



St. John's School

Eagle Newsletter

Fall Edition

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Hello St. John's Families,

Summer has come and gone! It has been a wet, and blustery September, for sure. As we enter the month of October, our kids are well into their school routines, and I think everyone is having a great year. In this edition of the Eagle Newsletter, you will find lots of important information about what's coming up in the next few weeks here at St. John's.

Thank you,

Mrs. Streff

A Few Notes About Important Dates

St. Sergius Chapel Walk:

On Sept. 26th, our students in K-8th will walk to the St. Sergius Chapel, located on the adjacent 50 acres. Parents are welcome to join us on our walk. We will meet at 12:45 on the church steps and gather for an all school picture and after that begin our walk. Once at the Chapel, there will be about a 10–15 minute service in memory of St. Sergius of Radonezh. St. Sergius was a monk who lived in Russia in the 14th century where he was known for his many miracles. When the kids get back to the school, we will serve them hot chocolate and cookies. Don't forget to have your child dress for the weather... boots, coat, hat, and gloves if it is chilly.

Mat-Su Central Invoices:

For those of you enrolled with Mat-Su Central, you may request your invoices for August and September beginning on Sept. 30th. If you have questions, let us know and we can help.

Hot Lunch Forms Due:

October Hot Lunch Forms and the monthly calendar will be emailed home with this newsletter. Please have them turned in by Thurs., Sept. 29th.

School Pictures:

On Oct. 14th, Fitzgerald Photography will be at St. John's School to take school pictures. Click on this link to get your kids signed up.

<https://fitzgeraldphotography.fotomerchanthv.com/clients/st-johns/st-johns-fall-22-23/optIn>

End of the First Quarter – No School:

The last day of the quarter will be Oct. 21st. This will be a grade reporting day for our teachers. Enjoy the long weekend!

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

On Oct. 26th and 27th, all classes will be dismissed at 1:30 and conferences, for students in K-8, will begin at 1:40 on those days. We will send home a sign-up for Conferences during the week of Oct. 17th.

In-Service – No School:

Friday, Oct. 28th is an In-Service day for our teachers, so there will be **No School** on this day.

Chili Cook-off:

St. John's families, you are invited to our Chili Cook-off on Thurs., Nov. 10th! This is a very fun event which until Covid, we did annually. This will be our first fundraiser in three years! If you would like to be a contestant, sign-up information will be sent home early in October. We will have 10 spots available, so dust off those cookbooks!

Veterans Day – No School:

In observance of Veterans Day there will be **No School** on Nov. 11th. Thanks to all the moms, dads, and other family members, who are or who have served in our military. We salute you!

Advent Begins on Nov. 15th:

Advent will begin on Nov. 15th and will end 6 wks. later with Christmas. Look for more information about how we observe Advent here at school as we get closer to the date.

Thanksgiving Break-No School:****

No School Nov. 24th – 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Other Important News

Schedules:

Students are participating in PE, Art and going to prayers each morning. Parents are always welcome to attend prayers. We begin prayers shortly after the bells ring at 8:15 and we are done by 8:35.

PE: At St. John's we believe in the importance of getting our kids moving! Whether at recess or in PE, student participation is strongly encouraged. Because we don't yet have a gym, please ensure that your students are prepared to be outside during their PE time. Before the snow flies that means having a pair of shoes at school and any appropriate outerwear that will let them participate in the planned games and activities. **During the wintertime it means having a pair of boots, and the rest of their winter gear at school. If the weather is super crummy, we will have PE in the church basement.**

After Care:

1. After Care is available Monday through Thursday. **There is no After Care on Fridays.**
2. **After Care is from 3:00 to 5:00.** Our After Care attendants have been at school all day, and at 5:00 pm they are ready to go home. Please be considerate of them and their schedules.
3. Beginning at 5:06 late fees will be applied. Every additional 5 minutes will be billed at the rate of \$5.00.
4. During Parent-Teacher Conferences, in October and February, all students are released at 1:30 On those days, After Care will be available until 3:30. **October conferences are scheduled for Oct. 26-27.**
5. Students who haven't been picked up by 3:15 will join the other kids in After Care.
6. Please call or email the office if you need drop-in After Care on a particular day. Knowing in advance helps with staffing and planning.
7. After Care fees are billed at the end of each month. I will send out After Care Invoices/Statements during the 1st week of the new month. Look for your September bill during the week of October 3rd.

Field Trips:

This year we will do our best to let you know about upcoming field trips far enough in advance that you may plan your student's hot lunches around these trips. Please send all field trip money and permission slips to your student's teacher, not to the office. This will help the teachers know which students still need to turn in their paperwork and \$\$.

Dress Code:

The last day to wear shorts to school is Friday, Sept. 30th. Please make sure your kids are prepared for the weather. They have two recesses outside each day. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

VSP Opportunities:

Please take a moment to fill out and turn in your volunteer form which were available on the night of the Back to School Night. If you need a form, let me know. **We do have a few immediate needs for volunteers: Tuesday Lunch from 11:30-1:30 and an assistant to our PE teacher for the older kids. If you can help with either of these, let us know.**

Please note that the number of hours that a family is typically required to commit to is 20 hrs. per year. A portion of those hours is normally dedicated to our fundraisers which we hope to bring back this year, God willing.