

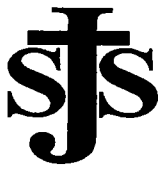


Picture Day is this Friday!

Students in grades K - 8 AND 4 year old preschool will have their picture taken this Friday, September 18th!

Students may wear their choice of school-appropriate picture clothing.

Ordering pictures ahead of time online is encouraged- go to ripchostudio.com and enter the code 985stjo. You may also order by filling out the order form that was sent home in last week's Wednesday folder and sending it to school with your student on picture day!



St. Joseph Parish School

Amherst, Ohio

Est. 1924

September 14, 2020

Dear School Families,

This fall we will once again be holding our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year, the "30 Reasons to be Thankful" calendar raffle! This raffle continues to be a successful way for our school to fund new initiatives that are student-centered and support the well-rounded curriculum offered at SJS.

We are committing to use our 2020 fundraising profits to assist in funding distance learning for SJS students, to update our school water fountains to add touchless bottle filling stations, and to begin a fund to create a high-tech STEM lab to allow our students to learn 3D printing, laser engraving, advanced coding, and more (project to be completed in the fall of 2021)!

This year, we are doing an ALL CASH PRIZE CALENDAR! If your family would like to sponsor a day on the calendar with a \$100 or more cash donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Your family name will appear with the amount you donated on one of the calendar dates. This is a great way to help SJS and ensure our raffle is a success! WE MUST RECEIVE ALL DONATIONS IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST.

Look for more information regarding the calendar raffle over the next few weeks. Let's work together to raise money for our school to give our students the tools to reach their maximum potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Makruski". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Amy Makruski
Principal



Student Absences Update

If an in-person learning student will be absent for the day, in order to permit teachers to remain on task with their added responsibilities and schedules, we are able to offer the following:

- 1. If the student is well enough and would like to view any of the live-streamed classes for the day, we will work to make it possible.**
 - a. In grades 6-8 the student/parent can email the teacher by 7:30 am and the student will be sent the join info. at their @sjs-amherst.org email for the live streams as needed.**
 - b. In grades K-5, a parent should call the school office by 7:30 a.m. and let the secretary know that their student would like to be added to the live-streamed classes for the day. The parent should also provide the email address that they would like the join info. sent to so we can successfully complete this process.**

PLEASE NOTE- students that are absent and watch the live-stream WILL NOT be added to online assignments or have material to work on sent to them during the school day. Absent work can be retrieved upon their return to school. Due to added responsibilities with-in each teacher's daily schedule, it is very hard to gather absent work on the day of the absence this year. Thank you for understanding. ***If a child will have an extended absence of more than 3 days due to illness, arrangements may be made with their teacher(s) to retrieve work before their return to school.

FREE LUNCH NEWS!!!!!!!

Dear SJS Parents,

We got final confirmation today from the Ohio Department of Education that SJS does qualify for the new USDA program that offers FREE breakfast and hot lunch for ALL students in the school! This begins immediately (on Monday!) and is retroactive to August 31st, as well. If you have already paid for breakfast or lunch this year, Mrs. Dittmer is going to work on getting you a refund as soon as possible. This also means that, for now, you DO NOT have to load money onto your child's online lunch account. These free meals are currently scheduled to go through December 31, 2020. If you already loaded money onto the online account, it will be waiting there for your child when the free meal offering ends.

To partake in the free breakfast or lunch offering, your child just has to stop by the cafeteria on their way to their classroom and grab a breakfast and/or let their teacher know in the morning that they are hot lunch. That's it! The weekly lunch menu is available on the school website under Parent Info, Calendars/Menus. Breakfast is a grab and go style breakfast with cereal, etc. and is eaten in the classroom.

If you are a distance learner, but would still like to partake in this program, we can make that happen! Please contact Mrs. Dittmer to work out the details.

Please note this is only for grades K-8.

If you have any questions, you can contact Holly Dittmer, the cafeteria manager, at holly.dittmer@sjs-amherst.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Makruski
Principal