



CARDINAL WEEKLY

News for the Week of August 17

All School

Please RSVP + Join Us at the Summer Social on August 23

We are excited to welcome you back to campus and kick off the 2023–24 school year at the annual **Summer Social on Wednesday, August 23!** While the event officially **begins at 5:00 p.m.**, **Early Childhood families will gather at 4:30 p.m.** on the Early Childhood playground for a community playdate.

- Please RSVP by [clicking here](#).
- [Click here](#) to view the event schedule.

Onboarding Sign-ups and Class Lists Available

To view your child's class placement and sign up for your Onboarding appointment, please refer to the links in the appropriate division section, below.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Faculty and Staff

We are delighted to welcome the following faculty and staff members, who are new to St. John's in 2023–24:

- Teppi Crandall, Middle Division Math and Technology Teacher
- Francisco Felix, Director of Information Technology
- Demi Frazier, Fifth-Grade Teacher
- Cole Lattimore, Information Technology Specialist
- Lori Lumpkin, ECC Assistant Teacher
- Carlos Marquez, School Custodian
- Megan Moser, Third-Grade Teacher
- Madellyne Newkirk, Elementary Instructional Aide
- Jaclyn Rodieck, Third-Grade Teacher

- Samira Saadat, Elementary Instructional Aide
- Greg Spradlin, Middle Division Math and History Teacher
- Hayden Trueman, K-8 Extended Care Aide
- Zoe Zahr, K-8 Extended Care Aide

Complete Verification Process by Tomorrow

Parent, please be sure to complete the online verification of your student's information by tomorrow—Friday, August 18. With questions, please reach out to the **Advancement Office**.

First Day of School Is August 30

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are to **wear the formal uniform** on the first day of school—**Wednesday, August 30**. The annual back-to-school backdrop will be set up in front of the church so that parents may take photos of their students. A line will form, so please plan accordingly.

School Lunches: Everything You Need to Know

There are several options for student lunches at SJES! Please **click here** for details, and **contact Melissa Bonhall** with any questions.

Important Upcoming Dates

Early Childhood Division

Friday, August 18

- *Deadline to Complete Verification Process*
- *Health Office Deadline:* Prescription medications and doctor's authorization forms due

Wednesday, August 23

- *Early Childhood Division Playdate:* 4:30–5:00 p.m. on ECC Playground
- *Summer Social:* 5:00–6:30 p.m.; kicks off near Cardinal Café

Thursday, August 24

- *ECC Back-to-School Night: 5:30–7:00 p.m.; parents only*

Monday, August 28

- *Onboarding Day*

Tuesday, August 29

- *Onboarding Day*

Wednesday, August 30

- *First Day of School: Wear formal uniform*

Monday, September 4

- *Labor Day Holiday: School closed*

Friday, September 8

- *Welcome Back Coffee and Volunteer Fair: 8:00 a.m.; preview volunteer opportunities [here](#)*

Elementary Division

Friday, August 18

- *Deadline to Complete Verification Process*
- *Health Office Deadline: Prescription medications, doctor's authorization forms, and kindergarteners' immunization records due*

Monday, August 21

- *Fall Sports Tryouts for Flag Football (Grade 5)*

Wednesday, August 23

- *Summer Social: 5:00–6:30 p.m.; kicks off near Cardinal Café*

Thursday, August 24

- *Fall Sports Tryouts for Girls Volleyball (Grade 5)*

Monday, August 28

- *Onboarding Day*

Tuesday, August 29

- *Onboarding Day*

Wednesday, August 30

- *First Day of School: Wear formal uniform*
- *Kindergarten Parent Coffee: 8:00 a.m. in Room 10*
- *Welcome Back Chapel: 9:30–10:00 a.m.*

Monday, September 4

- *Labor Day Holiday: School closed*

Thursday, September 7

- *ED Play Parent Information Meeting: 2:15–2:45 p.m. on the Learning Commons Patio*

