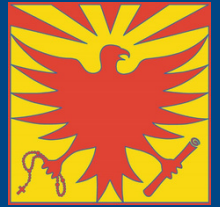




ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 19th, 2020



Welcome back to our in-person 1st-5th graders!

Today, we transition to more students back into the building. We are looking forward to creating a community of in-person and remote learners. Parents, we thank you for your patience as we prepare and now jump into new and uncharted waters. Be vigilant and take care of each other!

Virtue of the Month

The Virtue of the Month for October is Patience. I know the teachers have been talking to students about this in their classes as we explore how this applies to our faith. I would encourage you to talk to your child about how they incorporate the virtue of Patience into their life.

Walkers & Bike Riders Lists

If your child will be riding a bike to and from school or walking home after school, they need to be on our approved list. Parents need to email Elizabeth Rodas at erodas@sjeagles.com to add their child to the list. You only need to do this once to add them to the list. You have to do this every year, so if your child was on the list last year, you still have to notify us again this year.

Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences this year will be held on October 28th and 29th. Conferences this year will be held via Zoom meetings for each teacher. We will be sending out more information for you to digitally sign-up for conferences soon. Conferences will run from 9AM-2PM and 5PM-9PM on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no school on Friday, October 30th.

School Spirit Day

Orange and **Black Day** will be Tuesday, October 27th. Students are encouraged to wear Orange and Black or a School Appropriate costume. Costumes should not be gory and have school appropriate writing on them. Be creative and have some fun! StuCo is looking forward to seeing all the great costumes.

PRESCHOOL

Our preschool is back in person and we have some openings. If you know of anyone that is looking for a great preschool, please have them reach out to Amy Cast (acast@sjeagles.com) or myself (creffett@sjeagles.com). They can always call the school at 785-843-9511.

PARENT LEARNING ASSURANCES

If you have not completed the Remote Learning Assurances form please do so as soon as possible. This document is a one time document that will replace the educational logs. Here is the link to complete the form -

<https://form.jotform.com/20258646862506>

PARENT HANDBOOK FORMS

If you have done so already, please be sure to read through the Parent Handbook and Back to School Plan then sign your acknowledgement form. Here is the link to the form you will need to sign. Once you hit submit it will automatically be sent to me.

<https://www.jotform.com/build/202323822672046>

St. John Eagles Conquer COVID19 5K virtual walk/run

Between now and All Saints Day, 11/1/20, complete a 5k (3.1 mile) walk/jog/run with your family and friends (socially distanced of course)! Your friends and family are welcome to sign up too! Please email Gillian Allen at pto@sjeagles.com your registration information.



Please tag your walk/jog pictures on St John social media (#eaglesconquercovid). We recommend you complete this activity with members of your immediate family only and/or cohorts with whom you have already been in contact- please no large groups.

Keep track of the miles your child(ren) accumulates during the next 5 weeks and they will be counted for marathon club miles when it is safe to resume.

REQUEST FOR SUBS

We are looking to grow our substitute teacher list. If you might be interested or know of someone who might be interested please contact Mr. Reffett at creffett@sjeagles.com or 785-843-9511.

PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR KINDERGARTEN

I am currently looking for a paraprofessional for our Kindergarten classroom. This position would begin in January when we return from our Christmas break. If interested, please email Mr. Reffett at creffett@sjeagles.com or call 785-843-9511 for more information.

AMAZON SMILES

Do you shop through Amazon? Did you know that you can shop through Amazon and help support the school? Through the Amazon Smiles program you can link your account to St. John. It is as easy as that to help St. John!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

This summer we have transitioned to a new email account for each teacher and staff member of the school. The new email is their first initial, full last name, and then @sjeagles.com. For example, my new email is creffett@sjeagles.com. Please be sure to use this new email address so communication can happen as quickly as possible. Our old email address will still work for a while but we may be inconsistent in checking it.

Middle School Youth Group

Mrs. Solomon is our new middle school youth ministry sponsor. They are beginning to meet and would love to have you join them. If your child would be interested in joining, please email Mrs. Solomon at csolomon@sjeagles.com.

St. John Auction

The Annual St. John Auction will not be happening this Fall. The committee is planning to do a raffle this year in November. More information will be coming out soon. We hope to be able to do more in the Spring.

Scholastic Book Fair

This year we will have an online Scholastic book fair. The fair will run from October 26th - November 8th. Here is the link to our homepage if you would like to order. The book fair will open up on October 26th for purchases.<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnschool2>

Recycled Uniforms for PTO

We will do another recycled uniform drop off on Thursday, October 15th 3:30-5:30pm on the blacktop. Please bring in your gently worn and washed recycled uniforms.

Flu Shots

With flu season beginning, I would strongly encourage everyone to get a flu shot. This winter is going to be difficult to navigate and every extra precaution that families can take will help us all.

Reopening & Closing of the Building

As we work to bring more students back into the building, I want everyone to keep in mind that we may at times have to move a class, classes or the whole building back to remote learning if the circumstances arise. We will continue to monitor community data, student and teacher absenteeism and the amount of PPE supplies we have on hand for student and staff daily use.

SCARY STORY CONTEST

Calling all 4th-8th graders! Our annual Scary Story Contest has begun. Stories must be submitted by 4 PM October 22nd. Please submit stories to your ELA teacher through Google Docs. Scary Story winners will be presented on October 30th. Scary Story Prompt: **As I carefully entered the haunted house, the door slammed behind me!**

PRAYERS & THANK YOU

Prayers for our teachers as they transition to a new in-person and remote learning environment for students

Continued prayers for Tom Kellogg.

As always, please send us any prayers or messages or gratitude that you would like for me to include in the weekly newsletter.