



CARDINAL WEEKLY

News for the Week of July 25, 2024



St. John's beloved Build-a-Book Class was well attended this summer as both new and returning students took a deep dive into creative writing with Ms. Adair in the Learning Commons. This course challenges students to hone in on their imagination and creative abilities in order to put together their most creative and authentic stories yet.

All School

Looking Ahead to the 2024-25 School Year

The 2024-25 school year is just around the corner. All the information you need to prepare to return back to school can be found on our easy-to-use **[Back to School Webpage](#)**. Questions? Please reach out to your respective Division Administrative Assistants:

Early Childhood Division - [Jenny Gyepes](#)

Elementary Division - [Susan Gomez](#)

Middle Division - [Rhannon Overmire](#)

Coming Soon: NEW Parent Portal

Beginning in August, you will receive access to the our NEW Parent Portal, *Veracross*. This portal is crucial to your student's educational experience. The Portal will provide easy, real-time access to all the information you need about your child(ren) - such as important calendars, grades and assignments, schedules, news and announcements, extracurriculars, and more. This is also where you will update your information, submit student attendance, as well as communicate with your child's teacher. More details to come!

Join Us for our annual Summer Social Event on August 14!

Get ready for some fun and excitement at this year's Summer Social! Our faculty and staff will gather as we welcome our current and new Cardinal families and kick off the 2024-25 school year. The event will take place **Wednesday, August 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** *Please note: Early Childhood families are invited to arrive at 4:30 p.m. so that they can have a play date with ECD families on the Early Childhood playground from 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. and then join the K-8 families beginning at 5:00 p.m. for pizza out on the back playground.* **[Please RSVP using this form](#)**, as we can't wait to see you!

Timeline of Festivities

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Early Childhood families will gather on the Early Childhood playground to enjoy a community playdate.

5:00 p.m. Official start time for all families. Kick off with Pizza at the *Cardinal Cafe*.

5:30 p.m. Carnival Activities begin & Middle Division locker assignments provided. It's time to decorate!

6:30 p.m. Event concludes.

REMINDER: There will be a water slide, so please be sure to bring/wear a swimsuit and bring a towel if you plan to participate in this portion of the event.

Updated Uniform Embroidery Information

Please note that our sweater embroidery vendor list has been updated. Going forward, please take sweaters to either Monogram Magic or The Shirt Cannery for embroidery. These vendors have our school approved font. For questions, email [Cheryl Boesch](#).

Monogram Magic

20381 Lake Forest Drive, B-6
Lake Forest, Ca. 92630
(949) 770-5056

The Shirt Cannery

25270 Marguerite Pkwy Suite E
Mission Viejo, Ca. 92692
(949) 768-4102

SAVE THE DATE: September 18 is St. John's annual Golf Tournament

Coming soon! St. John's annual Golf Tournament will take place on Wednesday, September 18. Tickets will go on sale next month. We are currently looking for sponsorships for this fellowship event and would love your support! Proceeds go to supporting the Athletics Department. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available now. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Welcome Mr. Roland, Director of Athletics!

St. John's sends a warm welcome to John Roland, Director of Athletics! Mr. Roland looks forward to meeting you at the Summer Social. We are excited for another upcoming school year and the start of our Fall Athletic season. If your child(ren) is interested in playing either Flag Football, Volleyball, or Cross Country, registration is now live. Information about our Fall Sports can be found by [clicking here](#). If you have any questions please reach out to our Athletic Director, [John Roland](#).

Interested in Being a Room Parent?

We're seeking current and new families from all grade levels to be Room Parents (RPs) for the 2024-2025 school year. Our RPs are an integral extension of the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF), as they serve as a liaison between our teachers and parents. RPs help carry out class responsibilities including volunteer opportunities, communications to parents, class parties, fellowship events, and teacher gifts. If you are interested in being a Room Parent, please [sign up now](#). Room parents will be selected prior to the first day of school, so please **submit your request by Thursday, August 1** if you are interested.

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



Summer in the Early Childhood Division has been full of imagination, play, creativity, and fun. Students have had the opportunity to begin meeting future classmates and teachers for the upcoming year, while exploring their new environments.

A Note from Admissions for New Early Childhood Families

New Early Childhood Division students should already have all the required licensing paperwork completed and turned into **Susan Gomez**, the Early Childhood Division Administrative Assistant. You may visit the **[Back to School Webpage](#)** if you need the required forms.

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



It's been so much fun seeing our Cardinals back on campus this summer through our Cardinal Camp programs. STEAM into First Grade is a great way for Kindergarten students to get acquainted with and acclimated to their new space, awhile introducing First Grade level concepts before the new school year.

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Middle Division



This week, Dr. Sean Li hosted a Summer Robotics Program. This program hosted a range of students from grades 3 to 6, allowing them to gain a better understanding of engineering and robotics through the lens of a skilled Mechanical Engineer himself. With his extensive background in predictive modeling, product design, system optimization, and big data analytics, Dr. Li has provided a unique hands-on experience to our curious Cardinals.

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Rhiannon Overmire

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**](mailto:nurses@stjohns-es.org) as soon as possible so we can update your child's immunization records.

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