Friday, September 8

- *Welcome Back Coffee and Volunteer Fair: 8:00 a.m.; preview volunteer opportunities [here](#)*

Middle Division

Friday, August 18

- *Deadline to Complete Verification Process*
- *Health Office Deadline: Prescription medications, doctor's authorization forms, and seventh graders' immunization records due*

Monday, August 21

- *Fall Sports Tryouts for Flag Football*

Wednesday, August 23

- *Summer Social: 5:00–6:30 p.m. near Cardinal Café; MD students assigned lockers at 5:30 p.m.*

Thursday, August 24

- *Fall Sports Tryouts for Girls Volleyball*

Monday, August 28

- *Onboarding Day*

Tuesday, August 29

- *Onboarding Day*

Wednesday, August 30

- *First Day of School: Wear formal uniform*
- *Final Payments Due for Grades 6 & 7 Field Studies Trips*
- *Welcome Back Chapel: 9:30–10:00 a.m.*

Monday, September 4

- *Labor Day Holiday: School closed*

Thursday, September 7

- *Middle Division Auditions: 3:15–4:45 p.m.*

Friday, September 8

- *Welcome Back Coffee and Volunteer Fair: 8:00 a.m.; preview volunteer opportunities [here](#)*

Early Childhood Division

From the Division Principal

Just a few more days until school begins, and I am so looking forward to meeting our students and welcoming them to our community of young learners. If you are a returning family, you already know that St. John's is a wonderful, warm, and innovative place to learn and grow. We love what we do, and it shows in the smiles of our students!

One of the primary ways we'll keep you informed about upcoming activities and events on campus is through the *Cardinal Weekly*, so I encourage you to check this page each week to make sure you stay apprised of important news. For families in the Early Childhood Division, another important source of communication between teachers and families is the Brightwheel app. We'll be providing more information on this app between now and the first day of school, so stay tuned!

As you prepare for the upcoming school year, please make note of the following:

- Be sure to schedule your family's Onboarding appointment using the links down below in this section.
- A link to Early Childhood Division class lists is also provided below.
- Supply lists are posted on the **Parent Gateway** under "Helpful Resources." **(Please bring the items from your supply list to your Onboarding meeting.)**

I hope to see you at the Summer Social on Wednesday, August 23, and at ECC Back-to-School Night on Thursday, August 24. If you have any questions between now and the start of school on Wednesday, August 30, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,

Carole Magaldi
Interim Early Childhood Division Principal

ECC Class Lists Now Available

To view Early Childhood Division class lists and determine your child's class placement, please **[click here](#)**.

Please Schedule Your Onboarding Appointment

Held Monday, August 28, and Tuesday, August 29, Onboarding sessions allow our Cardinals and their families to come to campus, meet with their teacher(s), and see their classrooms for the 2023–24 school year.

Please schedule your Onboarding appointment using the pertinent link below:

- [**Cardinal Nest Infants and Toddlers**](#)
- [**Early Preschool, Preschool, and Pre-K**](#)

With questions about Onboarding, please reach out to Early Childhood Division Administrator [**Susan Gomez**](#).

ECC Back-to-School Night Is August 24

Please join us on Thursday, August 24, for ECC Back-to-School Night. **This parent-only event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude no later than 7:00 p.m.**

Important Information About Drop-off and Pickup

In the Early Childhood Division, **drop-off will begin at 7:45 a.m. every morning in front of the ECC.** When you arrive, you will use the Brightwheel app to sign your child in at one of the iPad stations, and a staff member will walk your student into the ECC. You will use the same process in reverse when picking up your child. **Children need to be picked up by 12:00 p.m. if they are half-day, by 2:45 p.m. if they are standard-day, and no later than 5:00 p.m. if they are staying for the entirety of Extended Care.**

Elementary Division

From the Division Principal

Each Thursday, you will receive an email directing you to that week's edition of the *Cardinal Weekly*. This important newsletter will contain general information about St. John's Episcopal School, as well as specific information about the Elementary Division.

