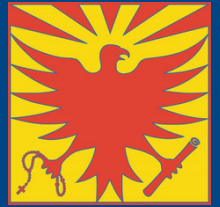




# ST. JOHN PARISH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 15th, 2022



## Important Info about Virtus for Volunteers

Beginning Monday, September 19, the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas will no longer allow the online training module for: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS. The three-hour initial training session for those new to the VIRTUS program will be required to complete this training in person only.

**Please take advantage of this convenient online option** before it goes away. This is especially helpful for all volunteers who anticipate they will be interacting with children later in the school year, such as CYO coaching, field trips, in-class projects, tutoring, lunchroom volunteer. Even if your participation won't occur until later in the year it is helpful to complete this training early.

Contact Virtus Director Meg Milburn: [mmilburn@sjevangelist.com](mailto:mmilburn@sjevangelist.com) with any questions.

## Parent Handbook

Here is a [link to our Parent Handbook](#).

Please review the update on our policy on short and skirt length. Also, I have added the school drop off and pick-up locations to the Handbook.

We ask that all parents sign the acknowledgement form on page 3 that they received and have reviewed the handbook. Parents will also need to sign the Photo Release form, as well as, the Technology Use form on page 4 for all students 3rd - 8th grade.

## Learn about Girl Scouts

Calling all girls! Please come to the St. John Girl Scouts "Back-to-School Bash"!  
Friday, August 26, 6:30 - 7:30, Southpark  
Come have popsicles, fun, games, & a good time!

For info contact Shari, 785-331-5797, [miss-shari@att.net](mailto:miss-shari@att.net)

## ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers are the backbone of our thriving school. The camaraderie and community that is developed through serving and supporting our children, staff, and administration set our school apart from others. Please click on the link below to sign up:

<https://sjevangelist.com/school/volunteer/>

## PARENT FACEBOOK GROUPS

Each grade has a Facebook group for parents under our St. John School Facebook page. Please join to better connect with other school parents:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnlawrence/groups>

## VOLUNTEER NURSE

If you are a nurse or know someone who is a nurse and would be willing to volunteer some time at the school, it would be greatly appreciated. Last year, we had a retired nurse that came in to help every so often and it was greatly appreciated. Any help that you could provide Mrs. Webb would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer or had any more questions, please email [creffett@sjeagles.com](mailto:creffett@sjeagles.com)

## Teacher Wish Lists

- Mrs. Porch & Ms. Setter's [Wish List](#)
- Ms. Fewins' [Wish List](#)
- Mrs. Werth's [Wish List](#)
- Mrs. Fox's [Wish List](#)
- Ms. Woolverton's [Wish List](#)
- Ms. Friedrich's [Wish List](#)
- Ms. Ice's [Wish List](#)
- Ms. Hubbard's [Wish List](#)
- Ms. Domann's [Wish List](#)

## Health and Wellness and School Safety Plan

Here are the links for our updated [health and wellness](#) and [school safety plan](#) for the upcoming school year. We are certainly hoping for a return to normal this school year but will be doing our best to help ensure the safety and well-being of our students throughout the school year.

## Drop-off and Pick-up

There will be two drop-off/ pick-up points for students. One will be at the south middle door on Vermont Street. The other will be the gym lobby doors on Kentucky Street. Families drop-off on either Vermont or Kentucky based on their last name.

- 8:05-8:15
  - Last Names A-C on Vermont Street
  - Last Names M-O on Vermont Street
  - Last Names T-Z on Vermont Street
  - 
  - Last Names D-G on Kentucky Street
  - Last Names H-L on Kentucky Street
  - Last Names P-S on Kentucky Street
- Students will be allowed in the building starting at 8:05am.
- Classes start at 8:20am.

## Coffee on the 1st Day of School

Our Engagement Committee would like to invite you to join them for coffee on the 1st day of school. Coffee will be available from 8-9:30 on August 16th on the Kentucky side parking lot. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with parents you may have not seen over the summer or take the opportunity to meet new families.

## VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus Training is required for all adult volunteers at the school. As we create more opportunities next year for parents and family members to get involved, we ask that you take the time this summer to get yourself trained and ready to go. The training is all online and can be completed in a few hours. The background check does take a few days so the summer is a great time to get it finished. I would strongly recommend all parents do it this summer. If you would like more information about the process, please email Meg Milburn at [mmilburn@sjevangelist.com](mailto:mmilburn@sjevangelist.com).

