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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

Important Dates

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7TH

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

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The Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynck is responsible for all School communications. Please send any event or calendar information to Sandy Martinez at sandy@saint-johns.org with a copy to jenny@saint-johns.org For the weekly E-News, please have information to Canon Jenny by Wednesday of the week of publication and for the Eagle Newsletter by the 15th of the month.

Thank you!

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Saint John's Families,

Saint John's Teachers and Staff welcome all students to school on Tuesday, September 7th. Remember that school starts at 8:30 am, and we suggest you arrive by 8:15 am. classrooms will not be open to students or parents before 8:15 am. Dismissal is at 12:00 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week of school. We are back to normal schedule 8:30 am to 3:15 pm on Thursday and Friday. All students should have received their classroom assignments by this time. if you have not received yours, please call or e-mail Sandy Martinez at (619) 422-4141 Ext. 12 or e-mail sandy@saint-johns.org

Please find more information on the first day of school below.

Blessings,

St. John's School Teachers and Staff

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT INVITATION

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

Back To School Night

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Wednesday, September 8, 2010**



Please forward this email to family and friends.

If someone forwarded the school e-news to you and you wish to receive future mailings, please click the button and add your information.

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6:30 pm Hospitality and refreshments in Nale Hall.

7:00 pm Welcome, Introduction and information.

7:30 pm Classroom visits

8:00 pm Classroom visits.

8:30 pm Return to church for Visit with Specialist Teachers.

8:50 pm Closing remarks.

***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: Please go directly to your classroom.

Preschool: Report directly to preschool classroom.

ALL 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!



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



Beginning this school year 2010-2011, all fees for Homework Club, before and after school care, after school camps, sports camps, PTC Room Mother event fees, field trips, etc., will be collected through SMART TUITION. Only outstanding payments from 2009-2010 will be received in the office at Saint John's. You will be notified through the e-news about upcoming charges through Smart Tuition. Please keep your current year's Smart Tuition payments up-to-date. You can access SMART TUITION'S website and log into your account at any time to make payments or/and monitor your account. Questions? You may contact Smart Tuition's 24/7 customer service hotline at 888-868-8828 or contact Sally Elliott, Business Manager, at 619 422-4141 Ext. 18 or e-mail at sally@saint-johns.org.

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

Included in your Welcome Back packet you have received 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. We realize there has been some confusion regarding PRESCHOOL UNIFORMS. PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND P.E. UNIFORMS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL PRESCHOOLERS. PRESCHOOL PARENTS WILL HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST. TO COMPLY WITH UNIFORM POLICIES.

In order to make sure all students are prepared for the first day of school, Nunes Uniforms will be at Saint John's on **Saturday, September 4th from 10 am to 2 pm. and Tuesday, September 7th from 7 am to 2 pm.** Nunes will also have a representative at Saint John's Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 10 am in Nale Hall for the entire month of September to take orders, exchanges, deliver back orders and to answer any questions parents have regarding uniforms.

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. 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.

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.

STUDENT SUPPLY REQUIRMENTS FOR

COMPUTER LAB

New Computer Lab means NEW Supply Requirements. All students in grades 3rd - 8th are required to have a flash drive for saving computer projects. the flash drive should be a minimum of 1 gb. Flash drives are available at Office Depot, Target, and Walmart. All Flash drives will remain in the computer lab and need to be CLEARLY LABELED. Please have your flash drives at school by Monday, September 13th.

HOMework CLUB, BEFORE SCHOOL CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE.

This year we will offer Homework Club for students in 4th - 8th grade, After School Care for Preschool through 3rd grade and Before school care for all students. Before school care will begin at 7 am and end at 8:15. The fee for this program is \$7 per day. 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 Homework club and after school care. 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 programs 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 or 619 422-4141 Ext. 12

For more information about Edline go to www.edline.com

CARPOOLS

In this Welcome Back packet and on our website at 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. *Preschool and Kindergarten will be dismissed at 3:05 pm. All other students will be dismissed at 3:15 pm.* 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.

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