



Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back from a great summer! Hopefully you found plenty of time to have fun in the sun and enjoy some family time. The staff at SJS is looking forward to seeing both students and parents. We are prepared for a fantastic school year.

St. John's enjoys a rich history of academic, religious and cultural excellence that is a direct result of the partnership between the school staff and parents who provide a diversity of experiences for the students.

The parent-student handbook provides important information about our school's philosophy, procedures, policies, curriculum, and schedules. It is a guide to the way we operate as a school. Also included in the handbook are behavioral expectations and guidelines for students, often the most referred to pages in the book. There have been some changes since last year, so everyone should read the handbook carefully.

Consistent and clear communication with parents is essential to student success at St. John's. Our weekly newsletter, on Wednesday, informs parents of special events, sports schedules, and goings-on in classes. The newsletter is sent in Wednesday's folders, via email to parents and is also available on-line. Parents may also communicate with the school and individual staff through e-mail or on the telephone. We have an Open House and parent conferences during the school year. Both of those are great opportunities to become more involved in your child's education. We encourage you to volunteer in the school as well.

Know that staff at St. John's will work very hard, every day, to create a positive and welcoming school climate for students. We want to make strong connections with students, offer them an engaging curriculum, and help them develop and grow into responsible, respectful and faith-filled servants of God.

I would like to wish you a terrific upcoming school year. If there is anything I can assist you with, please feel free to let me know.

Respectfully,

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