In order to respect your time, we will limit redundant information from previous editions. However, I know it is valuable to have everything readily available. As the 2023–24 school year progresses, you'll be able to quickly access past *Cardinal Weekly* newsletters in the "Cardinal Weekly Archives" section of this web page, below. Also, the School Calendar can be viewed [here](#).

It is my goal to communicate with you as effectively as possible so that you are aware of all the many activities, events, and opportunities at SJES.

In just two short weeks, our Cardinals will officially join us in kicking off the school year! August 30 will be here before we know it, and we are so excited to begin. Although the campus is very calm at the moment, it lacks the energy and joy that only come with students being with us!

Please be sure to say "hello" to your child for me, and let them know that this is going to be a great year! If you would like to meet or talk, please do not hesitate to reach out. I'm happy to spend some time getting to know your family before the school year begins.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bourke
Elementary Division Principal

Elementary Division Class Lists Now Available

To view Elementary Division class lists and determine your child's class placement, please [click here](#).

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- To schedule your Onboarding appointment, [click here](#).
- With questions, please reach out to Elementary Division Administrator [Kimberly Cahuantzi](#).

Fall Sports Tryouts Begin August 21

We encourage all interested students in grades 5–8 to join us for fall sports tryouts, according to the schedule below. Please [email Coach Winn](#) for further information.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

- **Flag Football (Grades 5 & 6):** Tryouts from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- **Flag Football (Grades 7 & 8):** Tryouts from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- **Girls Volleyball (Grades 5 & 6):** Tryouts from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- **Girls Volleyball (Grades 7 & 8):** Tryouts from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Note: Cross-Country registration for grades 5–8 will take place in PE class during the first week of school.

Important Information About Drop-off, Pickup, and Extended Care

MORNING DROP-OFF

Supervision is provided for students between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. For those driving, the **gates will open at 7:40 a.m.** If you prefer to walk your child onto campus, please park on the street and walk your child to the playground beginning at 7:45 a.m.

AFTERNOON PICKUP

Elementary students are dismissed from class at 2:45 p.m. If you prefer to walk on campus to pick up your child, please park on the street and wait outside our school gate, which opens at 2:40 p.m. Students participating in Extended Day will report to Room 14. Any student that is not met by an adult will continue to the carpool waiting area with their teacher.

- Be sure your child is aware of the pickup plan each day.
- We understand that at times there are last-minute changes. Contact your child's teacher and Elementary Division Administrator [Kimberly Cahuantzi](#) in order to get a message to your child.

EXTENDED CARE

Extended Care is available from 2:45 to 5:00 p.m. on regular school days. There is no extended care offered on minimum, inservice, or parent-teacher conference days. Please visit our Extended Care page for more information.

A Note About Flag on Mondays

Elementary students will meet with their classmates each Monday morning by the flagpole. A prayer, announcements and, on select dates, character recognition will occur during our time together. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us. Flag is expected to last 15 minutes. If your child is selected to receive character recognition or lead (fifth grade), you will receive notice in advance.

First Day of Kindergarten Parent Gathering: Join Us After Drop-off

Please join us at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, in Room 10 for a brief gathering of kindergarten parents after you have dropped your child off in the classroom. Head of School Steve Lovejoy and Elementary Division Principal Ryan Bourke will introduce themselves to those whom they have not yet met. They will share a few thoughts with you about the kindergarten year and be available to answer any questions you may have.

Kindergarteners' Immunization Records Due Tomorrow

California law requires that all immunizations be up-to-date in order for a child to attend the first day of kindergarten. There are NO exceptions to this rule. Updated copies of immunization records must be submitted for all incoming kindergarten students, regardless of whether they attended St. John's Early Childhood Center.

