



August 3, 2026

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 action items that must be completed before the start of school. You will find the information and reminders below helpful as you prepare for the upcoming year. If you have questions, please contact the school.

Class Assignments will be posted in [PowerSchool](#) on August 28 at 4pm.

The school would like to share the following staffing announcement: Annie Martin, Grade 4 teacher, has made the difficult decision to resign from her teaching position. We are deeply grateful for the knowledge and dedication she has shared with our students and school community during the past 10 years, and we wish her every blessing.

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Kristine Solano (Brown) will be our new Grade 4 teacher. As a valued member of our school community, Ms. Solano is already well known to many of our students and families. We recognize and appreciate the care and enthusiasm she brings each day, and we look forward to her continued impact as she steps into this new lead teacher role.

K-8 Student Drop-In Day is Tuesday, September 1, 1-3pm. Stop in during this window to drop off [school supplies](#), [comfort kits](#) (new families), and meet your child's teacher.

Preschool Orientation is August 31 and September 1. Please see the [attached schedule](#) for your family's orientation time.

First Day of School is Wednesday, September 2. Bell hours for the first day of school:

- PK 8:30-11:45am
- K-8 8:20am-Noon. Note early dismissal for students.

Regular School Hours are:

- **Preschool** 8:30am-2:45pm, Monday through Friday
- **Grades K-5** 8:20am-3pm, Monday through Friday
- **Grades 6-8** 8:20am-3:05pm, Monday through Friday

Arrival: There is no supervision on the playground prior to doors opening at 8:05am. Please plan for your children to arrive after 8:05am unless they are participating in before-school programs or are in the Extended Day Care Program. Students arriving before 8:05am or staying past 3:15pm and who are not participating in before- or after-school programs will be sent to Extended Day Care; parents will be billed accordingly. Students are not allowed to leave the grounds without being signed out by a parent or designee once they have arrived at school.

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 should contact [Dora Hall](#), our school nurse. In the case of a food allergy, the school nurse, family, and staff coordinate a plan for the student to help prevent exposure. 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: 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. Please adhere to the following school illness guidelines:

- **Stay Home When Sick:** Keep students home from school if they show signs of illness, including but not limited to fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, nausea, and/or headache.
 - Be sure to inform the school by submitting the [attendance form](#).
- **Return To School After Illness:** Individuals can return to school when, for 24 hours, both are true:
 - Fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications AND
 - Symptoms are improving overall
 - **Fever:** A temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 C) or higher is considered a fever. Individuals must stay home from school if they have a fever. Individuals should be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications before returning to school.
- **Vomiting/Diarrhea:** Individuals should stay home for 24 hours after the last time they vomited or had diarrhea.
- **Practice Good Hygiene:** Encourage regular handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow.

Recall:

- **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.
- **Comfort Kits:** Students new to St. John are required to have a [comfort kit](#). Remember to bring in your comfort kits on Drop-In Day (September 1).
- **Medications at School:** If your student has medications or may need medications at school, a [medication authorization form](#) signed by a licensed health professional is required. Please inform our school nurse, [Dora Hall](#), and the [School Office](#).

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 4, 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. Please consider joining the PA Team in a grade-level role. These roles include Room Parents, PA Reps, Hospitality Chairs, and Classroom Auction Coordinator for each grade. Click [here](#) for more details about the Parent Association and roles.

Sign-ups for grade-level roles will be available once classroom assignments are released on August 28, 4pm. We would love to have you as part of the PA team! Reach out to PA Chairs [Stephanie Glassburn and Liz Le-Johnson](#) with any questions. Check out the [PA website](#) for up-to-date information as well.

