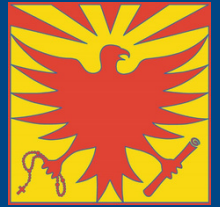




ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 28, 2020



Materials Pick-Up

This Thursday, October 1st, we will be having our materials pick-up. This will run from 3:30-5:30 in the school parking lot. We do not have set times based on last name, please come when you are able to pick up. There will not be as much as last time but every grade will have something for you to pick up. You do not need to leave your car, simply pull up and we will get materials to you.

Midterms

We are moving right along! We are now at the midterm of 1st quarter, so if you have not had a chance to look at grades. This would be a good week to review your children's grades. Please let us know if you are having trouble logging in to Educonnect.

Scary Story Contest

Calling all 4th-8th graders! Our annual Scary Story Contest has begun. Please see the attached flyer for this year's prompt. 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.

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 or myself. My email is creffett@sj eagles.com and Amy's is acast@sj eagles.com. They can always call the school at 785-843-9511.

PTO Virtual 5k

We are excited to announce the First (& hopefully last!) Annual St. John Eagles Conquer COVID19 5K walk/run! Please be on the lookout for an email coming out soon!

Technology Problems

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

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/202586468625061>

LIBRARY

Library pick-up time this week will be from 3:30-5:30 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.

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 @sj eagles.com. For example, my new email is creffett@sj eagles.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.

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

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 13th-18th	15.8
7 Day Average Test Positivity Rate	7.5 %
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!

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>

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.

Please pray for Aaron and Hannah Christian's family. Their uncle passed away from COVID-19 at the end of last week.

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.

Carry-out Meals from Dorothy

Tuesday's take home dinner will be Chicken & Noodles, just in time for the cooler weather. The cost will be \$4.50 a serving.

Thursday's carry-out will be announced later in the week.

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.

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@gsksmo.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@gsksmo.org

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

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

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