



## CARDINAL WEEKLY

*News for the Week of August 1, 2024*



*Summer Camp Check-In! Mrs. Grogan gladly welcomes students to greet families and assist with check-in for our Cardinal Camps. This small, but meaningful gesture gives our students a sense of purpose and service in their St. John's community.*

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## **All School**

### **Looking Ahead to the 2024-25 School Year**

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Questions? Please reach out to your respective Division Administrative Assistants:

**Early Childhood & Elementary Division - [Susan Gomez](#)**

**Middle Division - [Rhannon Overmire](#)**

### **Onboarding Days: Monday & Tuesday, August 19-20**

Onboarding Days will take place on Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20.

Onboarding appointments are 1:1 time for you and your student to visit with their teacher and obtain important information for the school year. You will be able to book your

Onboarding Appointment via the NEW Parent Portal system, Veracross later this month.

### **Coming Soon: NEW Parent Portal**

Later this month, 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. Please continue to read the Cardinal Weekly each week for important updates about Veracross.

### **Welcome from John Roland, Director of Athletics + Fall Athletics Registration is NOW OPEN**

Welcome to what is sure to be a an exciting school year. My name is John Roland and I will be your new Director of Athletics here at St. Johns. My love for sports began as a child, playing everything I possibly could and carrying into a coaching career which now has lasted 17 years and counting. I bring that same excitement to St. Johns and will be your point of contact for everything athletics.

The Fall Athletics season is upon us! Registration for Flag Football, Volleyball and Cross Country are now open and available on our website by **[clicking here](#)**. Please **[contact me](#)** if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you on campus.

## 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.

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

### **Early Childhood Division**

#### **Wednesday, August 14**

- *Summer Social*

#### **Thursday, August 15**

- *ECD Back to School Night*

#### **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**

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## **Early Childhood Division**



*Early Childhood Division students have enjoyed participating in circle time with their classmates. This time provides students to settle in for the day, get acquainted with one another and the space, and practice communication skills with one another.*

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### **Welcome Back, from Early Childhood Division Principal, Alli Bosanko**

Welcome, Early Childhood families! Our teachers and I look forward to welcoming new faces and greeting returning friends and families. We can't wait to have everyone back on campus and the children's laughter fill the classrooms and playground in a few short weeks.

This year, knowledge will be gained, activities will be explored, art will be created, friendships will be made, and fun will be had in the ECD.

The Cardinal Weekly will continue to supply essential dates, reminders, and links for upcoming events throughout the school. Early Childhood will also continue to use the

Brightwheel App for daily communication and to post photos of your child's daily hands-on learning experiences.

We look forward to hosting you on Wednesday, August 14th, for our annual Summer Social. This event will kick off with an ECD play date on the Early Childhood playground at 4:30 p.m. At 5:00 p.m. Following, we will join the K-8 Cardinals for pizza and activities on the field.

We are eagerly looking forward to the start of the 2024-25 school year and a wonderful year together!

Warmest wishes,

**Alli Bosanko**  
ECD Principal

### **Back to School Night is Thursday, August 15**

Early Childhood Division Back to School Night is on Thursday, August 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is a parent-only event. Parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and hear about important information for the upcoming school year.

### **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](mailto:nurses@stjohns-es.org).

## **Elementary Division**



*Our Faculty and Staff are looking forward to welcoming your children back to campus in a few short weeks. Make sure to visit the Student Store for Friday Spirit Wear Days at [www.sjesstudentstore.com](http://www.sjesstudentstore.com).*

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## **Welcome Back from Mr. Bourke and Mrs. McLennan**

Dear Parents of St. John's Episcopal School,

It is an honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the 2024-25 school year! We hope you have had a relaxing and wonderful summer filled with family, friends, and fun. Although it is unlikely that your child is thinking too much about the start of school, rest assured we are busily preparing to welcome them back onto campus on Wednesday, August 21st!

As the Principal and Assistant Principal of the Elementary and Middle Divisions of this amazing community, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families. Whether you have joined us from another school – or have relocated from another city, state, or country – please know that we are thrilled that you are a part of the Cardinal Family. We are excited to share with you all that St. John's has to offer and believe you will soon feel as we do, that St. John's is a special place for all children.

Please be sure to read the Cardinal Weekly each Thursday afternoon, as it contains important information and will serve as the primary source of school-wide news. Additionally, the Cardinal Weekly provides insights into the daily lives of our Cardinals and creates a sense of involvement and engagement in your child's education. We look forward to communicating regularly via the Cardinal Weekly.

In just three short weeks, our Cardinals will officially join us in kicking off the school year! August 21st will be here before we know it, and we are so excited to begin.

We look forward to the start of the new school year and to continuing our collaboration of providing your children with an effective and engaging educational experience. As always, we will look to our families to be positive partners in their children's educational journey. The St. John's staff has always made a priority of working together as a caring and compassionate learning community with professionalism, teamwork, and expertise. We will always put the best interests of our students at the center of our purpose.

As always, our doors are open, and we welcome your input. If you would like to meet or talk, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Wishing everyone a successful and enriching 2024-25 school year!

Warmly,

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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.

## **Church**

### **Middle Division Retreat: Saturday, August 24**

The Church is hosting a one-day retreat for Middle Division students (and High School students) in Chapel on Saturday, August 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The day will include games, fun activities, music, fellowship, and working in the garden. Interested in attending? Please contact [Lisa Naulls](#).