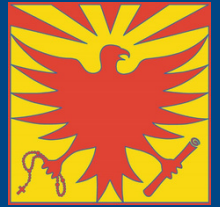




ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 5th, 2020



Parent Survey About Our Next Steps in The School Year

We are looking at the next steps to bringing students back into the classroom. This survey will help us to determine solid numbers for the rest of this semester. If you pick remote, I am asking you to commit to that for the rest of the semester. We are looking at the possibility of having more days in school than just two, so if you had picked remote because you did not like the idea of hybrid please email me at creffett@sjeagles.com. All of this will be dependent on size of classes and space. **I can't guarantee anything right now.**

If you don't want to change you don't have to let me know. If I don't hear from you at all on this survey I am going to plan that you stayed with your original choice before school started. I need to know this as soon as possible for planning.

Here is the link: <https://form.jotform.com/202733951202043>

I am meeting with teachers after school on Tuesday and really want to start digging into this to figure out what our next steps will be.

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!**

School Spirit Day

Orange and Black Day will be October 29th. 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 will be starting back in person next week 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)!

The individual registration fee is \$10, but if you would like a commemorative t-shirt for yourself or your child, the registration cost including a shirt is \$20/person. 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.

Race dates: October 1 – November 1

Registration Dates: October 1 – November 1

***T-shirt registration must be completed by October 15th to guarantee a shirt.

Individual member with no shirt- \$10

Individual member with T-shirt- \$20 (we have youth and adult sizes available)

Your friends and family are welcome to sign up too!

Please email Gillian Allen at pto@sjeagles.com your registration information.

If you have any questions, please contact Gillian Allen at pto@sjeagles.com or Michele Huerter at michelehuerter@gmail.com.

Carry-out Meals from Dorothy

There will be no carry-out this Tuesday.

Thursday's carry-out will be Red Beans and Rice

Please make sure you email Dorothy at sjlunch@sjeagles.com or submit [this form](#) by 3pm the day before.

Carry-out pickup time is 3:30-5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. Thank you for all your support.

LIBRARY

Library pick-up time this week will be from 3:30-5:30 on Tuesday in the school parking lot. If you would like to put a book hold, please do this by Thursday evening. I do realize the system is not the easiest to navigate but I am hoping that you are able to utilize it to check out a book or two.

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.

TECHNOLOGY PROBLEMS

If you are continuing to have technology or connectivity issues, please reach out to me at creffett@sjeagles.com or Jacinta Hoyt at jhoyt@sjeagles.com.

Girl Scouts

Is your girl craving some adventure, fun, and fellowship with other girls? Please consider joining our Girl Scouts! Troops are led by parents from your girl's grade, and all parents are welcome to be involved. Any in-person activities will follow all CDC as well as St. John School guidelines. At this time, all in-person get-togethers take place outdoors. Please contact the troop leaders or resources below for any new or returning Girl Scouts.

Kindergarten: Valerie Elazegui, velazegui@gksmo.org

1st Grade: Kim Green, KATiffany@aol.com

2nd Grade: Kristin Suter, sjgstroop2266@gmail.com

3rd Grade: Lexi Cottrell, alxzndra1@yahoo.com

4th Grade: Valerie Elazegui, velazegui@gksmo.org

5th Grade: Barb Turner, ksbarbie@hotmail.com

6th Grade: Shari Anderson, miss-shari@att.net

Girl Scouts: <https://www.gksmo.org/en/about-girl-scouts/join.html>

Counseling Services

Even during our remote learning, counseling support remains available. I am available to see students via zoom, on the phone, or in person at your home. I have started meeting with classes to check in with students and offer social-emotional learning. The middle school students have weekly classes with me.

You can contact me through email at lyoshinobu@sjeagles.com or call the school office to leave a message. I am generally in the building on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays but able to meet at a variety of days and times.

A little personal information: I am in my 8th year as the school counselor for Saint John and I love my job! Both my daughters graduated from Saint John. I have a masters degree in clinical psychology from KU and have worked at KU and Bert Nash mental health center in child and family therapy. Wishing all our families patience, persistence, peace and many blessings,

Lauren Yoshinobu
School Counselor

CUSTODIAL POSITION

I am currently looking for a full-time custodian. If you are interested in this position or know of someone that might be interested please contact me at creffett@sjeagles.com or call 785-843-9511. We do have a cleaning service in place right now and it will continue until we find a full-time employee.

PRAYERS & THANK YOU

Continued prayers for Tom Kellogg.

Thank you to St. John parishioners that sewed masks for students and staff. We thank you for looking out for our students.

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

Weekly Status Update

Each week, I will be sending out two updates about the status of our school in regards to COVID-19. One update will be in the newsletter and one will be a separate email. The purpose of this is to keep everyone on the same page with information we are using to guide us on the current status of our learning environment. Information included in this update will be daily case counts, positivity rates, 14 day trends, teacher absenteeism rate, amount of PPE supplies on hand, the status of health resources in the community and any overall COVID updates that may be relevant to us as a community.

7 day rolling average of new cases per 100,000 from September 28th- October 2nd	16
7 Day Average Test Positivity Rate	6.1 %
14 Day Trend for new cases	Decreasing
PPE	4 week supply - nothing on back order at this time
LMH As of 9/4/20	ICU beds in use- 37% Ventilators in use- 0%
Technology	Loaned out 94 Chromebooks Still have Chromebooks to loan out Loaned out 13 tablets
Teacher Absenteeism	0% teacher absenteeism this week 0 long-term sub in use
Medical Updates	6 different Vaccine Trials are in Stage 3 , Several other vaccine trials are in Stage 1 and 2 trials - Keep the prayers going!