## GROCERY CARDS BEING 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.

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

## Before/After School Care

Before and After school care will be available for K-8th grade students again this year. Before school care runs from 7:00 - 8:05 each morning. After school care runs from 3:30 - 6:00 pm. The cost for Before school will be \$7 and after school will be \$10 per student. Our Director, Alex Quinn, will be at Open House on August 15th if you would like to get your kids registered on Kidcheck. If you are unable to make it to Open House and would like to get your children registered, please feel free to email Alex at [aquinn@sjeagles.com](mailto:aquinn@sjeagles.com)

## Marathon Club

Marathon Club is a great way for students to get involved in running. K-8th grade students are invited to join Marathon Club. We run in South Park on Monday from 3:30-4:30 and Wednesday from 7:30-8:00 right before school starts. On Monday, everyone starts in the gym and moves to South Park. On Wednesday, they meet on the Vermont street side of the school right across from South Park. Marathon Club will begin on **August 22nd**

## Parent Engagement Meeting

This year we will be asking parents to join us for an engagement meeting to share valuable information about the school. We are asking that this meeting be attended by all parents. Parents will be required to attend one of the meeting dates: September 20th, 21st, or 22nd from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

## Lunchroom Servers

This year we are looking for more and more ways to help develop Servant Leadership within our students. We will work to do this in many ways through the school year. One way we will do this is through our cafeteria helpers during lunchtime. This year, we will have all students 4th-8th grade take turns helping in the cafeteria. By giving of their time, we will reinforce the importance of volunteering, helping others, and helping the school. With everyone helping out, it will ultimately mean everyone contributes and no one will miss very much class time through the school year.

## ASKSTJOHN@SJEAGLES.COM

Do you have specific questions but you're not sure who to ask? Did you just think of a question but it's after office hours and you don't want to forget to ask the next morning? Well, we are here to help. We have a new email address that is available to answer your questions. If you are not sure who you should ask, please email us at [askstjohn@sjeagles.com](mailto:askstjohn@sjeagles.com) and we will direct your question to the appropriate person to help you.

## PRAYERS & THANK YOU

As we begin this school year, I want to thank everyone that worked so hard this summer to help prepare for the new school year. It takes many hands to prepare for the new year and I am grateful for all of you.  
- Mr. Reffett

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for mowing the school and church grounds.

Please keep our students and staff in your prayers as they begin the new year.

## SAVE THE DATE!



The date for the next St. John Benefit Auction has been set. Please mark

**November 12, 2022** on your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there

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## Mass Celebrations

**Daily Masses:** Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m.,  
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

**Weekend Masses:** 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Spanish,  
5:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation:** Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. - Noon;  
Saturday - 3-4 p.m.; By appt only

## Bulletin

Here is the latest bulletin: <http://sjevangelist.com/bulletin>

## Save the Date: Parish Picnic

Please join us at the Parish Picnic on October 16th at Broken Arrow Park. More details coming soon.

## Position Open: Director of Faith Formation

This person would develop, articulate, and administer a vision and direction for parish faith formation programs. He/she would oversee all faith formation programs and evaluate their effectiveness; develop/implement ideas and programs that would be available for parishioners from womb to tomb. Ideal candidate will be a bilingual (English/Spanish) practicing Catholic who holds a degree in Catechesis or Theology and/or has equivalent work experience relating to faith formation. This person would have strong knowledge of Catholicism, intercultural competence in ministry, strong interpersonal skills, proven organizational and leadership skills, computer/technology competencies. 2-4 years of parish ministry experience preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at: [www.sjevangelist.com/jobs](http://www.sjevangelist.com/jobs). This is a full-time position and eligible for the Archdiocesan benefits package with start date of August 20, 2022. Position will be open until filled. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John at [frjohn@sjevangelist.com](mailto:frjohn@sjevangelist.com) (RE: DFF) or 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS.

## Small Emmaus Groups

Small Groups are an opportunity to connect with others while growing in your Catholic Faith. These groups are a place to receive encouragement, knowledge of faith and develop strong community connections! Groups will vary, meeting once a week at church, in homes, even restaurants, or other locations throughout the city. Some might look like a Bible Study, Book Club, Social Gatherings, Hobby Sharing or Community Service Activities! Contact Suzy Novotny, call/text or email: [snovotny47@gmail.com](mailto:snovotny47@gmail.com), (785) 550-8357 if you have any questions, want to participate or lead a group.