

Hello SJS families,

Another week of summer is in the books! Teachers have begun to set up their classrooms and the school is transforming into school year mode once again. We are excited to get the year started and we are looking forward to seeing all of you very soon.

We have been analyzing many things, as we always do in the summer, and a few adjustments have been made that I want to continue to inform you about. Some of these are school board-level decisions, others are office-level decisions, and some are just adjustments that come along due to a new year and an opportunity for new procedures to take hold. Here are some of those updates.

1. Our school board has some new members - we will feature all members in an upcoming newsletter and we will update our website with the new info soon. Here are the current board members: Greg Fruhwirth (new) – board chair; Peg Philp (outgoing) – vice chair; Danielle Hedlof – board secretary; Fr. Stan Mader – pastor; Jill Flood (outgoing) – Enrollment; Mary Olson – Enrollment; Aaron Davis (new)– Finance; Chuck Palm – Facilities; Logan Haskins – Facilities; Tom Battis – Development; Bruce Richards – principal (ex officio member).
2. I'm sure that you have noticed price increases on just about everything this summer. This impacts us on the business side of things. One of the budget categories this impacts for us is in food expenses. Commodities have increased as well as delivery prices. Because of that, our lunch prices will be going up this year. K-8 lunches include a milk and will cost \$4.30 and adult lunches include a milk and will cost \$5.00. Extra milk is also available for \$0.60 for cold lunch eaters and those who would like one for milk break.
3. There has been an extensive amount of research done on the negative impact of the use of cell phones by young people. At our last school board meeting the school board had a discussion on some of these impacts as well as the distractibility that phones bring into the school environment. At the conclusion of the conversation, the board approved a new electronic device policy that will go into place this fall (see attached). I invite you to read the research on this and seriously consider whether and if so when is the time to introduce cell phone use with your child/ren. Please spend some time reading the attached policy along with the research articles.
4. We have a new faith curriculum that we will be using this year. It is published by Sophia Press and is called Spirit of Truth. Your child's teacher will be sharing information about this as the school year begins.

That's enough for now. Watch for more information over the next couple of weeks.

Stay safe and enjoy the weekend!

Bruce