



St. John Brebeuf School

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Dear families and friends,

Welcome back to another school year! I trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer break.

We continue with our commitment to providing our children a rigorous academic program with high standards for personnel conduct - all within a loving Catholic environment. With our collective guidance and support, our children will strive to be their best selves - Living, Learning, and Serving in Christ.

Start of School Information

Agendas - Students in grades three through five will receive an agenda. Agendas are an important tool for building study and organizational skills in our students. We ask that you encourage your children to develop the skill of properly entering daily key information into their agendas.

Uniforms – The school uniform promotes a sense of pride and belonging in our school. It must be worn with the upmost respect. All uniforms must be purchased on-line through Top Marks at www.topmarks.ca (school code: SJB01). **A reminder that pants must be purchased through Top Marks. Other brands do not meet our uniform requirements.** Complete uniform information can be found in the Parent and Student Handbook.

Note: The PAC will have a selection of used uniform items available for purchase in the gym from 10 am to 2 pm during Triad Day, Wednesday, September 4th for parents who are in need of last-minute uniform items. This is a cash only sale.

Before and After School Program (BASC) - begins on Thursday, September 5th. **If you did not register for BASC in May or June, you must do so BEFORE September 5th.** The form can be found on the school's web page under the "School Documents" tab. Forms may be dropped off in the school office between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm or left in the locked mailbox outside the school entrance after hours.

Triad Conferences - We welcome, in-person, all students and their parents from grades one to eight on Wednesday, September 4th from 9 am (doors open) to 11:30 am and 1pm to 3pm. Parents and students can come at any time during these hours. **Please note that teachers have their lunch from 12 to 1pm** and will not be available at that time. During this meet and greet, students can receive their school supplies and get settled in. Classroom teachers will share important information on classroom routines and communication practices. All the important information from classroom teachers will also be available in a hard copy or via email. Students are not required to wear their uniform for Triad day.

Volunteering @ SJB – Our new website has information and links on how to register as a volunteer (Go to Giving tab). We encourage kindergarten parents and grade four parents to get their checks done as they are good for five years.



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Kindergarten Students - have separate meet and greet appointments on September 4th and 5th and **will not** have a triad conference. Friday, September 6th is a half day for kindergarten students (either am or pm). This information has been communicated to kindergarten parents by the classroom teacher.

First Day of School for Grades 1 to 8 - will be on Thursday, September 5th. Students are required to wear their uniforms.

Physical Education - PE uniforms are required for the start of the school year for grades 4-8. Please ensure your child has a pair of shoes that can be worn both indoors and outdoors for PE classes. Outdoor shoes such as sandals, dress shoes, and boots are not suitable for outdoor PE.

Attendance – If your child is going to be late, or absent for any part of the day, you must contact the school receptionist schooloffice@sjbcommunity.ca and also email your child's homeroom teacher.

Traffic - Maintaining traffic flow and ensuring student safety continue to be high priorities for the school. All persons picking up and dropping off students are expected to familiarize themselves with our traffic guidelines located in the [parent and student handbook](#). A couple of key reminders: if there is no spot available during pick-up time, you must continue to circle the school until one becomes available. Consider walking half a block with your child both at drop-off and pick-up. This significantly alleviates the parking space pressure.

School Calendar – All important dates and events are now listed on the school's website calendar. This calendar will be continually updated. For your convenience, a summary of all vacation and early dismissal days can be found under the "School Documents" tab by scrolling down to the heading "Important Documents".

Milk Program – Our milk person has retired and we are in the process of finding alternative delivery options. Once a new providers has been contracted, you will receive an email with further information.

Staffing Changes - We welcome Miss Misa to her new position as Vice-Principal. Please also welcome Mrs. Hopkins (kindergarten), Ms. Carswell (grade 2), Mrs. Schulz (grade 3), and Miss Kynman (music), to our community. We are thrilled to have all of you be part of the St. John Brebeuf team!

