



CARDINAL WEEKLY

News for the Week of September 7

All School

Episcopal School Sunday Is October 1

Join us for a special Sunday worship in celebration of Episcopal schools at 10:00 a.m. on October 1 at St. John's Episcopal Church. Head of School Steve Lovejoy will give the morning message, and members of the school choir will perform during the service.

First Day of School Photos Now Available

Photos from the first day of school are now available! [Click here](#) to purchase and download them.

Reminder: Updated Treat Policy

To help protect our students with food allergies, sensitivities, and health needs, the Health Office asks that families follow [this Treat Policy](#) (also provided on pages 76–77 of the *Parent and Student Handbook*) when bringing a birthday treat for your child(ren)'s class.

PTF Meeting Is Tuesday: Join Us in Person or via Zoom!

All are invited to the September Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) meeting next Tuesday, September 12, at 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons. This month's guest speaker will be Head of School Steve Lovejoy. We will also be kicking off the year by discussing some of our upcoming events, as well as some changes to the PTF.

If you can't attend in person, but would still like to participate, we invite you to join the meeting remotely using the following information:

- Zoom Link: <https://jamsadr.zoom.us/j/95109232665?from=addon>
- Meeting ID: 951 0923 2665
- One Tap Mobile: +16699006833,,95109232665#

Last Call for Spirit Lunch Orders!

Our first Spirit Lunch will take place on Thursday, September 21. This year, K-8 Parent Lunches will take place alongside Spirit Lunch.

- We are kicking off the year by welcoming TK Burgers back to campus.
- All orders must be purchased in advance by 11:59 p.m. tonight—Thursday, September 7.
- To purchase your child's burger and for more information, please [click here](#).

Tomorrow Morning: Welcome Back Coffee and Volunteer Fair

The annual Welcome Back Coffee and Volunteer Fair is tomorrow—Friday, September 8—at 8:00 a.m. on the Learning Commons Patio.

- Stop by to enjoy gourmet coffee and tea from MoonGoat Coffee, hear a few words from Head of School Steve Lovejoy and the current Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) President, and learn more about events hosted by the PTF throughout the year.
- The PTF is in search of parent volunteers for various events during the 2023-24 school year. To preview the list of opportunities, please [click here](#) and enter your information to indicate interest.

Secure Your Spot Now! Annual SJES Golf Tournament

St. John's annual Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, October 2, at the Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club. Tickets are on sale now! Funds raised through the Golf Tournament support SJES's athletics and physical education programs.

[Click here](#) to purchase your foursome, twosome, or single golf ticket today.

Important Upcoming Dates

Early Childhood Division

Thursday, September 7

- *Order Deadline for September 21 Spirit Lunch:* [Click here](#) to place order

Friday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 12

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting (All Are Welcome):* 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons or via Zoom

Wednesday, September 13

- *School Pictures:* 3-Day and 5-Day students
- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin:* Art should be relevant to Matthew 18:21-35

Thursday, September 14

- *School Pictures:* 2-Day students

Sunday, September 17

- *Bishop of Los Angeles Visits St. John's Episcopal Church:* 10:00 a.m. service

Wednesday, September 20

- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin:* Art should be relevant to Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, September 21

- *Spirit Lunch:* No Choice lunch today

Sunday, October 1

- *Episcopal School Sunday*

Monday, October 2

- *Annual SJES Golf Tournament: [Buy your tickets here](#)*

Friday, October 6

- *Fall Break: No school*

Elementary Division

Thursday, September 7

- *Order Deadline for September 21 Spirit Lunch: [Click here](#) to place order*
- *Elementary 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](#)*

Monday, September 11

- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents and guardians welcome*

Tuesday, September 12

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting (All Are Welcome): 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons or via Zoom*

Wednesday, September 13

- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 18:21-35*

Thursday, September 14

- *School Pictures*
- *Elementary Play Auditions: 2:45 p.m.*
- *Elementary Division Back-to-School Night: 5:30–7:00 p.m.*

Sunday, September 17

- *Bishop of Los Angeles Visits St. John's Episcopal Church: 10:00 a.m. service*

Monday, September 18

- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents and guardians welcome*
- *[NEW DATE] First Choir Rehearsal for Grades 3–5: 10:30 a.m. with Ms. Naulls*

