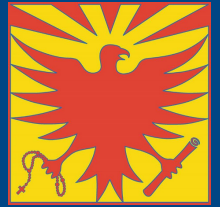




# ST. JOHN PARISH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 6th, 2021



## Academic Improvements for St. John

I wanted to take some time to share some of the academic changes we as a staff have made since our Accreditation review in January. We have worked very hard to make solid improvements and practices that we feel will make a long-term impact on the quality of St. John.

**Eagle Time** - We have scheduled specific time 4 days a week for all staff to work with students helping to create opportunities for reteaching, reinforcing, and providing enrichment in reading and math skills to help support the learning needs of our diverse student population.

**Fastbridge** - Fastbridge is a new assessment tool that we will use for Kindergarten - 8th grade. We will do this 3 times a year to help us support the growth of our students. The data from Fastbridge will help us to make adjustments to instruction in the classroom and during Eagle Time. This will also allow us to do ongoing assessments with students that need extra support.

**Lexia in Grade 4th-8th Grade** - Adopted in the spring of 2021, Lexia is our new computer-based reading skills program that identifies individual learner needs. Teachers are monitoring data daily to identify individuals or small groups whose data indicates additional instruction is needed for skill acquisition. Through the Lexia Resource Center, teachers are provided quality lesson plans that help to target the instruction of specific skills for individual learners.

**Added New Staff Members** - With the help of the EANS federal grant, we have added two staff members that will be working to support students and staff throughout the building. Staff members will be going into classrooms and working in small groups to help the diverse learning needs of all students.

**Process for Analyzing Goals** - Every month of the school year, we have staff development time dedicated to the analysis of student data and how this will support the overall goals of our students and staff. We have begun the year analyzing KAP Assessments from the Spring 2021. The results were excellent but in order to remain a school of excellence we must continue to analyze what makes us great and continue to keep those high expectations.

**Long-Term Strategic Plan** - With the help of our School Advisory Council, our plan will ask for input from many of the school's stakeholders. As part of this plan, we will continue to focus on the learning of all students with different modalities.

## SPIRIT DAY-FUNKY FUN HAIR DAY

Our first Spirit day of the year will be on **September 22nd**. StuCo is hoping everyone will participate in our fun day getting creative with hairstyles and let your hair down!

## PICTURE DAY

Picture Day this year will be Friday, October 1st.

## SEWING MACHINES

Mrs. Buckner is looking for sewing machines for her elective class. If you have a working sewing machine that you no longer are using and would like to donate, please email Mrs. Buckner at [tbuckner@sjeagles.com](mailto:tbuckner@sjeagles.com).

## WALKERS LIST

If you want your child to be added to our walker's list, please email Ms. Rodas in the office at [erodas@sjeagles.com](mailto:erodas@sjeagles.com). You must have your child's name added to the list every year.

## VACCINATIONS

If your child/children were able to receive the Covid-19 vaccination and you would like to share this information with us please email Ms. Rodas at [erodas@sjeagles.com](mailto:erodas@sjeagles.com). It is not required to share this information but can help us if a situation arises when we might have to isolate students.

## Communication with Teachers

Just a reminder that teachers are always available to answer questions. Email is usually the quickest and easiest way to reach teachers. You can always call in to the office and we will make sure to get messages to the teachers if they are not available. Communication is important in being partners in the education of our students. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

## Fun Run Volunteers Needed

Join us **Friday, September 17th** for our back to school Fun Run!

Where: South Park

When: 6:00-6:30 Fun Run. Miles will count for Marathon club.

6:30-7:30 Dinner. Join us on the blacktop for dinner to purchase from Mrs. Malsbury. Beer and wine for purchase.

Enjoy this time to meet new families or meet up with the ones you have not seen over the summer. \*\*\*Bring your lawn chairs, to hang out!

If you would like to volunteer for this event, here is a link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094BACAC2BA0FF2-funrun>

We would love to have volunteers helping with supervision during the run and helping to serve during supper.

## Hurricane Ida Relief

With the destruction that has been created by Hurricane Ida, we are asking our families to help take care of our neighbors by making donations to help hurricane survivors. We will be donating all money to Catholic Charities who is working to help support recovery efforts. Please have students bring donations of cash or check to their homeroom teacher. StuCo will be collecting until September 20th.

## Girl Scouts

Hello St. John families! Join us for a quick online info session. We will have some fun with the girls & share some Girl Scout information with families!

**Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 pm**

To get Zoom event info visit: [gsksmo.org/friends](https://gsksmo.org/friends)  
JOIN NOW at [gsksmo.org/friends](https://gsksmo.org/friends)

For more information, contact Anne at [ahackman@gsksmo.org](mailto:ahackman@gsksmo.org) or 913-634-1223 (knows everything about Girl Scouts)

You may also contact Shari at [miss-shari@att.net](mailto:miss-shari@att.net) or 785-331-5797 (St. John mom)

## BOOKENDS HELP NEEDED

Our Bookends (Before/ After School Care) program is up and running. We are still looking for a few more staff members to fill out the group. If you know of anyone that would like to apply, please have them email Pilar D'Asto at [pdasto@sjeagles.com](mailto:pdasto@sjeagles.com).

