

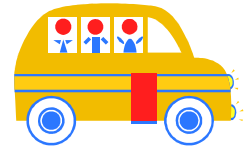


ST. JOHN'S LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL OFFICE 410-313-2813

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August 30, 2007



DATES TO REMEMBER

August 31	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS Countywide Professional Development Day
September 3	SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED – LABOR DAY
September 10	Grades Pre-K – 2 – Back to School Night – 6:30 PM
September 11	Grades 3 - 5 - Back to School Night – 6:30 PM
September 13	SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED – ROSH HASHANAH

NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS MRS. JAGODA & MRS. SARRO

A Great Start to the New Year

Our students entered school on Monday with smiles and a sense of excitement for the year to come. They were greeted by staff members with their own smiles and a commitment to make this year a wonderful year for every student. Our PTA volunteers helped staff meet each bus, car, or parent/child walking team as they arrived at school. We want to thank the parent volunteers for helping us to make sure that each child received a bright yellow tag with information about how that child arrived and would be dismissed.

Each teacher used lessons on building a community of learners this week. It has been wonderful seeing the many activities that are helping our students feel part of a classroom family, as well as a school family. The administrative team visited classrooms so that we could begin to get to know our students and they could get to know us. We reminded students that a trip to the office can be for good things like a lunch bunch or to read a story, as well as for problem solving.

We want to thank all of the parents who shared compliments with the school or with particular staff members. Those compliments help us to know that we are well on our way to meeting our goal of being an A+ school.

This is an amazing new learning community. Thank you for your support of your child and of the school.

Mrs. Jagoda and Mrs. Sarro

Frequently Asked Questions

Birthdays – Birthdays are celebrated by announcing the child's name as part of the morning announcements. The student then comes to the office for a special birthday pencil. Please do not send in food as a way of celebrating your child's birthday at school. You may send in a non-edible item such as a pencil or you can donate a book in your child's name to the classroom or school media/library if you wish to honor your child's birthday.

Birthday Invitations - Please do not send your child to school with invitations for birthdays or parties. Invitations should be handled outside of school. A school directory is being compiled by the PTA and will come home in the near future. That will be helpful in contacting your child's classmates during the year.

Food – There are very few times during the year when there is a school wide celebration. These are Halloween and Valentine's Day. If you do not want your child to participate, there is an alternate activity provided that includes watching a video and having an approved snack. If you are asked by the teacher or room parent to bring in a particular food item, that item is one that has been approved. The approval process involves the teacher turning in a list of the food(s) and ingredients to the nurse and the administration. A careful check for food allergies is made and parents of any students with allergies are called. Since food allergies are life threatening, we want to be sure that all students are safe at all times. In addition, we are hoping to model healthy eating habits for our students as we choose healthy snacks whenever possible.

Student Mailboxes in Classrooms - Many classrooms have student mailboxes. If you happen to be volunteering in your child's classroom, please do not use the students' mailboxes for delivering notes or personal items. This should be handled outside of school.

Riding a Different Bus - A change in students' buses can only be made with an administrator's approval. We cannot approve bus changes for play dates and parties. In a true emergency, please put your request in writing and an administrator will contact you. We want our students to be safe. In the event of a bus accident, we need to know who is on the bus. Our bus capacity is also based on the number of children at each stop, so adding a student to a bus for even a day can create space issues.

We appreciate your continued support of the staff, students, and school.

SCHOOL NEWS

E-NEWSLETTER: We will be sending our weekly newsletter out through E-Newsletter this year instead of the hard copies. This week you received a magnet with the school address, phone number and web site address so that you can keep the information handy. E-Newsletter allows us to include color graphics and other features that we cannot do on our hard copies. If you have not signed up for E-Newsletter, please do so now at <http://www.eSchoolNewsletter.com>. If for some reason you do not have access to a computer and would prefer to receive a hard copy of the newsletter each week, please send in a note to the front office.

Principal's Coffee and Chat: The first Coffee and Chat of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 4th at 9:00 AM in the SJLES cafeteria. Come and join us for information about "What's New" this year. Topics will include the intermediate instructional program, purchasing new reading materials, and building a community of learners.

From the Cafeteria: Breakfast is available daily for a cost of \$1.50. If your child receives free or reduced meal prices, this would also apply to breakfast.

PTA NEWS

Special Gift for the Children of SJLES!

The Entertainment Book fundraiser starts today! If we sell enough of these books, the PTA will purchase a very special gift of "The Friendly Jaguar Mascot" for the children and staff of St. John's Lane. What a wonderful way to start the year for ALL of the children! Let's go SJLES - buy a book for your family and start saving!

New PTA Webpages

Take a few minutes to look at the newly redesigned PTA pages to keep current on events, fundraisers, programs, the Jaguar Gazette and more. <http://www2.hcpss.org/siles/pta/index.html>

Ahoy SJLES students!

Remember to complete your bookmark for the summer reading program. If you have misplaced your copy, a new one can be found on the Programs page of the PTA website or in the Jaguar Gazette. Return them in your PTA Welcome Packet to your child's classroom by September 7th.

Important Reminder: PTA Student Directory:

Don't forget to fill out and send back your completed form if you want to be included in the PTA Student Directory - our goal is 100% participation in the Directory so our SJLES family can keep in touch during the year. All Directory forms are due back in the PTA Welcome Packet envelope by September 7th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Join Cub Scouts !!

Cub Scout Pack 944 would like to invite boys currently in the 1st through the 5th grade to join Cub Scouts. Meet new friends and families at the start of the school year. Dens are forming now so please contact BethASnyder@comcast.net to participate in our September events or attend our Open House Pack meeting on Wednesday, September 26th at 7pm at Bethany United Methodist Church to learn more about our program.

MENU

BREAKFAST: Every day there is a variety of cereals, breakfast breads, fruits and milk.

LUNCH MENU

Cheese pizza will be offered daily

MONDAY
SCHOOL CLOSED
LABOR DAY

TUESDAY
Beef BBQ Sandwich
Chicken Nuggets w/Roll
Assortment of:
Vegetables/Fruits/Salads
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Popcorn Chicken w/Roll
Taco Salad Place
Assortment of:
Vegetables/Fruits/Salads
Milk

THURSDAY
Baked Ziti w/Bread
Pepperoni Pizza
Assortment of:
Vegetables/Fruits/Salads
Milk

FRIDAY
Friendship Day
Giveaway: Key Chain
Hot Turkey Sandwich
Burgers:
Plain, Cheese or Veggie
Assortment of:
Vegetables/Fruits/Salads

Milk and an assortment of salads and fruits are served with each meal.