool-8th grade. **Uniforms MUST be from Dennis Uniform.** For online shopping, please use code “HAA” for approved items for St. John School. During a typical week, a uniform is required Monday through Thursday and students may wear spiritwear on Fridays. You can access the **Uniform Dress Code** on page 18 of our handbook on the school website. Please note the following changes which have NOT yet been updated on the website:

- Students may wear socks of any style/color as long as designs/words are school appropriate.
- Navy leggings may be purchased from any supplier.
- Reminder that boots (Ugg boots/cowboy boots/ankle boots, etc.) may only be worn on Spiritwear Days. This, of course, does not apply to winter boots during cold weather. Students should bring alternate indoor shoes during the winter when boots are worn to school.

Currently, the Dennis Uniform store in Auburn Hills is closed for shopping, however they are providing curbside pickups and returns/exchanges. Additionally, they have added some online tools such as tutorial fitting videos and live chats to make online shopping easier for families.

**DENNIS UNIFORM STORE**

1532 North Opdyke Rd.
Suite #450
Auburn Hills, MI
Phone (248) 340-8890
www.dennisuniform.com

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The office will be CLOSED DAILY from 3:10-3:30 PM to allow office staff to assist with new dismissal procedures. Phones will still be open (you may have to leave a message), but the office will be closed to ALL visitors. Any students needing early dismissal will need to be picked up prior to 3:10. After 3:10 PM, all students will be sent to the preschool loop, upper loop, or Jets Club. Students may not wait by the office.

Due to professional development, office hours will be adjusted on the following days:

- Monday, August 17 – office will be closed all day.
- Wednesday, August 19-office will be closed AM only.
Curriculum Night

Please stay tuned for details about our Annual Curriculum Night/Parent Night. This night is typically held the first week of school and gives parents the chance to meet the teacher and learn about classroom procedures and curriculum for the year. We are still working on this event and how it will look.

2020-2021 Teaching Assignments

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|Ms. Feazel        | 6th grade HR       |
|                  | MS Math            |
|Ms. Werschky      | 6th grade HR       |
|                  | MS Writing         |
|Mr. Garbutt       | 7th grade HR       |
|                  | MS Math            |
|Mrs. Adams        | 8th grade HR       |
|                  | 7th grade Reading   |
|                  | 6th/8th grade Social Studies |
|Mrs. Dawes        | 8th grade HR       |
|                  | 7th grade Social Studies |
|                  | 6th and 8th grade Reading |

Mrs. Brack PE

Ms. Jennings Kindergarten Aide and Library

Mrs. Wright Computers and PASS Mentor Teacher

Mrs. Forsleff Music

Mrs. Harley STEAM and Oxford Mentor Teacher

TBA Art

Ms. Bade Resource Teacher

Mrs. Delecki Preschool Aide

Mrs. Salerno Preschool Aide

All Middle School teachers will teach Religion to their homeroom class.

Important Parent Information

- **2020-2021 Student Emergency card**

  On Monday, August 24, the oldest child in each family will receive an Emergency Card to take home. This must be completed on both sides by a parent. Please return it the next school day with your student. It is imperative that we have updated emergency numbers on hand for your children. Please be sure that at least one parent and/or emergency contact can be available to pick up your child within 30 minutes in the event your child becomes sick at school, per our Phase 4 plan.

- **Report All Student Absences**

  When a student is absent, the parent or guardian MUST call the school office no later than 8:45 AM or email Mrs. Haiss at ahaiss@sjeducation.com. If the student absence is due to illness, please report the nature of the illness to the school office when you call. Please refer to Page 23 of our Phase 4 plan regarding our general sick policy.

- **Location of Classrooms**

  First Floor-North Wing: Grades 1-3, Music/Band Room, Art Room, Resource Room

  Second Floor-North Wing: Grades 4-5

  First Floor -South Wing: Preschool, Kindergarten, Middle School, Cafeteria, STEAM, Library, Computer Lab

- **Weekly School Masses**

  For the time being, students will attend School Mass in two groups. Kindergarten through 3rd grade will attend mass on Wednesdays at 8:20 AM and 4th grade through 8th grade will attend mass on Fridays at 8:20 AM. Students and staff will follow the mass protocols already in place. Parents are welcome to attend, but must sit in the back and students must remain with their homeroom class.
Homeroom Parents for 2020-2021

If you are interested in being a homeroom parent for this school year, please email Mrs. Haiss as soon as possible. We did have a few parents who volunteered during registration in February, however, we know circumstances have changed for many families in the past several months. Therefore, even if you expressed interest in the past, please be sure to contact us if you are still interested.

Preschool
Kindergarten
Grade 1
Grade 2
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 8
TBD

PSA Board
Michelle Pagnani (President)
Krystal Fatolitis-Payne (Vice President)
Sarah Sterling (Secretary)
Rebecca Yake (Booster Chairperson)

Our Parent School Association serves as a fund raising and community building organization. The PSA does a fantastic job planning fun filled family activities.

