



August 2023

Dear St. John Families,

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful Pacific Northwest summer. If you haven't done so, we encourage you to visit the [Back to School](#) page for helpful information and tasks that need to be completed. If you still have questions, do contact us. You will also find the below information and reminders helpful as you prepare for the upcoming year:

Class Assignments will be posted the week of August 21.

Health and Safety

Food Allergy Policy (Updated) – Students with food allergies are identified at the beginning of each school year through the medical information provided during the enrollment process. Parents of students with food allergies are also encouraged to reach out [Dora Hall](#), our school nurse. In the case of a food allergy, the school nurse, with the family and staff, coordinate a plan for the student to help prevent exposures. Please note that St. John is **NOT** a nut-free campus. The kitchen and hot lunch program ARE nut-free. The lunchroom has a designated allergen-aware table to support students with nut allergies. Accommodations for food allergies are made based on individual needs with the support of the school nurse.

Preschool and Kindergarten families, please note the Food Allergy Policy has been updated since you received the Welcome Letter earlier this summer.

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. Refer to the [Back to School July 2023 letter](#) for detailed information.

Illness Policy – Please remember **children must stay home if they are sick**; inform the school by submitting the [attendance form](#). The school will send students home if they exhibit symptoms of illness.

Immunizations – According to the Department of Health and the Archdiocese of Seattle, **students are required to be [current on immunizations](#)** by the first day of school. Students and staff are also encouraged to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and receive the annual flu vaccine. The school will 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.

Facilities Update: We are pleased to share that summer construction on the school's new ventilation and heating/cooling systems remain on schedule. Parish and School administration met with contractors on Tuesday to assess the current state of installation. Upon completion, teachers will have precise temperature control in multiple zones of the building. The new Split DOAS (Dedicated Outdoor Air System) units are equipped to provide dehumidified cooled and heated, fresh, outside air to all student and staff spaces in the main school building. There is also a dedicated variable air conditioning and heating system with the capability to heat and cool separate zones simultaneously.

The school's prior reliance on gas boilers and radiators to heat the classroom has been replaced by visible duct work and electric ventilation units in each educational space. The change will be noticeable when visiting classrooms for the first time. Ultimately this \$1.65 million dollar project will provide temperature comfort to a wide range of occupants. Resulting surpluses from the PPP program funded payrolls for the Parish and School in the amount of \$733,000, along with Called to Serve as Christ Capital Campaign Revenues and other reserves funded this Capital Project in the 2023 fiscal year. Thanks to Broderick Architects, Johansen Mechanical Inc. and Barnhart Crane for their contributions to this major renovation.

Parent Association: All parents/guardians of students attending St. John School are members of the [Parent Association](#) and are invited to the first PA meeting of the year on Friday, September 8 at 8:30am in Egan Hall. The PA is an integral part of campus life and ensures ongoing community building by providing activities, events, and services to the parish school community.

The PA is building grade-level teams right now. Please consider [joining the PA team](#); we would love to have you on board! Reach out to PA Chairs, [Rachael Groark](#) and [Maile Sullivan](#), with any questions.

Back to School BBQ, September 8: Grab your tailgate gear and join us as we celebrate the school's centennial year at the Back-to-School BBQ! [Purchase your tickets now](#). Tickets will **not** be available for purchase after September 5.

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

- [Yubbler.com](#) – Our school receives 50% of the profits after expenses (expected to be roughly 10% of the total purchase) when you purchase supplies from Yubbler.com.
- [Office Depot/Office Max](#) – St. John School receives 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 – available for purchase at the [online uniform and spirit store](#) August 1-8, 8am (note the new deadline for online store purchases). Purchased items can be picked up the week of August 28 in the Parish Office (M-F, 8am-4pm).
- Classic logo items – may be purchased at a discounted price through [Dennis Uniform](#). Place your order now for timely delivery.
- Uniform Exchange – will be open during the [summer playdates](#), 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 if 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 open the week of August 21, following the publication of teacher assignments.

Summer Learning Incentive: Students can still participate in [Summer Learning Incentive](#), including daily practice with the Summer Solutions Math Workbook. Submit pictures of your student working on their Summer Learning Incentive and Summer Solutions workbook to Jonna Skokan, Director of Admissions & Development, jskokan@st-johnschool.org.

Volunteering at St. John School: All adults volunteering at St. John School must undergo [Safe Environment Training](#).

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.
- Friday, September 1 – Jog-a-thon Kick-Off Assembly
- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day, School and XDC not in session
- Friday, September 8 – Parent Association Meeting, 8:30am, Egan Hall / 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