



ST. JOHN PARISH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 8th, 2022



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. These forms will be available at the middle school locker party and back to school open house.

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
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 - 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 8th - New School Families Picnic in the Park
6pm South Park
- August 10th - Preschool Parent Information Night
5pm-6pm St. John School
Bosco Room
- August 11th - Middle School Locker Party
5pm-6pm
- August 11th - Kindergarten Popsicles in The Park
6:30pm South Park
- August 15th - Back to School Open House
9am-11am preschool - 5th grade families
- August 16th - First Day of School
Doors open up at 8:05 and class begins at 8:20

PART-TIME CAFETERIA POSITION

I am currently looking to fill a position in our cafeteria. Responsibilities of this position are to assist with food preparation, serving of meals, and cleaning up in the kitchen and cafeteria. This position will be for school days Monday - Friday from 10 am - 2pm. If you are interested in this position, please email Mr. Reffett at creffett@sj eagles.com.

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

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.

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>

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 and we will direct your question to the appropriate person to help you.

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**

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

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

St. John Alum, Jack Pfeifer, has recently completed his Eagles Scout Project. His project was to create a seating area in dedication to Sister Susan Yerkich. This seating area is in our gym lobby in the place where her garden used to be.

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.

PTO Meeting Notes

We LOVED having new school families at the meeting tonight!

PTO Mission- To foster school community and fundraising.

PTO meetings are very casual-come to one or all- whenever you can make it we'd love to have you. It is a great way to get to know school families.

Upcoming Events- **Fun Run- September 9th**. Sign up for parent volunteers will come via email in the next few weeks. This is a Friday evening family event with drinks and dinner available for purchase. Bring your own blankets and chairs. Kids participate in a Fun Run around South Park that can count toward Marathon Club Miles.

Mark calendars for our school **Auction November 12th** (Roaring 20's theme)- this is our biggest fundraiser for the school!

Teacher Snacks- Nicole Etzel will coordinate to fill the teacher's lounge with goodies each month. Starting with 8th grade in September.

PTO Committee Positions NEEDED for the upcoming school year: Community Involvement Coordinator, Bingo Night Coordinators and Trivia Night Coordinators. Stop by the PTO table at the Back to School Open House or email pto@sjegales.com if interested in any of these positions. These events cannot happen this year without the help of volunteers!

Next PTO meeting date: Wednesday September 14th, location TBD

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.

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 or call 785-727-5083.

PRAYERS & THANK YOU

Mrs. Cast would like to thank all the parents and students that came out to help them get the preschool playground ready for the school year. A huge thank you to Micah, Ashley, Liam, and Amelia Halton, Brittany and Julian Langford, Oliver Schwartz, Nick and Lucas Etzel, Emily and Jax Elam, Kelly and Zoe Prier, and Tim and Jane Cast.

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

PARISH NEWS



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. 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 (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, (785) 550-8357 if you have any questions, want to participate or lead a group.