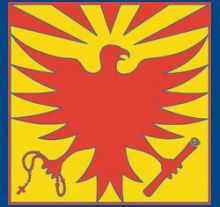




# ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 8, 2020



## Educational Logs

We are going to make a change with the educational logs. Students in K-5 that check in with their teacher in the morning and afternoon will no longer need to do an educational log for the day. If you are unable to check in during a morning session or afternoon session please fill out a log for the half of the day that you had missed. Or if you are not able to check in with a teacher but are completing your work for the day please fill out a log for the day. This will be how we will handle educational logs Monday- Thursday. Because we have a different schedule for Friday, students will still need to do an educational log. For middle school students, if you miss a class, please fill out an educational log for any class you miss that day but are still able to complete work for. I hope everyone is ok with this change.

I know parents have been asking about Friday. Friday is meant to be a day to catch up with students. Teachers will have office hours for students or parents to ask questions and check in about assignments. It is also a day to catch up on assignments if students are working more in the evening time. We know from last week that Monday - Thursday can be pretty busy so we want to make sure students have time to catch up and don't feel too overwhelmed.

If your child is sick or you know they are going to be absent, we do ask that you call into the office to let us know just like any other school day.

## Library

Starting this week, students will be able to put books on reserve to be checked out of our library. Homeroom teachers will be sending out login information early this week. Students will need to login to our new system to be able to put books on reserve. Please place books on reserve by Thursday evening and they will be ready to pick up next Tuesday between 3:30-5:30 in the school parking lot. So when you come to pick-up items for carry out from Dorothy, you can also grab your library books.

## CARRY-OUT MEALS MRS. MALSBUY

Dorothy Malsbury is now going to start doing carry-out entrees for families to order. Most weeks, this will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Because of the holiday, Dorothy will be doing carry out on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We are also adjusting the pick-up times to accommodate parents schedules a little bit better. Pick-up will be from 3:30-5:30. Dorothy will be selling vegetable and traditional lasagna for \$4 a slice and togo containers of balsamic dressing for \$1. Please email her at [sjlunch@sjeagles.com](mailto:sjlunch@sjeagles.com) by 3PM tomorrow to place an order. Thank you for helping to support our lunch program!

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

I wanted to thank everyone for taking the time to come pick up supplies on Friday. Thank you for helping us get the year started on the right foot. If you feel like you are missing something please email your homeroom teacher to ask questions. If you ordered t-shirts but they were not in with your supplies please email Elizabeth at [erodas@sjeagles.com](mailto:erodas@sjeagles.com). Some of our early orders did not have a name attached to it so we received a few orders but did not know who they went to. Sorry for any confusion this might have created.

## 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. I hope this will be helpful information so we can all stay on the same page.

**Last week was just an example but this week I am publishing actual data from KDHE website.**

7 day rolling average of new cases per 100,000 from August 30th- September 5th	27.4
7 Day Average Test Positivity Rate	9.6 %
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- 40% Ventilators in use- 0%
Technology	Loaned out 87 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!

## Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest Committee is selling a Special Edition Commemorative Oktoberfest 2020 boot mug...yes, a BOOT mug...that portrays our desire to "Kick COVID Aside" and invites you to "Drink, Eat, Pray!! Mugs are \$10 each (sorry, no beer this year) and will be available on Saturday, September 26th. Also that day, don't forget that instead of the Oktoberfest, there will be Bierock Sales on Saturday, September 26th, from 1-5pm at the Church. Mugs and bierocks may be picked up on that day. Bierocks will be sold in quantities of three...3 for \$15, 6 for \$30, 12 for \$60. If you would like to preorder your mug or some fresh-from-the-oven bierocks today, please check the Oktoberfest Facebook page or call the Church Office.

## 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

Due to health reasons, Tom Kellogg has decided to retire from his position as our custodian. Tom has been such an important part in the community of St. John and he will be so missed. Because of Tom's departure, 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](mailto: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. The teachers wanted to thank parents and students for all their hard work this past week as we begin the school year.

Thank you for your communication and willingness to be flexible as we start this year together.

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