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St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School Newsletter

August 25, 2010

## Important Dates

**TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 7TH**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

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Thank you!

## **LETTER FROM SAINT JOHN'S SCHOOL**

Dear Parents,

August 25, 2010

We hope you have had a wonderful summer filled with family and fun as well as relaxation and renewal. Your teachers and staff at St. John's School are excited to welcome you and your students and to begin the new school year. We have been working hard over the summer to prepare for a wonderful year filled with new curriculum, a great staff including new teachers, a new computer lab and curriculum, a new teachers' resource and work room, new carpet and flooring in some of our classrooms and a general cleaning and upgrading of our classrooms.

By now you have received the Welcome Back to School Brochure in the mail. It is packed with lots of important news and information to begin our 2010-2011 school year. In addition to the brochure, you are also receiving the same information here as an ENEWS. You can find the **FORMS TO BE RETURNED ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**, the school events calendar and other information on our website at [www.saint-johns.org/school](http://www.saint-johns.org/school). We will be updating our school calendar throughout the school year. Please refer to the calendar on our website for the most updated information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time. We are here to serve you and your students!

Blessings,

*Your St. John's School Teachers and Staff*

## **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT INVITATION**

You are invited to St. John's  
Episcopal Parish Day School



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email to family and  
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## Back To School Night

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Wednesday, September 8, 2010**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**

Followed immediately by a reception in Nale Hall. This is  
an opportunity for you to come and meet your child's  
teacher and hear about the new school year.

# **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 2010**

**Welcome Back!** To help ease the confusion of the first  
day of school we would like to make you aware of these  
procedures:

### **WHERE TO GO IN THE MORNING:**

**Middle School:** Meet in the Chapel for class roster and  
introduction of teachers

**K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th:** Class roster and room  
assignments are located on the sidewalk in the parking  
lot. Please go directly to your classroom.

**Preschool:** Report directly to preschool building for your  
class roster. All classes will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.  
At that time, parents are invited to enjoy coffee and  
fellowship in Nale Hall.

### **DISMISSAL TIME & LOCATIONS:**

The first and second day of school is early dismissal.  
**Preschool and Kindergarten:** Dismissal time is 11:45am.  
Please pick up students directly from their classrooms.

**1st - 8th Grade:** Dismissal time 12 noon.

### **RETURNING Students:**

If your child was in a carpool last year, they will be  
dismissed at the same location on 1st Avenue.

If your child was NOT in a carpool, they will be dismissed  
with their classroom teacher in the parking lot.

### **NEW Students:**

Will be dismissed with classroom teachers in the parking  
lot.

Thank you for your help and cooperation. Your patience  
while we are settling in for in the first days of school is  
greatly appreciated. We hope you have a great School  
Year!



## **SCHOOL CLASS LISTS COMING SOON!**

Very soon you will receive a separate mailing which will include the class lists for your student's new class. Using several criteria, the teachers worked very hard to prepare these lists to provide for the best distribution of students and for the most appropriate educational environment in their classroom. **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGES IN THE CLASS LIST.** We appreciate your support for our teachers and students in preparing your student to enter their new class in a positive way. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **STUDENT CLASSROOM SUPPLY LISTS**

Your student's success begins by being prepared each day with the supplies they need for their work in the classroom. You will find a classroom supply list for each class on the St. John's School website at [www.saint-johns.org/school](http://www.saint-johns.org/school). Please help your child be successful by sending them to school on the first day with what they need so that they are prepared to learn.

## **WE WELCOME OUR NEW, EXCLUSIVE UNIFORM PARTNER!**

Included in your Welcome Back packet you will find information from Nunes Apparel, our new, exclusive uniform supplier. Please take the opportunity to get to know this wonderful company by going to their website at [www.nunesapparel.com](http://www.nunesapparel.com). They will be on campus to serve your uniform purchase needs on the dates below:

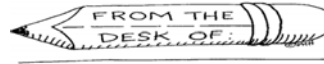


We realize there has been some confusion regarding **PRESCHOOL UNIFORMS**. PLEASE NOTE THAT UNIFORMS AND P.E. UNIFORMS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL PRESCHOOLERS.

**SELL DATES:**  
**Wed. 8/25 12pm-6pm**

**Tues. 9/7 11am-3pm**

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF SANDY MARTINEZ***



Many of you have known me for many years. I have been with Saint John's for over eleven years. I've had the privilege of getting to know many of the families at St. John's and have seen many of your children grow from toddlers to young adults and move on to other schools. I am very excited about all the changes that are taking place at Saint John's this upcoming school year. The new administration is working very hard to improve communication and to serve all our families. Our goal is to make it the best school it can be! I want to assure everyone that although I have a different role in the office, I'm still available to answer your questions and help in any way I can. My full focus this year will be on supporting and serving St. John's School. I thank you for all the support you have shown us through the changes and ask that you continue to keep Saint John's in your prayers.