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

We are currently looking for volunteers to help out in the library with shelving and general organization of our library. If you might be able to volunteer some time to help out that would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please email Mr. Reffett at [creffett@sjeagles.com](mailto:creffett@sjeagles.com). All volunteers must be Virtus trained to help out.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Annual St. John Auction has been scheduled for November 13th.

We are currently in the process of gathering items to be auctioned off. If you or someone you know would like to donate an item, please fill out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/212344918114148>

## Grocery Cards Sold After Mass

Grocery Cards will be sold **after all masses on the first weekend** of the month. Please bring cash or check to purchase Checkers, Merc, and H-Vee grocery cards. Sales will be set up outdoors near the north door of the church. Grocery cards are sold to you at face value, and the grocery stores donate 5-6% of sales toward St. John Parish School. Sales of cards will be targeted towards paying the mortgage on the gymnasium.

To pre-order cards, or to help sell cards, email: [noramurphy777@gmail.com](mailto:noramurphy777@gmail.com) or call 785-727-5083.

\*If you shop at Dillons and need help setting up the auto-donation there, please call.

## Prayers & Thank You's

- As we approach the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. We continue to pray for the lives lost and the families affected by this day..

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

## WAYS TO HELP THE SCHOOL

The school office has gift cards for Checkers, HyVee, and Merc if you would like to purchase. The school receives a percentage for each card purchased. Please call the school office at 785-843-9511 to purchase.

Do you shop at Dillons or HyVee? Both grocery stores have a rewards program that can help benefit our school. If you have one of their Shoppers cards, go to the Customer Service department to learn more about signing up for their school rewards program.

We are also continuing to sell trash bags if you are interested in purchasing through the office.

## Calendar: September

| 6   | 7  | 8  | 9         | 10                     | 11 |
|---|--|--|-----------|------------------------|----|
| No School - Labor Day   | No School - Staff Professional Development Day | Marathon Club – 7:30-8:00                                  | Mass - 7A |                        | 12 |
| 13  | 14   | 15   | 16        | 17                     | 18 |
| Marathon Club – 3:30-4:30   | Staff meeting - 3:45                           | Marathon Club – 7:30-8:00                                  |           | PTO Fun Run 6am-7:30pm | 19 |
| 20  | 21   | 22   | 23        | 24                     | 25 |
| Marathon Club – 3:30-4:30<br>Donations for Hurricane Ida Relief due | Staff meeting - 3:45                           | Marathon Club – 7:30-8:00<br>Spirit Day-Funky Fun Hair Day |           |                        | 26 |

# PARISH NEWS

## Bulletin

Here is the latest bulletin:

<http://sjevangelist.com/bulletin>

## Weekly Parish Giving

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Below reflects donations received from July 1, 2021 through August 8th, 2021.

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| <b>Budgeted weekly collection amount.....</b> | <b>\$28,365.38</b>  |
| <b>Average weekly collection amount.....</b>  | <b>\$26,270.19</b>  |
| <b>Budgeted collection fiscal YTD.....</b>    | <b>\$170,192.28</b> |
| <b>Actual collection fiscal YTD.....</b>      | <b>\$157,621.15</b> |
| <b>Net Shortage.....</b>                      | <b>\$12,571.13</b>  |
| <b>FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit.....</b>  | <b>\$257,811.13</b> |
| <b>FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit.....</b>        | <b>\$267,486.68</b> |

Visit: <http://www.sjevangelist.com/giving> for information or to manage your account!

## Middle School & High School Youth Group

Registration is now open for middle school and high school youth group! Register here:

<https://form.jotform.com/212314680404042>

## 8th Grade Confirmation

Any 8th grader in our Parish and at our Parish school getting confirmed this year will prepare for this sacrament within small faith groups. These groups will meet several weeks prior to Confirmation, which we estimate to be in March or April (date provided by Archdiocese). Confirmation Small Groups will meet specifically to prepare for this sacrament starting after Christmas. Group meeting times will vary based on availability of Confirmation Group Leaders and group members. If you or someone you know would like to lead a Confirmation Small Group, please contact Allison Loecker at: [sjyouth@sjevangelist.com](mailto:sjyouth@sjevangelist.com).

## Women's Group Fall Ministry

Women of St. John's, are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community!

All Women in the Parish and community are welcome! Two weekly sessions are offered: **Mondays, 6-7:30pm, Begins 9/13 (Virtual) and Thursdays, 1:30-3pm, Begins 9/16**. There will be an opportunity to donate \$40 for materials

To enroll or for more information: <https://form.jotform.com/212314367191148>

## Men of St. John

All men in the parish and community are welcome to attend sessions of fellowship, a video about the faith and small group discussion. The program will begin 6 a.m., **Wednesday, September. 8**, in the church basement. Light breakfast and coffee will be provided. Each session wraps up at 7:25 a.m. We will meet every Wednesday morning through the fall semester aside from holiday breaks. We will follow public health guidelines strongly encouraging masks and social distancing. Anyone with questions can contact Brian Walter, [walterpack@sunflower.com](mailto:walterpack@sunflower.com) or (785) 766-1569.