



Letter from the Head of School July 2020

Dear Parents,

Summer is here and much is different, yet some things remain the same. As always, we have been busy preparing for your return. In the summer we always miss the smiles and laughter of our students and this year even more than usual due to remote learning. Teresa Hall is busy doing tours, and we will be welcoming quite a few new students and we look forward to welcoming them #TheSanJoseWay.



In order to receive a classroom assignment, **health forms and online emergency forms must be submitted by July 31**. 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.

Our staff has been busy making improvements to our campus and getting ready for your return. Here are some highlights:

- Our library renovation is finally complete. We are grateful to the Henry and Lucy Gooding Endowment for making this possible.
- The fourth grade classrooms and the Support Center have new furniture which is modular and easy to move around.
- An exciting addition is a new sound system and lighting system has been installed in the gym. This is sure to take our drama performances and assemblies to new heights.
- Additional shade structures on the Lower School playground and behind the sixth grade classrooms are scheduled for installation in July.
- Responsive Classroom training will continue this year for all of our teachers.

In an effort to provide increased professional development and collaboration for faculty and staff we will continue to have one early release day each month. The school will dismiss on the first Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. Extended Day will open at 2 p.m. and afterschool activities will begin at their normal time. The early dismissal dates are below:

- September 3
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3
- January 7
- February 4
- March 4
- April 1
- May 6



Get involved! Our Parents' Association (PA), under the leadership of Emily Magee, will be sending more information to you soon about volunteer opportunities. The PA does a tremendous job and 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 child 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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