

# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL FULLERTON

Woffpack Weekly



What's Coming Up @SJS-Fullerton!

## From the Principal's Desk

Looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at the Sneak Peek between **3:30-4:30!** This is a great time to bring those large school supplies to make the first day drop off easier.

### Furniture Update:

We are so excited about all the new furniture; however, it continues to be delayed. The delays are due to production issues, and we are diligently working to get it here as quickly as possible. This means that we will have a unique start to our school year. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility, and patience as we navigate this stressful situation. Thank you so much to those that have reached out in a positive way. It is greatly appreciated. Your support and kindness mean the world to us. As soon as we have more information, we will share it with you!

### Back to School Reminders:

**Be sure your child has finished his/her summer work, has a uniform that fits and is ironed. Please don't forget to remove nail polish and get haircuts for Monday!** Everyone should arrive on Monday looking and acting ready for a great year! Don't forget to pack your child a lunch and a water bottle.

### Cell Phone Policy:

We **STRONGLY** suggest that your child leaves his/her cell phone at home. Our policy is that when students arrive in the morning, their phones are off and out of sight. When they enter their classroom, all phones are placed into the cell phone holder in the off position and remain there until the end of the day. At dismissal, students get their phones, and they remain off until students are outside in their cars. There is no need for them to have their phones with them during the school day.

## Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

### How to Drop off and Pick Up your Child(ren):

Please take a minute to review the directions below for the morning and afternoon to ensure every one is as safe as possible. Please feel free to share this with anyone else who is going to be dropping off or picking up your child. These rules and procedures are unique to SJS-Fullerton but have worked for many years and will continue to do so as long as everyone is following them respectfully.

### Morning Arrival:

- School doors will open at 7:35. No one is allowed to be dropped off prior except our Safety Patrol Students.
- [When entering from the north of the school](#), please enter the long drive and merge with the line that is coming around from the back of the Church.
- Please alternate merging cars and model kindness for our students.
- [If you are entering from the south of campus](#) enter by the Prayer Labyrinth/Playground and go all the way around the back of the school to merge in front of the Church with the other line.
- Two lines in the entrances to campus may be necessary to avoid backing up Belair Rd.
- **NO ONE ENTERS BY THE LIGHT - that is EXIT ONLY!**
- After the lines of cars merge together in front of the Church, they become the "snake line," which wraps through the main lot.
- All cars should be **bumper to bumper** to avoid any wasted space.
- Follow the line and the directions of any school personnel on campus.
- When you pull up to the curb, children's doors will be opened by a member of our Safety Patrol, and students should hop out ready for school with their bookbags and lunches.
- **ALL PARENTS REMAIN IN THEIR CARS.**
- Students will enter through their designated doors. There will be large signs to direct them.

- There are several faculty members to help your child find the correct door as well as his/her homeroom.
- All cars leave campus at the traffic light.

**\*ALL students must be dropped off this way.** The only exception is PreK students who will be dropped off by the gym, and their siblings may enter there as well.

#### **A Few Tips to Help Our Morning Go Smoothly:**

- Students must be on the passenger side of the car.
- Students should be ready to hop out of the car as they pull up to the drop-off spot, meaning unbuckled, backpacks on, already kissed you goodbye!
- **Stagger your arrival time. Students are not late until 8:10. If everyone arrives at once, that causes a MAJOR backup.**
- Help out our new families and practice patience.

#### **Afternoon Dismissal:**

- All cars enter the main lot and park in rows, bumper to bumper.
- All parents exit the car and stand near the door that their child enters and exits - there are signs
- Students in grades 1-8 will begin dismissing at 3pm and will exit the building in 3 groups, so you have time to locate them.
- Once you have your child(ren), please head back to your car. **The faster everyone is to their cars, the faster we can begin dismissing.**
- Wait for instructions from the faculty before moving your car for the safety of all.
- Cars will be dismissed in rows, with the rows closest to Belair Rd. leaving first.
- **Everyone must exit campus at the traffic light.**

**\*PreK Parents can pick up at the gym doors. If you ONLY have a PreK child** you should park by the Gym, and then you can leave once they are dismissed. If you have an older child, please park in the main lot, walk over to get your PreK child, and then walk back to the main lot for your other child(ren).

**\*Kindergarten ONLY Parents: If you are ONLY picking up a Kindergartener,** then you will park along the curb that is against the main entrance of the school. Your child will be dismissed by their teacher directly to you at the Main Entrance. Once you have your child, please head to your car and leave campus quickly. This is necessary to ensure that you are off campus before any other students dismiss for safety purposes.

#### **A Few Tips to Make the Afternoon Go Smoothly:**

- Be on time for your child. Anyone that is excessively late will be charged as per our handbook.
- Try to meet your child in the same spot each day whenever possible.
- **If you see a child that does not have an adult, please do NOT take them to your car. Please bring them to a Faculty Member at the school.**
- **Please do not bring your dogs out of the car during this time due to fears and allergies.**
- **Please remember that your child may not TEXT or CALL you from the Waiting Zone, so please do NOT ask them to do so. Please do not text them your location, as they will NOT be able to use their phones at this time.**
- Help out our new families.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as we get our year started!

## **From Nurse Mary - PLEASE READ Regarding Medication**

All medications MUST have a Provider's order with the parent's and provider's signatures, including over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, cough drops, and TUMS. All medications are to be provided by the parents in their original containers labeled with the student's name and homeroom. Nurse Mary does not stock medications to dispense to students. ***The medication MUST be brought into school by an adult and handed to a staff member. DO NOT send medication in with the students.*** All medication order forms can be accessed through [School Admin](#) or the [school website](#).

