



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. COVID protocol remains undecided. It is my hope to return to some sort of normalcy, but as the cases increase, it may become necessary to adjust our policies accordingly. We are monitoring local guidelines closely and will make a decision closer to the start of school. Our plan is to be flexible enough to allow modifications as new information is received, or as Government/Diocesan mandates change. It is, and has always been, our goal to provide procedures and policies for a safe return. 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 has been sent. If you have any questions or have not received 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 continue to have one early release day each month. The school dismisses on the first Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. Extended Day opens at 1 p.m. as usual for PreK3 and PreK 4 and at 2 p.m. for K-6th grade students. Start times for all afterschool activities and athletics vary on early release days; please check your emails for details and start times. Early Release Days are scheduled for the following dates:

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



Here are some important dates to put on your calendar: (Corrected Dates)

- **Meet Your Teacher Day is Monday, August 9.** We invite you to join your child and drop in between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to meet his or her teacher and drop off school supplies.
 - The Parents' Association (PA) will have a used uniform swap, and you'll be able to sign up for volunteer 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 Ms. Blumstein at ablumstein@sjeds.org to secure your spot.
- The official **First Day of School is Tuesday, August 10.** 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 8:00 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.
- The first **Jeans Day is Friday, August 13.** Students may wear school-appropriate jeans or jean shorts. All students should plan to wear the new spirit shirt. If your child does not want to wear jeans, they may wear the spirit shirt with uniform bottoms.
- The **Parents' Association Volunteer Breakfast is Friday, August 20.**
- **Open House is Thursday, August 26.**
- **Early Explorers Chapel** is held each **Tuesday** at 8:30 a.m., and **Lower School/Upper School Chapel** is held each **Wednesday** at 8:30 a.m. This will begin the second week of school.

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 a great year!

Sincerely,



Martha Milton
Interim Head of School



Inspiring a passion for learning, a life of integrity, and a heart for Christian service