Back to School BBQ, September 11, 6-9pm: Celebrate the start of the new school year with the St. John School community at our annual Back-to-School BBQ. Reconnect with friends, welcome new families, and enjoy an evening together as our community gathers for another school year! [Purchase your tickets now](#). Tickets will **not** be available for purchase after September 9. Please consider [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 purchase 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. Uniform items can be obtained in the following ways:

- New logo items, Marymount plaid jumpers and skorts are available for purchase at the [School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger](#) store. Recall, August 3 is the last day to take 10% off storewide; no minimum purchase required. Use promo code: WK7BTS26JA
- Uniform Exchange will be open during the Drop-In Day (September 1) and the Back to School BBQ (September 11).
- 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: Last call to register for [CYO Soccer and Cross Country](#)! Financial aid is available; contact Athletic Director Brian Haid at stjohnad@st-johnschool.org.

- **We are looking for volunteer soccer coaches:** we have several hundred players in St. Al/John CYO soccer. To accommodate all of these players, we need coaches and coaches’ helpers. Please consider volunteering for CYO sports; it is a fun way to earn your volunteer hours! You can [register](#) as a volunteer through Team Sideline. There is no cost to volunteer.

Hot Lunch Ordering: We are excited to introduce our new hot lunch ordering portal, *LunchTray*. Once homeroom assignments are shared on August 28, a welcome email from LunchTray will land in your email inbox. You will need to create a LunchTray account, load your wallet, and confirm lunch orders for the month of September. Hot Lunch service will start on Tuesday, September 8 (pack your student a cold lunch until then).

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

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:

- Monday, 8/31: [PK Orientation](#)
- Tuesday, 9/1: K-8 Student Drop-In Day, 1-3pm, and [PK Orientation](#). Meet the teachers and drop off supplies. XDC is not in session.
- Wednesday, 9/2: First Day of School for all students (PK: 8:30-11:45am/Grades K-8: 8:20am-Noon. Note the Early Dismissal for all students). Parent Coffee in the Courtyard, 8:20am. XDC not in session.
- Thursday, 9/3: Full day schedule begins (PK: 8:30am-2:45pm/Grades K-5: 8:20am-3pm/Grades 6-8: 8:20am-3:05pm)
- Friday, 9/4: Parent Association Meeting, Egan Hall
- Monday, 9/7: Labor Day, School and XDC not in session
- Tuesday, 9/8: Hot Lunch service begins
- Thursday, 9/10: Curriculum Night Middle School, Grades 6-8
- Friday, 9/11: Back to School BBQ, St. John Blacktop, 6pm
- Thursday, 9/17: Curriculum Night Grades K-5 **(Note date change)**
- Friday, 9/18: Jog-a-thon

The full-year calendar can be found [here](#), and the Key Dates calendar is available [here](#).

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



Parent/Guardian Back to School Checklist 2026-27

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 9/1

____ Safety Patrol, Grade 6: parents/guardians of students in sixth grade must [submit](#) the Safety Patrol form by 9/1

____ Class Supplies: drop off [school supplies](#) on Drop-In Day, 9/1, 1-3pm

____ Comfort Kit (Students **New** to St. John only): drop off [Comfort Kit](#) on Drop-In Day, 9/1, 1-3pm

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

- Logo items, Marymount jumpers, and skorts: [School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger Store](#).
 - Uniform Exchange Open: 9/1, 1-3pm and 9/11 during the Back to School BBQ

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

____ Back To School BBQ, 9/11, 6-9pm

- Purchase Tickets for the BTS BBQ: deadline to [purchase](#) tickets 9/9
- Sign up to [volunteer](#) at the BTS BBQ
 - [Review](#) Volunteer Safe Environment Training Information

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____ Hot Lunch: We are pleased to introduce our new hot lunch ordering system, *LunchTray*. Following the release of student homeroom assignments (8/28), parents will receive an email with instructions for creating their LunchTray parent account. Hot lunch service begins 9/8 (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
- Medicine at School: a [medication authorization form](#) signed by a licensed health professional is required.

____ Parent Association: First meeting of the year: 9/4, Egan Hall, morning – join us!

____ CYO Soccer and Cross Country: Last chance to [sign up](#)!

- Volunteer as a soccer coach or coach's helper! It's a fun way to earn your volunteer hours. [Register](#) as a volunteer through Team Sideline. There is no cost to volunteer.

____ Students Registered for XDC 26-27: Complete/Update Brightwheel account

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