Faithfully,  
Sandy Martinez

## ***STUDENT SERVICES INTRODUCTION Mrs. Maria Love***

My name is Maria Love and I am the Student Services Clerk at St. John's School. I have been at this school since January and I really enjoy being here. When your child gets hurt on the playground or feels sick during the school day, I am the person they come to see. My job is to clean and bandage small injuries, take temperatures, allow the students to rest a little and have some water after they push themselves to run faster in PE, and then decide if they can go back to class or if they need to go home. I am also the person to see if you bring your child to school late or if you need to take your child out of school for a doctor or dentist appointment, or for any other reason. In addition, I am responsible for maintaining student records, which includes making sure that all students' immunization records are on file and up-to-date.



This year, we are asking parents to sign a waiver allowing your students to receive over-the-counter

medications for small problems that do not require them to leave school for the day, but are temporarily distracting them from learning (headaches, minor indigestion, etc.) In the past, we have made Tylenol and Pepto-Bismol available as needed; this year, we will be adding cough drops, antacid tablets and Midol, along with topical germ-killers and itch relievers. The waiver will allow you to tell us if there are specific medications that you do not wish your child to have or that your child is allergic to, and still allow your child to receive other medications that you tell us are okay. Please feel free to contact me about any concerns you have at maria@saint-johns.org or at 422-4141 ext. 17.

Since I have been here, there are two questions I am frequently asked. The first is, "Are you a nurse?" The answer is no. Many of the students refer to me as a nurse, but I do not have any training beyond basic first aid training. I do have four very active children of my own, and I have what I call "mom skills." Most of your children will not require more than common sense and some TLC, and my mom skills are sufficient. The second is, "Is your name really Mrs. Love?" The answer to that question is yes, that really is my name. I think I'm very lucky to have such a great name, and I try very hard to live up to it!

## ***PLEASE SIGN UP FOR eSCRIP***

Please remember to sign up for participation in the eScrip program.



This simple fundraising resource is easy, and benefits St. John's School in many ways through your regular purchases at restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, department stores, Amazon.com, and many other merchants. You may sign up to participate in the e-Scrip program by filling out and returning the enclosed 2010-2011 e-Scrip Form. To learn more about the benefits of eScrip, and to register for the eScrip program online, go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Search for St. John's Parish School by using the zip code of 91910 or the school group ID number of 6570181. Scroll down the list of schools and click on St. John's Parish School. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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## **NEW REPORT CARDS FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

Following the last day of school, the outstanding teachers of St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School met for 6 days to work on curriculum for the 2010-2011 school year. They met as a total faculty with Dr. Jennifer



Jeffries, professor of education at Cal State, San Marcos, and then met in their grade level groups. As a result of their good work, the curriculum for your students will now be more closely aligned with the California State Content Standards and Frameworks, which will help guide the teachers in their classroom programs. These content standards were designed to encourage the highest achievement of every student, by defining the knowledge, concepts, and skills that students should acquire at each grade level.

You can learn more about these standards by going to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/>.

As a part of their work, the teachers also began the development of a new system for reporting your student's progress in understanding and learning the important building blocks for each subject. At the end of the first trimester, you will receive this new, redesigned report card called a Standards Based Report Card. Most of the public schools and many of the private schools are now using this format to report not only a summary trimester grade, but also a student's progress in particular content standards selected for that trimester. You will receive more detailed information

about this new report card as we approach the end of the first trimester. Students in the elementary grades will no longer receive letter grades. Instead, they will receive an evaluation of their progress toward achieving proficiency in the particular subject. The middle school students will continue to receive letter grades based on percentages. We hope this new program of curriculum, assessment and reporting will help the teachers, students and parents become better partners in this important work of learning.

## **SMART TUITION FOR YOUR PAYMENT CONVENIENCE**



We realize that there has been much confusion about our new tuition timeline. We would like to remind parents that we are now on a 10 month tuition schedule from July to April. If you are on a monthly plan, your first tuition payment will be due on the 5th or the 20th of every month. There is a \$43 one time fee per year charged by SMART TUITION. Beginning next school year 2010-2011, all fees for homework club, before and after school care, after school camps, sports camps, etc., will be collected by SMART TUITION. Only outstanding payments from 2009-2010 will be collected at Saint John's. You can access SMART TUITION'S website and log into your account at any time to make payments or/and monitor your account. Questions? contact Sally Elliott, Business Manager, at 619 422-4141 Ext. 18 or e-mail at [sally@saint-johns.org](mailto:sally@saint-johns.org).