Wednesday, September 20

- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 20:1–16*

Thursday, September 21

- *Spirit Lunch and K–8 Parent Lunches: No Choice lunch today*
- *Elementary Play Practice: 3:00–4:40 p.m.*

Monday, September 25

- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents and guardians welcome*

Thursday, September 28

- *Elementary Play Practice: 3:00–4:40 p.m.*

Sunday, October 1

- *Episcopal School Sunday*

Monday, October 2

- *Annual SJES Golf Tournament:* [Buy your tickets here](#)
- *Weekly Flag-Raising Ceremony:* 8:00 a.m. by the flagpole; parents and guardians welcome

Friday, October 6

- *Fall Break:* No school

Middle Division

Thursday, September 7

- *Order Deadline for September 21 Spirit Lunch:* [Click here](#) to place order
- *Last Chance to Register for Middle Division Fall Play:* [Click here to register](#) by 3:00 p.m.

Friday, September 8

- *Welcome Back Coffee and Volunteer Fair:* 8:00 a.m.; preview volunteer opportunities [here](#)
- *Middle Division Fall Play Auditions:* 3:15–5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 11

- *Middle Division Students Bring Home Copy of Modified Monday Schedule*

Tuesday, September 12

- *Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting (All Are Welcome):* 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons or via Zoom
- *Middle Division Back-to-School Night:* 5:30–7:00 p.m., beginning in the Courtyard

Wednesday, September 13

- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin:* Art should be relevant to Matthew 18:21–35

Thursday, September 14

- *School Pictures*

Friday, September 15

- *Fall Social for Middle Division Students: 1:05–3:05 p.m.; Free Dress or Spirit Wear*
- *Middle Division Fall Play Rehearsal: 3:15–4:45 p.m.*

Sunday, September 17

- *Bishop of Los Angeles Visits St. John's Episcopal Church: 10:00 a.m. service*

Wednesday, September 20

- *Deadline to Submit Art to Mrs. Heys for Possible Inclusion in Sunday Church Bulletin: Art should be relevant to Matthew 20:1–16*

Thursday, September 21

- *Spirit Lunch and K–8 Parent Lunches: No Choice lunch today*
- *Grade 8 Meeting for Washington, DC, Field Studies Trip: 6:00 p.m.*

Friday, September 22

- *Middle Division Fall Play Rehearsal: 3:15–4:45 p.m.*

Friday, September 29

- *Middle Division Fall Play Rehearsal: 3:15–4:45 p.m.*

Sunday, October 1

- *Episcopal School Sunday*

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Friday, October 6

- *Fall Break:* No school

Early Childhood Division

From the Division Principal

As I watch the children play outside, I see they are quickly reconnecting with friends from all classrooms and including new friends in their play. We have a few children who are still making the transition to preschool, but with time, familiar environments, and predictable schedules, they will soon enjoy the preschool experience.

The playground is the place that meets the needs of all children. It gives children choices of activities that invigorate them (like a game of chase), or that calm them and awaken new sensory experiences (like sand-and-water play).

Outside play is essential to children's development. It provides opportunities for cognitive growth through problem-solving; physical development through gross- and fine-motor activities; emotional intelligence through give-and-take play; and social development through interactions that increase a child's ability to understand others. Our playground offers numerous activities from which children may choose freely, allowing them to create and explore in an interactive environment.

Warmly,

Carole Magaldi
Interim Early Childhood Division Principal

School Pictures Are September 13-14

Early Childhood Division students will have their pictures taken soon. Please mark your calendar:

- Wednesday, September 13: 3-Day and 5-Day students
- Thursday, September 14: 2-Day students

The Learning Commons Is Open After School

Our school's library, the Learning Commons, opens at 2:45 p.m. every full school day (except on Wednesdays) so our families may visit and check out books.

- During this time, you and your Early Childhood Division student(s) may come to the Learning Commons to read, check out books to take home, or wait for an older sibling to be dismissed. Thank you for understanding that our Early Childhood students are only allowed in the Learning Commons with an adult from home.
- Please [email Tiffany Adair](#), Library and Digital Media Specialist, with questions.

Elementary Division

From the Division Principal

I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend! I trust that your child is beginning to adjust to the new school year. Although transitions after a long weekend can be difficult, our students energetically entered campus Tuesday morning prepared for another week of school.