- Please **submit a current copy of one of the following documents** to St. John's Health Office **no later than tomorrow—Friday, August 18:**
 - A copy of your child's yellow California Immunization Card, **OR**
 - A copy of the immunization record from your doctor's office.
- For your convenience, you may fax a copy of your child's immunization records to the Health Office at 949.858.1403.
- Once your child's immunization record is submitted to the Health Office, the nurse will review your child's records, and **you will be notified of any missing shots needed to fulfill the state requirements.**

- **With questions or concerns**, please contact the Health Office at 949.858.5144 ext. 223 or [via email](#).

Elementary Division Play: Parent Information Meeting Is September 7

This year's Elementary Division Play for grades 1–5 will be *Cinderella*! Please join us for a parent information meeting on Thursday, September 7, from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. on the Learning Commons Patio. If you would like to register your child in advance, you may do so [here](#).

Middle Division

From the Division Principal

There is already a positive buzz around campus as we prepare for the start of the 2023–24 school year at St. John's. Welcoming families is a major step in building a strong school community, and we cannot wait to greet you on the first day of school!

The *Cardinal Weekly* will serve as the primary source of schoolwide news, as well as of information related to Middle Division activities and events. These regular insights into daily life in middle school will not only help parents stay informed, but also create a sense of involvement and engagement in their Cardinal's education. I look forward to communicating regularly via the *Cardinal Weekly*.

Wishing everyone a successful and enriching school year ahead,

Sheryll Grogan
Middle Division Principal

Middle Division Advisory Lists Now Available

To view Middle Division advisory lists and determine your child's advisory placement, please [click here](#).

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Cardinals and their families to come to campus, meet with their advisor, and see their classrooms for the 2023–24 school year.

- Please schedule your Onboarding appointment using the pertinent link below:
 - [Sixth Grade](#)
 - [Seventh Grade](#)
 - [Eighth Grade](#)
- With questions about Onboarding, please reach out to Middle Division Administrator [Rhiannon Overmire](#).

Grade 7 Parents: Updated Immunization Records Due Tomorrow

California law requires that incoming seventh-grade students be up-to-date on the Tdap immunization and on their second dose of varicella immunization for the 2023–24 school year.

- **Please ensure your child's updated immunization record is on file with the Health Office no later than tomorrow—Friday, August 18.**
- With questions or concerns, please contact the Health Office at 949.858.5144 ext. 223 or [via email](#).

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Join Us August 23 for the Summer Social and Locker Decorating

Join the entire St. John's Community to kick off the 2023–24 school year at our annual **Summer Social**, which will be held on campus on **Wednesday, August 23, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

- At 5:30 p.m., MD students will be assigned their lockers and may choose to start decorating them.
- Students who are unable to attend the Summer Social will receive their locker assignment during individual Onboarding meetings at the end of August, and will still have time to decorate before the start of school.
- As a reminder, we ask all students to adhere to **[these decorating guidelines](#)**.

Middle Division Field Studies: Final Payments Due August 30

- **Sixth-grade students** will enjoy their first outdoor field studies trip to Pali Institute in Running Springs. Deposits in the amount of \$100 were submitted last spring. Final payments are **due by Wednesday, August 30**. Please **[click here to submit your final payment](#)**, which will enable us to secure our reservation.
- **Seventh-grade students** will travel to SEACAMP San Diego for their outdoor field studies trip. Your \$100 deposit was submitted this past spring. So that we may secure our reservation, please **[click here to submit your final payment](#)** by **Wednesday, August 30**.

Church

Youth Movie Night: Join Us This Sunday

St. John's Episcopal Church invites all sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to a free movie and game night on Sunday, August 20, at 5:00 p.m. Activities will be held in Ms. Naulls's music room downstairs near the Learning Commons.

- Wear your PJ's, and bring a blanket, a pillow, and (if you'd like) a friend!
- Snacks and drinks will be provided.
- With questions, contact Lisa Naulls at 949.306.5135 or via **[email](#)**.