

From the desk of...



the *Principal*



August 28, 2020



Dear St. John Families,

The faculty, staff, and I are very excited to start our new school year and can't wait to see both our in-person and online students.

In order to have a smooth drop-off on Monday, it is very important that parents complete the wellness screening that you will receive by both text and email in the morning for each child coming for in-person learning. Our teachers on morning duty will have a list of students who have completed the wellness screening. If a child doesn't have a completed wellness screening, they will not be admitted into the building. I realize that we have many new protocols in place, but to open school in a safe and healthy manner there can be no exceptions. I appreciate your assistance in these matters.

Our pick-up procedures will continue to be stadium-style parking on the main lot with one difference. Cars will line up according to grade starting with kindergarten in the lane closest to the chapel. You will park in the row for the youngest child in the family. Preschool students will be picked up in the Learning Cottage lot.

The first day of school is a full day of school. Please send both a snack and a lunch.

In order to provide seating for outside, students in Grades K-8 should bring a bath towel to school. The towel will be sealed into a jumbo storage bag that can be wiped down after each use.

Many blessings,

Mrs. Blake

Preschool Start Schedule for 2020-2021

Preschool students will participate in **Cubby Conferences the week of August 31 to September 3**. Dates and times for these individual conferences have been organized by the preschool teachers. The gradual start of the preschool school year is below.

Pre-K 4

Friday, September 4- All students dismiss at 11:45 am.

Tuesday, September 8- Full day begins.

Pre-K 3

Tuesday, September 8- All students dismiss at 11:45 am.

Wednesday, September 9- Full day begins.

Uniform Schedule

Grades K, 1, and 2- Regular Uniform on Tuesdays & Thursdays; Gym Uniform on Mondays & Wednesdays

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8- Regular Uniform on Mondays & Wednesdays; Gym Uniform on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Grades K-8- Spirit Day with theme on Fridays (See below.)

Friday Spirit Day Uniform Schedule

September 4- Wear Oriole shirts/ orange or black

September 11- Wear Ravens shirts/ purple or black

September 18- Wear your favorite t-shirt. (All shirts should be appropriate for our school setting.)

September 25- Wear Ravens shirts/ purple or black.

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8th Grade Parent Zoom Meeting

Mark your calendar for a **mandatory** Zoom meeting for parents of the Class of 2021 on **Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm**. Important information about the high school admissions process, the HSPT, special class activities, and graduation will be presented. At least **one parent is required** to be in attendance.

Virtual High School Fairs

Virtual high school fairs provide the opportunity for families to learn more about our Catholic high school options. From 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, families can engage representatives from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore on the following dates:

- Monday, September 28
- Tuesday, October 6
- Monday, October 19

Please complete the RSVP form found here <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-admissions/virtual-admissions/> to receive access details.

HASA News

HASA Dues

This year is a different kind of a year, and HASA understands that each family may have been affected by this pandemic in different ways. Our school still has needs that will need to be met, and so we, once again, are reaching out to ask for our annual **HASA dues of \$30 per family** by September 11. Please see the attached letter for more information, but this year you can follow this link to pay online: [HASA Dues Payment](#)

Joe Corbi's Fundraiser –August 14-September 3

We are excited to have an online fundraiser to kick off the school year! Who wants yummy pizza, Chee-Zee bread, churros, cookie dough and more? Order from over 40 delicious goodies to fill your freezer for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert! Our online ordering continues through **Thursday, September 3**.

We will not be sending packets home so all ordering will need to be done online. Please go to www.joecorbis.com to set up your student's account. Our school code is 9611. Once you create your student's account, you will be given a number via email specific to your student. You can share that number with friends and family so that they can order as well.

Monies raised from this fundraiser will go to the HASA general fund. Many of our fundraisers may not happen this year so we are hopeful that Joe Corbi's will be a hit so that we can support the school.

We are setting a goal for each student to sell 5 items. If that happens, we would raise \$5,000.00. **Each child that sells 5 items will get an out-of-uniform pass.** We are going to offer an outdoor drive through pick-up the week of September 14. You can also have items shipped to your home for an additional fee. Feel free to contact Meghan Lancaster 410-967-3784 or mamamonkey27@aol.com with any questions.

Volunteering and VIRTUS

Now is the time to complete your requirements so you are ready to volunteer and participate in activities for the new school year. If you want to volunteer and/or **attend activities in the future when our building is open to visitors** you must be current with the VIRTUS screening and training. Complete or update your certification easily online at <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>. Please contact Mary Beth Bressler at stand@stjohnschoolgv.org if you have any questions.

School Calendar Dates for 2020-2021

First Day-8/31/20 (Full Day)

Labor Day-9/7 School Closed

Professional Day-10/16/20 School Closed

Thanksgiving- 11/25/20-11/27/20 School Closed

Christmas- 12/21/20- 1/3/21 School Closed

MLK Day- 1/18/21 School Closed

Presidents' Day-2/15/21 School Closed

Easter-4/1/21 Noon Dismissal

4/2/21- 4/11/21 School Closed

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Grandparents Day-4/23/21 Noon Dismissal

Memorial Day-5/31/21 School Closed

Graduation- 6/7/21

Last Day- 6/10/21- Dismissal after Mass

***Additional Noon Dismissals- 10/30/20;
2/5/21; 6/9/21**

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Calendar

Monday, August 31- First Day of School (Full Day)

Tuesday, September 1- ☺

Wednesday, September 2- ☺

Thursday, September 3- Joe Corbi's orders due.

*Friday, September 4- Oriole Day- Wear Oriole shirts or orange and black shirts
with your gym pants.*

*Monday, September 7- **School Closed***

Tuesday, September 8- Hot Dog Lunch

Wednesday, September 9- 8th Grade Parent Zoom Meeting (6:30 pm)

Thursday, September 10- ☺

*Friday, September 11- Purple Friday- Wear your Raven's gear or purple and black
shirts with your gym pants.*