Thank you all for your continued service to our school!
Student Health and Wellness

Immunizations

- Nonmedical waivers (religious, philosophical or other objections) will need to be obtained from a county health department; our school will not have them.

- If your child has a medical reason (a true contraindication or precaution) for not receiving a vaccine, a physician must sign the State of Michigan Medical Contraindication form; this form is available at your doctor’s office (not the county health department).

- Based on the public health code, a child without either an up-to-date immunization record, a certified nonmedical waiver form or a physician signed medical waiver form can be excluded from school. (Taken from the Health Dept. parent letter January 13, 2015)

- For more details, read this flyer from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Parents of Children with Allergies

If your child has allergies that are significant enough to warrant accommodation in the school setting, please send a written evaluation from the allergist, with any recommendations that the allergist may have, to the school office no later than Friday, August 21. Allergy plan forms are available in the school office. A current head & shoulders photo of each child with allergies is needed in the office. Please email a photo to Mrs. Haiss at ahaiss@sjseducation.com or come to the office to have a photo taken.

St. John remains committed to being a Nut Free School. We have several students with life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Please remember when packing lunches and snacks that our classes and lunchroom are nut free. Thank you for helping to keep our learning environment safe for all our students.

Jets Club

Before and After School Care

St. John School offers before and after school care for families who require additional child care. Jets Club information, including registration paperwork, daily fees, and the handbook, was e-mailed to all families on August 7th. Due to changing circumstances this year, drop-in Jets Club will be extremely limited and must be pre-approved through the office before 3 PM each day. Please be sure to register for Jets Club if you think you may need extended care at any time throughout the school year. Please contact Mrs. Anderson at danderson@sjseducation.com for more information or if you have any question.
**Requirements for Volunteers**

The Diocese of Lansing requires that anyone who has contact with minor children receive Virtus Training, including all volunteers. In order to be a volunteer at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, you must complete the following:

1. Register online at [https://www.virtusonline.org](https://www.virtusonline.org) to attend a “Protecting God’s Children” presentation. You must attend the presentation for which you registered. Upcoming “Protecting God’s Children” training sessions will be added to the website periodically. We will also keep you informed as additional sessions are added.

2. Read and sign the Diocese of Lansing Volunteer Code of Conduct. This form is available in the school office or you can print one [here](#).

3. Read and sign the Diocese of Lansing Criminal Background Check Form. This form is available in the school office or you can print one [here](#).

You may not participate in any volunteer positions until you have completed all requirements.

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**Please note that any one who completed Virtus Training more than 5 years ago (2015 and prior) is required to complete an online refresher training course. You will receive notification of this in the next few weeks.**

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

A minimum of 18 volunteer hours is required each school year for families with students in grades K-8. Preschool parents are required to volunteer 10 hours.

**Homeroom Parent**

If you would like to volunteer to be the homeroom parent for your child’s class, please call the school office or e-mail [ahaiss@sjseducation.com](mailto:ahaiss@sjseducation.com). We are in need of homeroom parents in many grade levels.

**Uniform Exchange Closet**

Volunteers keep the closet organized throughout the school year. Contact the school office if you are interested. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours.

**Athletic Program**

We are currently seeking coaches for all sports. If you are interested in coaching, please complete the coaching application, available on our website, and submit to Athletic Director at athleticdirector@sjseducation.com.

**Concessions Volunteer**

Help the Concessions Chair with the concession stand at athletic games.

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**Parents Volunteering or Supervising at the school**

- Dress appropriately. (Use student dress code requirements as a guideline.)
  - Enter/Exit Main Entrance only
- Please sign in at the school office and take a visitor or volunteer sticker when you enter the building.
  - Please do not go to your child’s classroom unannounced.
- Please sign out in the school office before you leave the building.
Ways To Reduce Your Tuition Costs

Work As A Parent Supervisor:

Tuition credit can be earned by supervising students:
AM Loop Duty 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM
PM Loop Duty 3 PM to 4 PM
Lunch/Recess Supervision 11 AM to 1 PM

If you are interested in helping as a parent supervisor, please contact the school office.

Scrip Program:

SCRIP is a program which allows families to purchase gift cards to various businesses, many of them local. Using these cards toward everyday purchases is an easy way to reduce tuition costs. Businesses give a small rebate to the school for each gift card purchase. From each rebate, 95% is applied to your students’ tuition, with 5% going to the school to cover SCRIP expenses. 8TH GRADE FAMILIES MAY CHOOSE TO USE 100% OF THEIR FAMILY PROFIT TOWARD THEIR CHILD’S WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Candice Kelso at 810-691-8358.

Athletic Concessions Chair:

We are looking for an Athletic Concessions Chair. Please contact the office if you are interested.

GCCS Referral Program:

Up to 100% of your tuition could be paid for by referring new students to any Genesee County Catholic School. Contact the office for more information.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition assistance may be available for those who are related to a member of K of C Council #7418. Scholarship forms are available in the school office and can be found on the school website. All completed forms are due in the school office by Monday, August 17th.

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SAVE for ST. JOHN SCHOOL

- Box Tops for Education and VG’s receipts may be turned in to the school office.
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