



July 2023

Dear Families,

We send you a warm, summer welcome from St. John School. As we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year, watch for email communication; you will be updated from time to time. **Look for class assignments the week of August 21.**

Visit the [Back to School](#) page for information and tasks that need to be completed. There is helpful information to review and answers to frequently asked questions. You will find links to forms needing signatures, handbooks to review, class supply lists, and – for Middle School – summer required reading lists. If you still have questions, do contact us. You will also find the below information helpful as you prepare for the upcoming year:

Health and Safety

Covid-19: The school will continue to follow the [Department of Health's COVID-19 guidelines](#) for K-12 schools and childcare for the 2023-2024 school year.

- At this time there is no change to the quarantine guidelines for Covid-19. Students who test positive must isolate at home for at least 5 days and wear a mask to school during days 6-10. This [isolation and quarantine calculator](#) can be a helpful tool.
- The school will continue to offer on-site rapid testing for Covid-19 and Influenza.
- Rapid test kits will continue to be available for families to take home.
- Following a household exposure (i.e. sibling(s) or parent(s) test positive), students should wear a high-quality mask around others for 10 days after exposure and rapid test daily or every other day until 5 days after their last exposure.

Illness Policy: Common respiratory illnesses, such as Influenza (flu), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and other viruses may occur alongside Covid-19.

- Please remember **children must stay home if they are sick**. Help keep our student and staff community healthy by keeping children home from school if they are sick and be sure to inform the school by submitting the [attendance form](#) (submit an attendance form any time your student will miss school: illness, appointments, trips, etc.).
- The school will send students home if they exhibit symptoms of illness.

Immunizations: According to the State of Washington, Department of Health and the Archdiocese of Seattle, **students are required to be [current on immunizations](#)** by the first day of school.

- In addition to required immunizations, students and staff are encouraged to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and receive the annual flu vaccine.
 - The school will once again host an optional on-campus vaccine clinic in the fall for students and staff.

If you have any questions related to health and safety, please reach out to our school nurse, Dora Hall, ARNP at dhall@st-johnschool.org.

School Supplies: As you purchase [class supplies](#) for your student, recall that St. John School participates in two “percentage back” programs.

- [Yubbler.com](#) - When you purchase your school supplies on Yubbler.com, our school receives 50% of the profits after expenses (expected to be roughly 10% of the total purchase).
- [Office Depot/Office Max](#) - Office Depot/Office Max gives St. John School 5% back on all purchases using the code **70107291**. Available for purchases year-round.
- Middle School Students: Pay special attention to your summer reading assignments listed at the bottom of the class supply list.

School Uniform: Detailed information about the school uniform can be found on the [Uniform Policy](#) page. Uniforms items can be obtained in the following ways:

- New logo items will be available for purchase at the [online uniform and spirit store](#) August 1-15. Families can pick up their items the week of August 28 in the Parish Office (M-F, 8am-4pm).
- Classic logo items may be purchased through [Dennis Uniform](#) at 50% off the regular price. Order now for timely delivery.
- The school Uniform Exchange will be open during the [summer playdates](#), the Parish Picnic (July 23), Drop-In Day (August 29) and the Back to School BBQ (September 8).
- Uniform items that do not have the St. John logo or Marymount pattern can be purchased from other retailers as long as they match in style and color.
- Middle School Students: PE uniforms are not required.

CYO Athletics: There is still time to register for CYO [Soccer and Cross-Country](#). Financial aid is available; contact Jonna Skokan, jskokan@st-johnschool.org.

Hot Lunch Ordering: The portal for ordering September [hot lunch](#) will be open the week of August 21, following the publication of teacher assignments.

We are excited to introduce Stephanie Lynch as the new chef of Crispin’s Kitchen. A Seattle native, Chef Stephanie has cooked locally – Snoose Junction, Bick’s Broadview and the Edgewater Hotel Restaurant – and internationally for over three decades in catering,

restaurants, both large volume and fine dining, and as an operational consultant. She has also been a parent educator for her son and a fundraising auction chair at his Ballard K-8 school. Continuing her love of food and education, for the past few years, Chef Stephanie has been part of Bishop Blanchet High School's food service program and "loved it." According to Chef Stephanie, "It felt so natural to land at St. John School. I look forward to carrying on the vision of Chef Michael with fresh, creative, healthy and delicious lunches, along with adding my own tasty touches. Get ready, it is going to be a flavorful year!" Welcome to St. John, Chef Stephanie! Look for Chef Stephanie's first menu and hot lunch ordering the week of August 21.

Summer Learning Incentive: Students are encouraged to participate in the [Summer Learning Incentive](#), including daily practice with the Summer Solutions Math Workbook. This is a great opportunity for students to continue progressing toward our school-wide learning expectations. Students who complete the Summer Learning Incentive will earn free dress.

Remember to submit pictures of your student working on their Summer Learning Incentives and Summer Solutions workbook to Jonna Skokan, Director of Admissions & Development, jskokan@st-johnschool.org – let's applaud our students' efforts to beat the summer slide!

Volunteering at St. John School: All adults volunteering at St. John School must undergo [Safe Environment Training](#). The first training is a one-hour, in-person training followed by periodic online training (you will be notified via email).

Note the Following Dates:

- Tuesday, August 29 – Student Drop-In Day, 1-4pm. Meet the teachers and drop off supplies. XDC is not in session.
- Wednesday, August 30 – First Day of School and Coffee in the Courtyard for parents. Noon dismissal. XDC is open 7am-6pm for registered students.
- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day, School and XDC not in session
- 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
- Thursday, September 21 – Curriculum Night, Grades 6-8, Church, 6:30pm

The school office will reopen August 7, 2023. If you need assistance during this time, email Jonna Skokan, Director of Admissions & Development, jskokan@st-johnschool.org, Andrea Marquez, Administrative Assistant, amarquez@st-johnschool.org or Di Tran, Administrative Assistant, dtran@st-johnschool.org.

Enjoy the rest of your summer; we look forward to seeing you,

St. John School