



## Letter from the Head of School July 2017

Dear Parents,

We hope you are stretching out your summer fun as long as you can; enjoying the sun and family time as we get closer to the start of school. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and have been busy preparing for your return. The 2017 - 2018 school year is shaping up to be fantastic. Mrs. Hall has once again been inundated with tours and applications and at this time we will be welcoming over 45 new students. This number continues to increase and we know you will welcome them in SJEDS style with open arms.



In order to receive a classroom assignment, **health forms and online emergency forms must be submitted by August 4.** Health form information is on the enclosed checklist. An email from SanJoseEpiscopalAP@sjeds.org with a link to complete your online emergency forms will be sent at the end of July. If you have any questions or if you do not receive this email, please contact the school office at (904) 733-0352 or email [office@sjeds.org](mailto:office@sjeds.org).

Our staff has been busy making improvements to our campus. Here are some highlights:

- Thank you to the Parents' Association for new playground equipment on the Lower School playground. Installation should be complete by the start of school! The children will love the addition of three free-standing spring riders.
- Thanks to the Gooding Foundation, we have received another set of Surface Pros for the Upper School and another 3D printer which will be housed in Tech Connect.
- You will notice fresh paint on the building outside by the Upper School playground extending to the Spanish room.
- The ceiling in the Parish Center has been replaced with all new ceiling tiles.
- We have a new lunch provider and are very excited to have a hot lunch option this year. Details are coming soon in a separate communication.

Here are some important dates to put on your calendar:

- We hope to see everyone at our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 13 at 9:30 a.m.** Bring your backpack and receive a special blessing to start the school year off right.
- **Meet Your Teacher Day is Monday, August 14.** We invite you to join your child and drop in between 10 and 11:30 a.m. to meet his or her teacher and drop off school supplies.
  - The PA will have a used uniform giveaway and Chromebooks will be available for volunteer sign up opportunities during this time in the gym.
  - Fall Afterschool Activities will be on display and Bears basketball and cheer registration will be open in the gym.
  - Extended Day will be open beginning at 10:30 a.m. and will continue until 5 p.m. Reservations are required. Please email Amy Blumstein at [ablumstein@sjeds.org](mailto:ablumstein@sjeds.org) to secure your spot.
- **The official first day of school is Tuesday, August 15.** Early arrival begins at 7:30 a.m. in the gym for students registered for Extended Day, morning drop-off begins at 7:45 a.m., and classes start promptly at 8 a.m. The tardy bell will ring at 8:05 a.m. After this time, parents will need to walk their student(s) to the office and obtain a tardy slip.



Get involved! Our **Parents' Association (PA)**, under the leadership of Julie Saleeba, has been busy and you will receive more information from them soon about volunteer opportunities. We encourage you to be active in the PA. The PA does a tremendous job and really is part of what makes SJEDS such a special place. We are so blessed to have amazing, involved parents and are truly grateful.

This upcoming school year has wonderful things in store for our students. We look forward to helping each one continue to develop their own unique talents and gifts as they become the person God has created them to be. We can't wait to see your child's smile and hear about their summer adventures. Here's to another great year!

With blessings and peace,

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