## **Rising 6th & 7th Graders - Required Health Records**

For students entering 6th grade, an updated physical exam is required ([read more here](#)). For students entering 7th grade, Tdap and Meningococcal immunization records are required ([read more here](#)). Please call or [email Nurse Mary](#) with any questions.



Please join us for:  
**Kindergarten Orientation**

When and where:

St. Joseph-Fullerton...

**\*\*your child's homeroom\*\***

8416 Belair Road \* Baltimore, MD \* 21236

Friday, August 25

8:00 a.m.



## Important Dates

### THURSDAY, 8/24

- Sneak a Peek at Your Seat
- '22-23 Yearbook Pickup (during Sneak a Peek)

### FRIDAY, 8/25

- Kindergarten Orientation

### MONDAY, 8/28

- First Day of School for Grades 1-8
- Half Day for Kindergarten Only (8am-11:45am)
- No School for PreK Only

### TUESDAY, 8/29

- Half Day for Kindergarten Only (8am-11:45am)
- PreK Orientation

### WEDNESDAY, 8/30

- Half Day Only for PreK (11:35am) & Kindergarten (11:45am)

### THURSDAY, 8/31

- Half Day Only for PreK (11:35am) & Kindergarten (11:45am)

### FRIDAY, 9/1

- Half Day for All Grades
- Half Day Dismissal Times: PreK at 11:35am, K at 11:45am, Grades 1-8 at 12pm

### MONDAY, 9/4

- No School (Labor Day)

### TUESDAY, 9/5

- PreK & K Begin Full Day

### SAVE THE DATE

9/21: Back to School Night for Grades 1-5

9/28: Back to School Night for Middle School

### [FULL YEAR CALENDAR](#)

*Click the calendar image to download & print.*

# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Gr. 1-8 Noon Dismissal Pre-K: 8:00am-11:35am K: 8:00am-11:45am	2
3	4 School Closed Labor Day	5 Pre-K & K: Full Day	6 HASA Volunteer Forms Due	7	8 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting 7:00am PC	9
10 Faith Family Fellowship Mass 10:30am	11 Fall MAP Testing Window Begins	12 HSPT Reg. Opens Band Demo	13 Hot Spot Raffle Begins	14	15	16 600 Club
17 School Mass 10:30am	18 AOB High School Fair 6:00pm-8:00pm@SJS Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Begins	19 AOB High School Fair 6:00pm-8:00pm@ICS	20	21 Back to School Night Grs. 1-5 6:00pm	22 Individual Pictures Pre-K-8 (Out of Uniform)	23
24	25	26 Hot Spot Raffle Ends	27	28 NJHS Induction 1:30pm @ Church Back to School Night for Middle School 6:00pm	29 Room Parent Meeting HASA Event Chair Meeting	30

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## ICYMI

### We Need You This Year! Volunteer Opportunities Available

Please review the volunteer opportunities on page 2 of [this form](#) to see where your time and talents could help the school and the Home & School Association (HASA). The list includes year-long activities and events, and also ones held during the first half of the year. A new form will be distributed in November for events held during the second half of the year. **All volunteers must be [VIRTUS-certified](#).** If interested in volunteering, please [complete the form](#). This is a perfect way to fulfill your [Give 8!](#)

### Back to School Crab Feast

Let's kick off the new school year with a Back to School Crab Feast at Jimmy's Famous Seafood on Saturday, September 16 from 7pm-10pm. Includes all-you-can-eat steamed crabs, pit beef, fried chicken, Maryland crab soup, and more. Tickets are limited, so don't wait to grab yours! [Purchase tickets here.](#)



### Car Magnets Available for Purchase at Sneak Peek

New car magnets can be purchased during the Sneak Peek event for \$5 each. CASH ONLY. They will also be made available for purchase throughout the year.

## Around Campus



**Parish Happenings**

**C.L.O.W - Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
will be held every Sunday at 10:30am Mass  
with contemporary music

**Faith, Family, Fellowship**   
Join us Sunday, September 3rd for  
the 10:30am Mass with donuts & coffee  
following in the Parish Center.  
*We are inviting our St. Joseph Athletes to wear their jerseys to Mass!*

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**  
**NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**  
Confirmation Program for rising  
9th-12th graders (17 & under)  
[www.stjoefullerton.org](http://www.stjoefullerton.org)

 **Youth Ministry Night**  
Friday, August 25th  
starting at 4:30pm   
Volleyball, Karaoke, Games, Snacks & more!  
Contact Sherrie Palmateer for more info! [spalmateer@stjoefullerton.org](mailto:spalmateer@stjoefullerton.org)

**MAY THE COURSE**  
  
**-BE WITH YOU-**  
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**  
**SJAA GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2  
MOUNTAIN BRANCH GOLF CLUB

[Golf Tournament Registration click here](#)

**girl scouts**  
of central maryland

**Girl Scout**  
**Daisies**  
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A new St. Joe's Kindergarten  
Daisy Troop is Forming for the  
2023/2024 School Year!

**Troop Meeting Details!**  
Who: Kindergarten Girls  
Location: St. Joseph Fullerton  
Dates: 2nd and 4th Wednesday  
of each Month  
Time: 6:30-7:30

  
Girls will have the Opportunity To:  

- Make New Friends
- Explore the Outdoors
- Experience Girl Scout Traditions
- Explore STEM
- Practice Leadership
- Learn Outdoor Skills
- Go Camping
- Help Your Community
- Have Fun
- Be A Better You!

For questions or if interested in registering,  
contact:  
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