



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

August 2024

Dear St. John Families,

We hope you are enjoying your summer. If you haven't done so, visit the [Back to School](#) page for helpful information and tasks that must be completed prior to the start of school. If you still have questions, contact us. You will also find the following information and reminders helpful as you prepare for the upcoming year:

Class Assignments will be posted on [PowerSchool](#) August 23 at 4pm.

Student Drop-In Day is August 29 from 1-3pm. Stop in during this window to drop off [school supplies](#), [comfort kits](#), meet your child's teacher, and pick up uniform/Spirit Gear orders.

First Day of School is Tuesday, September 3. This is a noon-dismissal day for students. Extended Daycare is open.

Back-to-School Parent Authorization Form [must be submitted by the parent/guardian before the start of the school year](#). Families are **required** to review St. John School's handbooks/policies and submit the Back-to-School Parent Authorization form.

Health and Safety

Food Allergy Policy: 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.

Illness Policy: Recall **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.

Comfort Kits: In addition to basic earthquake/disaster supplies housed at St. John School, each child is required to have a comfort kit that will be kept in the student's classroom. Comfort Kit requirements can be found [here](#). Remember to bring in your comfort kits on Drop-In Day (August 29).

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

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 the morning of Friday, September 13 in Egan Hall, after the Blessing of the Backpacks. 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. 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 6, 6-9pm: Grab your tailgate gear and join us for the Back-to-School BBQ! [Purchase your tickets now](#). Tickets will **not** be available for purchase after August 30. Please considering [volunteering](#) for this fun event!

School Supplies: As you purchase [class supplies](#) for your student, recall 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 are available for purchase at the [online uniform and spirit store](#) at the beginning of the month for pick up at the end of the month in the Parish Office (M-F, 8am-4pm).
- Marymount jumpers and skirts may be purchased 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 6).
- 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 Athletic Director, Brian Haid at stjohnad@st-johnschool.org.

Hot Lunch Ordering: The [hot lunch](#) portal will open on August 23, following the publication of class assignments.

Summer Learning Incentive: Students can still participate in the [Summer Learning Incentive](#).

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

Back To School Checklist: You may find the Back To School Checklist (at the end of this letter) helpful as you prepare for the school year.

Note the Following Dates:

- Thursday, August 29: Drop-In Day, 1-3pm. Meet the teachers and drop off supplies and comfort kit. XDC is not in session.
- Monday, September 2: Labor Day, School and XDC not in session
- Tuesday, September 3: First Day of School and Coffee in the Courtyard for parents/guardians. Noon dismissal for all grades.
- Friday, September 6: Back to School BBQ, Playground, 6pm
- Thursday, September 12: Curriculum Night, Grades 6-8, Church, 6:30pm
- Friday, September 13: Blessing of the Backpacks, Playground, 8:15am / Parent Association Meeting, Egan Hall, after Blessing of the Backpacks
- Friday, September 20: Jog-a-thon
- Thursday, September 26: Curriculum Night, Grades K-5, Church, 6:30pm

If you need assistance, email Jonna Skokan, Director of Admissions & Development, jskokan@st-johnschool.org, Andrea Marquez, Business Manager, 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



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Parent/Guardian Back to School Checklist 2024-25

Note: some items may not apply to your family.

___ Back To School Parent Authorization Form: parents/guardians must [submit](#) the BTS Parent Authorization form by 9/2

___ Safety Patrol, Grade 6: parents/guardians of students in sixth grade must [submit](#) the Safety Patrol form by 9/4

___ Class Supplies: drop off [school supplies](#) on Drop-In Day, 8/29, 1-3pm

- Yubbler: purchase school supplies through [Yubbler](#), and St. John receives a rebate of 50% after costs
- Office Depot/Office Max gives St. John School 5% back on all purchases using the code **70107291**

___ Comfort Kit: drop off [Comfort Kit](#) on Drop-In Day, 8/29, 1-3pm

___ Uniform: the uniform policy can be found [here](#)

- Logo Items: [Online Uniform and Spirit Store](#)
- Marymount Plaid Items: [Dennis Uniform](#)
 - Uniform Exchange Open: 8/3, 9-11am ** 8/29, 12-1pm ** 9/1, 9:30-10:30am ** 9/3, 12-1pm ** 9/6, 6-9pm

___ Summer Learning Incentive: students who [complete](#) the Summer Learning Incentive will receive free dress.

___ Back To School BBQ, 9/6, 6-9pm

- Purchase Tickets for the BTS BBQ: deadline to [purchase](#) tickets 8/30
- [Sign Up to Volunteer](#) at the BTS BBQ
 - [Review](#) Volunteer Safe Environment Training Information

___ Class Assignments: posted on 8/23, 4pm, on [PowerSchool](#)

___ Hot Lunch: Ordering portal opens on 8/23, 4pm. [Order](#) hot lunch by 8/29. Hot lunch service begins 9/9 (pack sack lunches for your student until then.)

___ Health & Safety

- Food Allergies: if your child has food allergies, reach out to [Dora Hall](#), school nurse.
- Immunizations: students are required to be current on immunizations by the first day of school

___ Parent Association: [join the PA Team!](#)

___ CYO Soccer and Cross Country: [sign up now!](#)

___ Traffic Pattern for Drop Off and Pick Up: [review drop off and pick up traffic information.](#)