Letter from the Head of School June 2021



Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I serve as the Interim Head of School for the 2021-2022 school year. The staff is working diligently to ensure that your child has a meaningful, rich and positive experience here at SJEDS, and we are looking forward to getting back to some sense of normalcy as in the pre-COVID days. It is, and has always been, our goal to provide procedures and policies for a safe return to school. The administration is monitoring state and local



guidelines as we plan for next year and will keep you updated as we finalize our decisions. Currently, it looks as though masks will not be required. Our plan is to be flexible enough to allow modifications as new information is received, or government or Diocesan mandates change. I look forward to meeting all of you and getting to know your families.

In order to receive a classroom assignment, health forms and online emergency forms must be submitted by July 30. 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 June. 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.

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 2
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2
- January 6
- February 3
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5

Get involved! Our Parents' Association (PA), under the leadership of Laura Saoud, 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!

Sincerely,

Martha Milton
Interim Head of School





