



SJCS New Families **JAGUAR QUICKGUIDE**



The School Advisory Council welcomes you to St Joseph Catholic School!

We are happy to have your family be a part of our community and hope that you find St. Joseph's is as nurturing as we have. As you prepare for the school year, you likely have some questions. We hope you can find the answers to most of those questions here in the following pages, on the school website or when you contact the school office.

You may also reach out to any of the SAC members below—we've been in your shoes and would be glad to answer your questions!

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When do we meet?

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC: Watch for communication over the summer for the Back-To-School Mass and picnic. You and your family will be invited to attend Saturday evening Mass, have dinner, meet other SJCS families, learn about various SJCS groups and organizations, and meet your child's teacher and find the classroom for the first time before the first day of school.

ORIENTATIONS: Kinder and PreK parents will be invited to an orientation night prior to the first day of school. First through eighth grade parents will have a Meet the Teacher/Parent Information Night, usually the second or third week of school, to learn about the classroom procedures this year.

SCHOOL HOURS/CAR LINE:

School day: 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM

Morning car line drop off: 7:30 - 8:00 AM

Afternoon car line pick up: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

EXACT times and maps regarding car lines will be sent out from the school a day or two before the first day of school. <https://www.sjcstx.net/carpool>

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM (EDP):

For a monthly rate or drop-in rate:

Morning EDP: 7:15 AM (west green awning school entrance)

Afternoon EDP: 3:45 PM - 6:00 PM (east circle drive entrance)

Afternoon EDP pick up is on the Jupiter side. Enter at the circle driveway and go to the dining hall doors. If EDP is on the playground, they usually have a sign posted.

<https://www.sjcstx.net/extendeddayprogram>





How do we prepare the kids?

UNIFORMS: Students in grades K-8 are expected to wear uniforms daily. PreK students will be given information about the dress code during PreK orientation. All uniform items must be purchased through FlynnO'Hara (in store or online) except socks, shoes, belts (boys only), and modesty shorts (girls only). There is no special uniform for Mass days.

<https://www.sjcstx.net/uniforms>

Join FlynnO'Hara's email list to receive free shipping promotions. Also, if you set up an account with FlynnO'Hara, they will keep track of everything you have previously ordered so you don't have to search each time to figure out what sizes you bought the last time.

Use this link to get on the email list: <https://flynnohara.com/join-our-email-list/>

School code is: TX247

The PTO will have a used uniform sale in June. Stay tuned for date and time!

SPIRITWEAR: Spirit shirts may be worn with jeans or uniform bottoms once a month on our school spirit day. Spirit Shirts can be purchased through our spirit store.

<https://www.sjcstx.net/spiritstore>

SUPPLIES:

- Pencil Bag (from school): All students 1-8 grade need to purchase a one-time pencil bag. Your child's pencil bag will be used the entire time they attend SJCS.
- Laptop bag (from school): Grades 5-8 are required to purchase a one-time laptop bag that they will use for the remainder of their time at SJCS. Laptops are provided by the school.
- All students need a backpack and reusable water bottle (purchased outside of school).

*Other school supplies costs are already included in your tuition. Laptops and Tablets for in school use are provided by the school and do not go home with students.

<https://www.sjcstx.net/schoolsupplies>





LUNCH: All students may buy or bring lunch. The school lunch menu can be found here: <https://www.sjcstx.net/lunch>. A link to the current menu is also posted at the bottom of the Jaguar Tracks newsletter each Friday. New families will receive an email from E&E, our lunch supplier, with the student's ID number and information to set up a student account. This email will likely come out in the first week or two of school. Parents can load money onto the student's online account and receive emails when the balance is low. At the beginning of the school year, while accounts are still being set up, students may still buy lunch; E&E will keep a record and parents will pay the negative balance once the account is up and running.

How do we prepare ourselves?

FACTS/SIS: The FACTS SIS system is where you completed your child's enrollment paperwork. Teachers also post lesson plans and homework in FACTS. Homework is also communicated in other ways, therefore most parents use FACTS as backup to clarify any confusion students might have about the assignments. Grades 3-8 have grades posted in FACTS that parents can access and see. Most teachers wait to post on FACTS until after the Parent Information Night, a couple weeks into the school year, so they can show parents directly how they utilize FACTS to get information to parents.

CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS: Our School Advisory Council maintains class GroupMe accounts to help grade level parents to connect with each other. Watch for an email from a School Advisory Council member with a link to join your child's grade level parent group.

COMMUNICATIONS: Our school newsletter, Jaguar Tracks, is emailed every Friday (August – June) at 10 am. Jaguar Tracks give information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

VOLUNTEER: At SJCS we love our volunteers and hope you will find some areas of the school and community you would like the help. All volunteers must be Safe Environment cleared (it is advisable to get a head start on this over the summer). Visit the volunteer section of the website to get started with Safe Environment and be added to our growing list of volunteers.

<https://www.sjcstx.net/safeenvironment>

<https://www.sjcstx.net/parentservicvolunteeroportunities>





SUMMER ENRICHMENT: Each student is given summer enrichment assignments at the end of the school year from the next grade teachers to help encourage continued reading and math practice over the summer. This information is loaded on the school website in June. Visit the website to find out what your child could read or work on over the summer.

<https://www.sjcstx.net/summerenrichment>

SCHOOL MASS: All school Mass (K-8) is every Friday, unless there is a holy day earlier that week; the school will then adjust accordingly. Students should arrive at school by 7:50 AM to go to their classrooms where they will then be taken to the sanctuary for mass at 8:00 AM.

Classes in grades 3-8 take turns hosting the Mass each week. Our 6-8th graders altar serve and 3-8th grade students can participate in our Mass choir. Teachers always communicate to parents ahead of time when their child will have a special part in the Mass. Information about joining Mass choir will be sent out to students in the first few weeks of the school year. Parents and the church community are welcome to attend our mass.

No special uniform is required for Mass days. Kindergarten starts attending the Mass in October. They are paired with 8th grade prayer partners who sit with the Kindergarten class and help the Kindergartener practice reverent Mass behavior.

Mass is always concluded with the St. Joseph Prayer. It is included below if your family wants to start learning it.

Saint Joseph Prayer

**O dearest Saint Joseph,
I offer myself to you, that you may always be my father,
to protect and guide me.**

Help me to love holiness and to remain pure in heart.

**O Blessed Saint Joseph,
pray for me,
that I may enjoy the gift of a holy life.
Amen.**

