



CARDINAL WEEKLY

News for the Week of June 6, 2024



School's out for SUMMER! Wishing all our Cardinals a fun, safe, and happy Summer Break. We will see you back in August.

All School

Looking Ahead to the 2024-25 School Year

We wish all our Cardinals a happy, safe, and fun summer! We will see you back on campus

in August. We recognize that summer also means getting organized for the following school year. For ease of reference, you can find a copy of the 2024-25 school calendar [here](#). You will be notified once School Supply lists are available on the Parent Portal.

Faculty and Staff Transitions and Farewells

TRANSITIONS

Please join us in recognizing and celebrating the contributions of our valued staff members who are transitioning to new positions. Their dedication and hard work will continue to make a lasting impact on St. John's.

- Faculty
 - Connie Girolamo is transitioning from Fourth Grade Teacher to the role of Elementary and Middle Division Resource Specialist.
 - Jessica Carlson is transitioning from long-term substitute teacher to the role of Middle Division Math Teacher.
 - Joey Fatoure is transitioning from long-term substitute teacher to the role of Fifth Grade Teacher.
- Staff
 - Patty Stoecker is transitioning from Associate Director of Admissions to Director of Admissions.
 - Taylor Diaz will be expanding her current role in Advancement to include Communications & Marketing.

FAREWELLS

Please join us in extending our best wishes to these individuals as they embark on their new journeys. We are grateful for the time they have spent with us and the positive influence they have had on our school. While we will miss them, we are excited for the new opportunities that lie ahead for them.

- Early Childhood Division
 - Interim Early Childhood Division Principal, Carole Magaldi, is leaving St. John's to pursue new career opportunities closer to home.
- Elementary Division
 - Elementary Division Instructional Aide, Kathy Wegner, is retiring, but will remain a part of the SJES community as a substitute.
 - Elementary Division Instructional Aide, Madellyne Newkirk, is leaving her role to accept a full scholarship in pursuit of her degree in Engineering.
 - Elementary Division Instructional Aide, Nikki Trueman, is leaving St. John's to pursue a new career opportunity.

- Elementary Division Third Grade Teacher, Jaclyn Rodieck, is leaving St. John's to pursue a new career opportunity.
- Elementary Division Fifth Grade Teacher, Demi Frazier, is leaving St. John's to pursue a new career opportunity.
- Elementary and Middle Division Resource Specialist, Sharon Alston, is relocating out of the area.
- Elementary and Middle Division Robotics/Engineering teacher, Cheri Haggard, is stepping down from her position at St. John's to focus on personal matters.
- Middle Division
 - Middle Division Math and Science Teacher, Vedha Muthu, is leaving St. John's to pursue other interests, but will remain a part of the SJES community as the parent of a student in the Elementary Division.
 - Middle Division Math and Science Teacher, Mary Reinhard, is retiring but will remain a part of the SJES community as a substitute in the Middle Division.
- Staff
 - Counselor, Madison Hall, is leaving St. John's to focus on personal matters.
 - Associate Director of Admissions, Seaby Rodriguez, is leaving St. John's to pursue a new career opportunity.

Interested in Being a Room Parent Next Year?

Room Parents (RPs) are an important extension of the PTF as they serve as a liaison between teachers and parents. RPs help carry out grade and class level responsibilities. If you are interested in being a Room Parent for the 2024-2025 School Year, please [sign up here](#). Room parents will be selected prior to the first day of school, so if you are interested, please submit your request prior to July 15, 2024.

Register Now: Vacation Bible School is June 17-21

Sign up now for St. John's Episcopal Church's Scuba Vacation Bible School, taking place from 9:00 a.m. to Noon beginning on Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in new adventures, enjoy field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible lessons, and discover what living water is really all about! With questions, email VBS@StJohns-ES.org.

Tommy Hilfiger Sale Date Moved to June 17-23

We have fantastic news! Our **THSU sale event will now run June 17 – 23** instead of the July date we previously advertised. This will allow for orders to be received in plenty of time for back-to-school and provide more time to have sweaters embroidered. Save 10% on orders placed between June 17 and June 23, 2024. Enter **Promotion Code V48V3CGJNW** at checkout to receive the discount. This will be the last THSU sale until August – don't miss

this opportunity to save! Sign up to receive promotion emails at www.globalschoolwear.com.

Used Uniform Donations Accepted at the Student Store

Do you have Dennis uniforms that no longer fit? Drop them off at the Student Store! We will gladly accept all uniform items, including those with embroidery. Dennis uniforms can be donated through the end the 2024-25 school year. Donations may be dropped off in the front Admissions and Advancement office.

Athletics: Updates Before You Go for the Summer!

- **Fall Sports Try Outs: Grades 5-8 in the 2024-25 school year**
 - Fall Sports tryouts will be held in August before the regular school year begins. Over summer, please reference the School Calendar and the Cardinal Weekly for specific times/dates for Flag football and Girls' Volleyball).

