



July 2023

Dear Kindergarten Family,

The first day of Kindergarten is fast approaching. We would like to outline some of the expectations for the first week of school.

Upon arrival to the St. John campus, please have your child line up at 8:15am with his/her homeroom class on the playground. Teachers will meet the lines each morning and walk the students into the classroom. Parents are welcome to join the procession into the classroom on the first day. Students will enter the room at 8:15am each morning.

Kindergarten students will be dismissed at noon the first day of instruction, Wednesday, August 30, and will continue with noon dismissal on August 31 and September 1. Your child will begin a full-day schedule on Tuesday, September 5, including Physical Education, Spanish, Music, Art and Library. Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 3pm each day starting Tuesday, September 5. Please let your student's teacher know if someone other than you will be picking up your child so that teachers can ensure your child's safety. Students attending Extended Day Care after school are escorted by their XDC leaders from the classroom.

Please provide a snack for your child every day, starting August 30. Please pack this snack separately from their lunch in their backpack. Do note: the kindergarten classes are nut-free. Hot Lunch service will start Tuesday, September 5. Ordering information will be announced in August. Students may bring labeled water bottles to the classroom to have during class time. Students are to take bottles home at the end of each week.

Please note the following:

- Tuesday, August 29 – Student Drop In Day. Meet the teachers and drop off supplies, 1-4pm
- Wednesday, August 30 – First Day of School and Coffee in the Courtyard for parents, 8:10am
 - Slow Start: Dismissal Noon
- Thursday, August 31 and Friday, September 1 – Slow Start Schedule, 8:15am-Noon
- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day, School and XDC not in session
- Tuesday, September 5 – Begin Full Day Schedule, 8:15-3pm
- Friday, September 8 – Back to School BBQ, Playground, 6pm
- Thursday, September 14 – Curriculum Night, Grades K-5, Church, 6:30pm
- Friday, September 15 – Jog-a-thon
- If your child is absent for any reason – illness, vacation, appointments, et. – inform the school via [attendance](#) or an [email to Mrs. Q.](#), administrative assistant.

We look forward to seeing you on campus in late August, and we invite you to join us at any of the [Summer 2023 Playdates](#).

Sincerely,
Bernadette O'Leary
Principal