## **TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES HAVE COME TO SAINT JOHN'S**

By the time your student returns to classes at St. John's School, technology upgrades will have happened. We will have installed the updated technology infrastructure, wireless access to



the internet and a redesigned Computer Lab. All this has been made possible through your timely payment of tuition, the good financial planning of the school budget by Fr. Goddard, the Vestry and the St. John's School Board and additional fundraising led by your Parent-

Teacher Committee (PTC). Many thanks to the Technology Task Force for their excellent work. We hope you will stop by the Computer Lab and check out these wonderful improvements.

We are also working with a company, Beyond Technology Education, which will help us to develop tools and curriculum for teaching through the use of technology. You can learn more about this company by going to <http://www.beyondteched.com/>. Our Computer Lab teacher, Mrs. Wemple, will be attending a training course this summer which will assist in developing a more comprehensive computer and technology education program for our students. We will follow up with teacher training in the use of computers and technology in the classroom and in curriculum development.

This is only the beginning of future plans to provide laptops for our teachers and other in-class technology which will enhance our ability to deliver quality teaching tools and techniques for 21st century learning.

## ***HOMework CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE***

This year we will offer Homework Club for students in 4th - 8th grade and After School Care for students in Preschool through 3rd grade. Students will go to either Homework Club or After School Care after 3:40 p.m. All students must be picked up by 6:00 pm from either of these programs. The cost of both after school programs is a flat rate of \$10 no matter how long the student is in the program each day. The cost of the program will be billed monthly through Smart Tuition.



### ***EDLINE:***

## ***ASSISTING PARENTS AND TEACHERS WITH BETTER COMMUNICATIONS***

**Edline** is a web based tool for teachers, students, and parents which provides for excellent communication between home and school. Teachers will post daily assignments and important calendar dates for tests, field trips, projects due and other homework

assignments, as well as special notices.

**Edline** can be used by parents to check the progress of their students, verify daily homework and communicate directly with their student's teachers.

It is important that parents take advantage of this helpful tool to assist their students in maintaining a well organized and accountable learning environment so that they can be successful in their education.

Each parent must have an access code in order to use Edline. If you do not currently have an Edline code, please contact Sandy Martinez at [sandy@saint-johns.org](mailto:sandy@saint-johns.org) or 619 422-4141 Ext. 12

For more information about Edline go to [www.edline.com](http://www.edline.com)

## **CARPOOLS**

In this Welcome Back packet and on our website at [www.saint-johns.org/school](http://www.saint-johns.org/school) you will find information about forming carpools for the 2010-2011 school year. PLEASE fill out the Dismissal Information Form 2010-2011 included in this packet and return it to your student's teacher as soon as possible. This very important form will help us to create our carpool lists so that your student's pick up after school can go smoothly. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

## **SAINT JOHN'S SCHOOL HOURS AND STUDENT DROP OFF INFORMATION**

There has been a slight change in the time of the school day. Instead of ending at 3:00 p.m., the school day will now end at 3:15 p.m. The reason for this time extension is so that the middle school students will have equal time for classes in the morning and the afternoon. In the past, the afternoon classes for the middle school have been shorter than the morning classes. Making the class time equal throughout the day for every class, will assure that the subjects studied in the afternoon will have the same amount of time as the morning subjects.



Because the school day will be extended by 15 minutes, the time available to pick up your student will also be extended. Please plan to pick up your student no later than 3:40 p.m. After that time, your student will be taken to after school care or Homework Club and you will

be charged \$10. You will be billed for the time through Smart Tuition on a monthly basis.

Our school campus opens at 8:15 am. Though some teachers may be present before this time, classrooms don't open until 8:15 am to accept students. Classes officially begin at 8:30 am. Parents should drop off students between 8:15 am-8:30 am. We are aware that some families like to arrive early. If you happen to arrive to school before 8:15 am, please do the following:

1. Send your child directly to Nale Hall for Before School Care beginning at 7 am. The cost is \$4 per day. Please sign your child in when you drop him/her off.

OR

2. Park your car and keep your child(ren) with you until 8:15 am. For safety reasons, we ask that you DO NOT leave your child unattended on our campus before 8:15 am. St. John's Episcopal School is a "closed" campus school. After 8:45 am, only students and staff are allowed to be on the school grounds. Parents and visitors are asked to sign in at the office and obtain a Visitor's Pass between the hours of 8:45 am-3:30 pm. We ask that everyone respect this procedure and sign in at the office.