Important Upcoming Dates

Early Childhood Division

Wednesday, August 14

- *Summer Social*

Monday, August 19

- *Onboarding Day*

Tuesday, August 20

- *Onboarding Day*

Wednesday, August 21

- *First Day of School for 3 & 5 Day Students*

Thursday, August 22

- *First Day of School for 2-Day Students*

Elementary Division

Wednesday, August 14

- *Summer Social*

Monday, August 19

- *Onboarding Day*

Tuesday, August 20

- *Onboarding Day*

Wednesday, August 21

- *First Day of School*

Middle Division

Wednesday, August 14

- *Summer Social*

Monday, August 19

- *Onboarding Day*

Tuesday, August 20

- *Onboarding Day*

Wednesday, August 21

- *First Day of School*

Early Childhood Division



Early Childhood students enjoyed a special performance by Jules Music 4 Kids in the MPR. Songs were featured around summer fun and friendship as students sang, danced, and laughed along with their classmates!

Cardinal Camps: SUMMER 2024

Cardinal Camps registration for the Early Childhood Division is open! Please email [Katie Scott](#) for more information and to register for our camps. We look forward to seeing you for one or multiple of our camps between the weeks of July 8 - August 2 this summer.

ATTENTION: Current Pre-K Families Attending Kindergarten in 2024-25

This is a reminder that the California Department of Public Health and Orange County Department of Education mandates that your child meet the immunization requirement in order to attend Kindergarten. If your student is currently enrolled in ECD, we still **need a copy of the records submitted to our office no later than August 2, 2024.**

Please submit a current copy of one of the following documents to the Health Office via fax or **email**:

- A copy of your child's yellow California Immunization Card OR
- A copy of the immunization record from your doctor's office

If you have already submitted this documentation, thank you! Pediatricians' offices tend to be extremely busy during the summer months. Please allow yourself ample time to get these mandatory documents 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. 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.

For your convenience, you may fax a copy of your child's immunization records to the Health Office at (949)-858-1403. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns at (949)-858-5144 ext. 223 or email us at **nurses@stjohns-es.org**.

Elementary Division



Last week, Elementary Teachers took on 5th Grade students in an annual competitive sporting event. This year's sport: OMNIKIN Volleyball! Students from ECD to 4th Grade gathered around the field to cheer on their classmates and teachers. Congrats to Team TEACHERS on the win!

ATTENTION CURRENT 5TH GRADE STUDENTS: Middle Division Course of Study - Electives & Clubs

Reminder to complete and submit the **[Elective and Clubs Request Form](#)** below for 6th Grade to make your course selections. Each student should only submit once. Completed forms must be submitted by next Monday, June 10th. Forms submitted after June 10th will not receive priority placements.

Upcoming 6th grade: Use this **[LINK](#)**

Middle Division



"One last prayer huddle" says Ms. Patti as she gathers students around just before the annual Baccalaureate service earlier this week.

This memorable Chapel takes place at the end of each school year for Middle School students and honors the graduating 8th Grade class. Parents gather in attendance as their graduating students have one last Chapel at St. John's before moving on to the next chapter.

REMINDER: Middle Division Course of Study - Electives & Clubs

Reminder to complete and submit the Elective and Clubs Request Form below for your designated grade level in the fall to make your course selections. Each student should only submit once. **Completed forms must be submitted by next Monday, June 10th.** Forms submitted after June 10th will not receive priority placements.

Upcoming 6th grade: Use this [LINK](#)

Upcoming 7th grade: Use this [LINK](#)

Upcoming 8th grade: Use this [LINK](#)

Middle Division End of Year Dance Photos

Last Friday, Middle Division students participated in the annual end-of-year dance in the SJES Gym. Students enjoyed a special evening that featured a dinner (served by our wonderful 8th grade dads), dancing, DJ, photo opportunities, candy, card games, and more. A very special thank you to our Dance Volunteers: Laura Breaux, Allison Mandel, Christine Gruenberg, Liz Simons, Tracy Weigand, Christy Valaskantjis and all the incredible 8th grade parent volunteers for making this night magical. And an additional extension of gratitude to Julie Johnson for sharing her décor-making talents, as well as Lola's Letters. Photos from the event can be [found here](#).

ATTENTION: Incoming 7th Grade Families

This is a reminder that the California Department of Public Health and Orange County Department of Education mandates that your child meet the immunization requirement in order to attend 7th Grade in the 2024-25 school year. All documents listed below must be received no later than August 2, 2024. California law requires that all immunizations be up to date in order for a child to attend the first day of 7th grade. There are NO exceptions to this rule. There is NO GRACE PERIOD.

Please submit a current copy of one of the following documents to the Health Office via fax or [email](#):

- Tdap Immunization, for (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis).
- Varicella #2 Immunization, for chicken pox.

Please note: many of your children have already been given a Tdap and/or have received their varicella #2; please check with your child's doctor.

For your convenience, you may fax a copy of your child's immunization records to the Health Office at (949)-858-1403. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns at (949)-858-5144 ext. 223 or email us at nurses@stjohns-es.org as soon as possible so we can update your child's immunization records.

Church

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