Last week, I visited classrooms to introduce myself and say hello. Even though it was only a three-day week, our students participated in so many wonderful activities! For example, fifth-grade students participated in a team-development challenge in which they constructed a Solo Cup Tower. The challenge was to build the tallest tower. The trick? They couldn't use their hands!

In one of the music classes, students sang an introduction song in order to learn the names of their classmates. Our youngest students toured the school, learning all of the buildings and meeting St. John's staff, and other students were engaged in additional beginning-of-the-year activities.

As I visited classrooms, I also spoke to students about the "Cardinal Way." I emphasized that as St. John's students, they are all role models to their peers. We adults at St. John's are very proud of how each student behaves in kind and respectful ways.

Even though students make mistakes on occasion, I always focus on the positive as a Principal. Our students have so much to offer and when we, as a school, take note of their great behavior, it reinforces how each student should interact with others.

Go Cardinals!

Ryan Bourke
Elementary Division Principal

Today: ED Play Parent Info Meeting Starts at 2:15 p.m.

We hope to see you this afternoon (Thursday, September 7) at the parent information meeting about this year's Elementary Division production of *Cinderella* (Grades 1–5). Please join us on the Learning Commons Patio from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Elementary Picture Day Is September 14

Picture Day for Elementary Division students will be held on Thursday, September 14. In addition to a big smile, elementary students are reminded to wear their Formal Uniform, including their red sweaters. If your child has not yet received their red sweater, one will be provided.

Please note the following Formal Uniform guidelines, which can also be found on page 93 of the *Parent and Student Handbook*:

Formal Uniform

Formal uniforms are to be worn for All-School Chapel each Monday, for Eucharist, for Picture Day, and for special designated events.

- *Red cardigan sweater with name embroidered above the emblem (Boys and girls)*
- *White short-sleeve or long-sleeve pique polo shirt (Boys)*
- *Navy shorts or pants (Boys)*
- *White button-front short-sleeve jersey blouse (Girls in K–Grade 5)*
- *Plaid jumper (Girls in K–Grade 2)*
- *Plaid tab-front skort (Girls in Grades 3–5)*

Join Us September 14 for Back-to-School Night

Mark your calendar for the Elementary Division Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 14, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. At this informative event, our teachers will share important details about the wonderful year they have planned for your child.

CORRECTION: SJES Choir Practices Begin on September 18

Does your child like to sing? If so, please encourage him or her to join the optional third- through fifth-grade SJES Choir! We'll sing, move, learn songs in different languages, and have lots of fun! Choir members will meet in Ms. Naulls's music room at recess every Monday at 10:30 a.m., starting September 18. (Please note that this is a change from the original schedule.) Bring your snack!

Middle Division

From the Division Principal

The first week of 2023–24 Middle Division classes are behind us and, by all accounts, it was a fantastic week. The MD teachers were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity demonstrated by the students as they maneuvered new situations and welcomed new classmates. I have had multiple opportunities to visit MD classrooms and get a glimpse into the academic plans for the coming year. Whether students were practicing rhythms, deciphering escape rooms, establishing classroom norms, participating in icebreakers, or solving problems as a team, the classrooms have been buzzing with eagerness and anticipation.

- Last week culminated with a fantastic event where the Student Council, under Ms. Dyquiangco as Student Council Advisor, showed their leadership and organizational skills during Cardinal Community Time. The final event was the Ping Pong Ball Rally with a Team Teachers victory. We cannot wait for the rematch! I want to extend a huge thank-you to the Student Council, the MD faculty and staff, and the entire MD student body for their enthusiastic participation!
- Next week, we begin MD Service Learning when our first Advisory group visits the Memory Care residents at Park Terrace Assisted Living for an hour of fun, games, conversation, and connection. This is the second year that MD Advisories have participated in these meaningful and heartfelt interactions with our senior neighbors at Park Terrace, and we look forward

to continuing to build friendships. Along with the Service-Learning Committee, I am committed to providing opportunities for our MD students to make meaningful connections out in our community.

- Finally, MD students are anxiously anticipating the Middle Division Fall Social, which will be held next Friday, September 15, from 1:05 to 3:05 p.m. on Reuland Field. The event will feature a DJ, games, snacks, and fun. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to get to know each other on a more personal level, in an informal environment. I cannot wait to share in the fun . . . and I hear the afternoon may include a Dunk Tank opportunity!