Please be alert and considerate of others in the school's parking lot and on 1st Ave when you drop off and pick up your children. Help us do our job by obeying these safety rules:

#### **INSIDE OUR PARKING LOT**

1. In the morning, the drop-off circle is for drop off only. PLEASE DO NOT UNLOAD STUDENTS ANYWHERE ELSE!

If you need to get out and walk your child(ren) in, please PARK YOUR CAR IN A LEGAL PARKING SPACE! Please be ready to load or unload child(ren) quickly. Think of other parents waiting in line behind you.

2. At dismissal, drivers are asked to form a single file line of traffic upon entering the parking lot.

3. Remain in your car and pull forward as far as possible, moving forward as space permits. Be ready to load children quickly.

4. If you need to talk with a teacher or another parent, PARK YOUR CAR IN A LEGAL PARKING SPACE!

#### **OUTSIDE OUR PARKING LOT**

1. In the morning and afternoon, white loading curbs are for drop off and pick up only. Please be ready to load or unload children quickly. Think of other parents waiting in line behind you. If you need to get out and walk your children in, please PARK YOUR CAR IN A LEGAL PARKING AREA!

2. All students are to cross the street with an adult.

3. NEVER load or unload while in a traffic lane. Not only is this illegal but it is extremely dangerous.

Drivers, please slow down and watch out for pedestrians.

Parents, remind your children to look both ways in the parking lot and walk along the sidewalk. The blue handicapped spaces are ONLY for drivers with a blue handicapped disabled placard. Finally, please be respectful and follow the direction of school personnel while in the parking lot. We thank you in advance for your understanding and helping us maintain a safe environment for our children.

## **NEW TEACHERS JOIN THE STAFF OF ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL**



### **New Teachers**

In June we said goodbye to teachers and staff who were moving on to other opportunities. For the 2010-2011 school year we are pleased to announce that 4 new teachers will be joining us. As you read about them, we know you will find them highly qualified and deeply committed to the education and formation of your children. Please join in welcoming them to the St. John's School family.

#### **2nd Grade Mrs. Nina Dillehay**

Mrs. Dillehay recently moved to San Diego from the east coast. She received her Bachelors of Arts degree in psychology from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania in 2002, completed her Graduate Level Teacher Certification program in elementary education at Rider University in 2007 and currently holds a K-6 Multiple Subject teaching credential in California. She has over 5 years of classroom experience, a passion for molding children through teaching and the desire to provide all students with an excellent education.

#### **4th Grade Ms. Randi Langfelder**

Ms. Langfelder comes to us from Phoenix, AZ where she has taught 5th grade since December 2006. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies from California State University, San Marcos and a teaching credential from the state of Arizona. She loves children and teaching, focuses on providing and maintaining an organized and safe learning environment, values parent involvement and communication with parents, and expects all students to do their best, ask for help if they are struggling to understand something and to treat others as they would want to be treated.

#### **4th Grade Mrs. Jill Valdez**

Mrs. Valdez is known to some of our parents as a regular

substitute teacher at St. John's. Most recently, she served as a long term substitute teacher for our fourth grade class. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from San Diego State University and has completed her courses for her California State Teaching Credential. She did her student teaching at Stephen Foster Elementary School and Rosa Parks Elementary School in San Diego. She is committed to excellence and to a continuous desire to strive for improvement. She takes pride in knowing that she can be a part of the rich experience that elementary schools provide our children.

#### **6th Grade Math & Language Arts Mrs. Audrey Quirk**

Mrs. Quirk graduated from California State University, San Marcos Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Literature and Writing. She holds a California State Teaching Credential and did her student teaching at San Pasqual High School in Escondido and Mission Hills High School in San Marcos. She highly values education, and makes a personal commitment to every student she teaches, knowing that the greatest defining measure of a child's success in his or her education is the quality of the teacher that a child receives. Working closely with the team of teachers, specialists, parents and administration, she desires to serve the needs of the whole child. She will join Mrs. Shorkey as the middle school Math team and Mrs. Walker as the Language Arts team.

#### **Physical Education - Michael Lozano**

Many students and parents are already familiar with Mr. Lozano. During the 2009-2010 school year, He was a substitute teacher and also covered several of our P.E. classes during Coach Vu's absence. Mr. Lozano graduated from St. Augustine High School and St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He currently coaches both varsity football and baseball at Mater Dei Catholic High School. he believes that physical education is an important extension of the classroom and helps to make every student a complete and well rounded person thru physical discipline and team work. We welcome Coach Lozano as our new Preschool and Elementary P.E. Coach at St. John's and look forward to a very exciting new year.

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