Communication - Parents should expect emails to be answered by staff within two working days. Please note that any emails received past 4:30 pm will not be checked until the next day. All emergencies should be reported to the school office at any time during the school day.

Terry Fox Foundation – This year the walk will take place on Friday September 27th. St. John Brebeuf School has always generously supporting this worthwhile campaign. Watch for emails from your child's teachers in early September.



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Changes for 2024-2025

Web site

The school has a new fresh website – same web address. This is the first step in a multi-step process of bringing more services for parents online. Stay tuned.

Pizza lunch and Hot Lunch

Pizza lunch will now be on Mondays starting on Monday September 16th. Hot lunch (Tue, Wed, Thursdays) will begin on September 17th. Ordering information for pizza lunches and hot lunches will come out in early September. Please look for it in your emails.

Parent and Student Handbook

The handbook has been updated as we continue to ensure the best learning environment possible for all students and uphold high standards for personal conduct. Please see changes below. The entire handbook can be found on our school website.

New:

1. Extra-Curricular Participation

Participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege. Student engaged in any extra-curricular activity must abide by the school's Code of Conduct. Student athletes representing the school on sports teams must display good sportsmanship and live up to school's house values: faith, hope, love, and truth. Students involved in extra-curriculars and student athletes whose conduct is not in keeping with these standards of behaviour may be removed from the extra-curricular program or suspended from the team for a game or the entire season. They may also be prohibited from joining other extra-curricular activities, including sports teams.

2. Smart watches

Smart watches and similar devices are no longer permitted to be used in school during regular school hours 8:30 – 3:30 (as with cell phones)

3. BIRS progressive discipline

Three BIRs: the student will meet with an administrator to review the concerns with the student's lack of compliance with the Code of Conduct. The student's parents will also receive a letter indicating the student has received three BIRs.

Five BIRs: the student will be given an in-school suspension of one day.

Seven BIRs: the student's parents will be required to meet with an administrator (formal administrative review).

Ten BIRs: the student will be given a more serious disciplinary action and the student's reregistration for the upcoming school year will normally be revoked.

4. Appeal Process

Students and parents may appeal a decision of a BIR or suspension to the next highest authority within 48 hours of the decision.

5. Uniform

Shoelaces must be tied at all times.



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Value Added Programs

Hockey - Ketchen Hockey School continues to run our early morning hockey program. The first ice time takes place on Wednesday October 2nd. Both groups are currently full. If you want to be put on a waiting list, please email the school office.

Art Classes - We will once again be offering after school art classes right here at SJB with our partner, The Artful Owl. Classes will take place on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm starting on September 9th and running until December 9th. Class size will be limited to 10 students. Registration is now open for children from kindergarten to grade 5 on Mondays. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Note: We will only accept payment by e-transfer payments@sjbcommunity.ca, or by cash or cheque at the office. Registration is not complete until payment is received. If you want to be put on a waiting list, email the school with your child's name and grade.

Swimming Lessons - Aqua Essence will once again run our swimming lessons program. It will be open to all students in K-1 and will occur from April to June for 9 weeks. Registration for swimming will take place in February.

RWB Dance Class - Information on dances classes for K-2 students will be coming out by mid September with a likely start date of October. Watch your email for registration information.

Academy of Music – After school private music lessons. Saint John Brebeuf School offers private music lessons afterschool through the Academy of Music. Instruction is now available on the piano, guitar, voice and ukulele! Tuition is \$30 per 30-minute lesson. If you do not own an instrument at home, the Academy of Music offers the Kawai Keyboard Club which includes the loan of a piano! For more information, please visit www.academymusic.ca or email academymusic@shaw.ca

The school office is open Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4pm. Please do not reply to this email. Inquiries can be directed to schooloffice@sjbcommunity.ca.

Wishing everyone a happy and successful school year! May God always watch over our school and community.

Sincerely,

Nick Sagriotis
Principal