As you can see, the year promises to be filled with enjoyable and meaningful events coupled with strong academics, as we seek ways to embrace and nurture every single student, encouraging them to live out the Cardinal Character Traits of being caring, confident, curious, collaborative, resourceful, respectful, reflective, and resilient.

I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible at the Parent Teacher Fellowship Welcome Back Coffee and Volunteer Fair at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow on the Learning Commons Patio.

Sincerely,

Sheryll Grogan
Middle Division Principal

Middle Division Fall Play: Registration Due by 3:00 p.m. TODAY!

If your child would like to participate in the Middle Division production of *The Greatest Showman*, please note that registration forms and payments are due TODAY (Thursday, September 7) by 3:00 p.m. Rehearsals for the fall play begin tomorrow—Friday, September 8—at 3:15 p.m.

- [Click here to register.](#)
- [Click here to pay.](#)
- [Click here to view the rehearsal schedule.](#)

For additional details, please see the separate email that was sent on Tuesday, September 5. Don't miss out on this fun performance opportunity!

Back-to-School Night Is Tuesday

Mark your calendar for the Middle Division Back-to-School Night this Tuesday, September 12, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

- Join us in the Courtyard for light refreshments, fellowship, and the opportunity to chat with enrichment teachers. We know you are looking forward to meeting your child's teachers and hearing about the wonderful programs planned for the year.
- The formal program begins promptly at 5:50 p.m. with welcoming remarks, followed by classroom visits beginning at 5:55 p.m., according to your student's schedule.
- All MD students will bring home a copy of their modified Monday schedule this Monday, September 11. Please be sure to ask your student for your copy.

Picture Day Is September 14

Picture Day for all Middle Division students is Thursday, September 14.

EIGHTH GRADE

All eighth-grade students should wear a solid-color sweater or blouse with a uniform skirt, or a collared shirt, tie, and jacket or sweater with uniform shorts. If a student is wearing a jacket, please bring it on a hanger, and we will store it for them. To save time, we recommend students come to school dressed for pictures. If they choose, students may bring a school polo shirt to change into after getting their picture taken.

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADES

All sixth- and seventh-grade students should come to school dressed in their Formal Uniform (white oxford shirt) and Chapel sweater. If you have not yet received your Chapel sweater, we will have sweaters to borrow for pictures.

Middle Division Fall Social Is September 15

Our students are eagerly anticipating the Middle Division Fall Social on Friday, September 15!

- MD students will complete their academic day at 12:30 p.m.
- Following their regular lunch, they will enjoy games, snacks, and a DJ at the Fall Social on Reuland Field from 1:05 to 3:05 p.m.

- The dress code for the entire day is Free Dress or Spirit Wear. Free Dress guidelines are available on pages 91–92 of the *Parent and Student Handbook*.
- With any questions, please reach out to your student's Advisor.

Eighth Graders: High School Application Process and Recommendation Requests

The high school application season is beginning, and we are here to support the process and to help in any way we can. Please [click here](#) for additional information on the high school application process and recommendation requests.

The Learning Commons Is Open After School

Our school's library, the Learning Commons, is open after school every full school day (except on Wednesdays) until 4:00 p.m. and provides a study hall-like environment.

- During this time, Middle Division students are welcome to work on homework, read, or quietly unwind after their school day. They do not need to be accompanied by an adult from home.
- Should your student need to stay on campus past 4:00 p.m., they will join Extended Care when the Learning Commons closes.
- Please [email Tiffany Adair](#), Library and Digital Media Specialist, with questions.

Church

Bishop Taylor Visiting St. John's on September 17

The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor, Bishop of Los Angeles, will lead worship at St. John's on Sunday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to attend, and a time of fellowship will follow. With questions, please [email the church administrator](#).

Calling Student Artists! Submit Artwork for Sunday Bulletin

We invite all students to submit artwork to be featured on the Sunday bulletin. Every week, we will choose a new piece of art to feature. Artwork should be relevant to the provided Bible verses. Students should submit work to St. John's Episcopal School Art Teacher Lee Heys by Wednesday each week.

- Bible Verses for Wednesday, September 13: Matthew 18:21–35
- Bible Verses for Wednesday, September 20: Matthew 20:1–16