

September 11, 2019

Dear Parents,

Prayers to all those affected by the attacks on the United States this date 2001.

Uniforms - I just wanted to send out a reminder about our uniforms. A regulated dress code affects a certain calming influence over the behavior and actions of the students. I encourage proper school grooming and compliance with our dress code. Thank you everyone for complying with the white sneaker/white sock policy with our summer and gym uniforms. I very much appreciate it.

It has been brought to my attention that female students in our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are having difficulty with the length of their kilts. I realize everyone is growing so quickly, but we need to be mindful of the length of the kilts. Kilts should be at the knee. If your daughter's kilt is above her knee, please let down the hem. We highly discourage the rolling up at the waist. In addition, makeup is a privilege here at St. Jane School reserved exclusively for our female 7th and 8th graders. With that being said, the guidelines for wearing makeup include light cover up for blemishes, lightly applied blush and lightly applied mascara (emphasis on lightly). There should absolutely be no eyeliner, no eyeshadow or lipstick applied. Save that for high school. We are elementary school and should be represented that way. Besides our young ladies are beautiful without any makeup! Just so you know, it would be horrifying to me to ask a young lady to use make-up wipes and take her makeup off, so it's best to monitor this at home. I appreciate your support.

Shoes are a very important part of our uniform and must be safe. We prefer lace up shoes, but absolutely NO moccasins, crocks, sandals, mules, cleats, clogs, flip flops, slides, light up sneakers, boots (boots maybe worn during inclement weather to and from school, but you must send a change of shoes once they are here). I think I specified everything that's not allowed, but if in doubt, give me a call. Thank you for ensuring the safety of our students during the school day.

Sneakers should be white and laced, but velcro is allowed for our younger students and those with fine motor disadvantages or extra wide feet. If students want to wear a different shoe during their gym class, it is their responsibility to change before gym class and change back to white sneakers after gym class.

Belts and shirts - Shirts should be tucked in at all times. I realize that our younger students have difficulty unbuckling belts please discuss with your child's teacher. I'm sure an accommodation can be made. Thank you.

I understand some teachers prefer their classrooms cooler than others. I have a strict 70 degree temp limit during the school day so all the classrooms are more than comfortable. So, if your child is chilly during the day they have only 2 options: St. Jane Hawk logo (not CYO) hoodie, or zip up sweatshirt or St. Jane School green sweater cardigan. Anything else will be asked to be removed unless it is a scheduled N.U.T. (No Uniform Today) day. I thank you for your continued support of complying with our uniform policy. For more information, see our 2018 edition of the Student Handbook p. 25-29.

REMINDER about Beginning of the Year – Important Packet – All forms are due back to school no later than September 13, 2019. A NUT will be issued to all those who get the forms back by the deadline. If you need assistance, please let us know. We are here to help. Any classes that have 100% of the students/families returning forms will earn an additional NUT day to be used at their teacher's choice.

LunchRoom Volunteers Needed: Please prayerfully consider assisting at lunch. We are in need of parents to assist as lunch monitors from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Timm Schoenfield at librarian@stjaneschool.com or tkshoen@ptd.net. A \$15 stipend is given for each day worked and paid on a monthly basis by check. Thank you for your consideration.

Drills - We will be having a fire drill on Thursday, September 12th. Please reinforce with your child (ren) the expected behavior during a drill. Drills save lives! We take drills very seriously. A fire drill is a form of an evacuation drill. We will be practicing drills on Thursdays. Other drills that will be conducted include -- severe weather drill, evacuation drill, violent intruder drill, enhanced lockdown drills -- all drills will be announced. I will not surprise your children, I will speak to them over the paging system before the actual drill. In addition, I will notify you on the Wednesday before via this communication. Again, please stress to your child the importance of being quiet and listening during drills. DRILLS SAVE LIVES! As mentioned previously, St. Jane School is trying to obtain ALICE Organization Certification. Faculty and Staff have completed the e-learning component. This summer we utilized critical thinking tabletop discussion. We are coordinating with the Wilson Police Department for a live drill for faculty and staff in January. Our hope is to use the ALICE lesson plans to teach our children how to be prepared for a violent intruder. More information to come. Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 12	8:15 a.m. Mass Fire Drill
Sunday, September 15	Catechetical Sunday -- 10:30 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, September 18	Boy Scout Recruitment 9:00 a.m. (Boy Scouts may wear their uniforms shirts with their school uniforms that day.
Wednesday, September 18	Back to School Night for 4B in classroom at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 19	9:00 a.m. Confessions
Monday, September 23	Home and School Association Open House 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 26	8:15 a.m. Mass - NJHS 8th grade Installation
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Thursday, October 3	Pretzel Day 8:15 a.m. Mass - Ambassador Installation

Dedication of Chapel furniture in memory of John Gallery and Bessie Mosellie

Wednesday, October 9	Barnes and Noble Night 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 10	8:15 a.m. Living Rosary
Monday, October 14	School Closed - Diocesan Convention
Wednesday, October 16	Mid-Trimester Progress Report go home today
Thursday, October 17	8:15 a.m. Mass Pretzel Day Parent Teacher Conference / Used Uniform Sale
Monday, October 21	Generation Life Talk with 7th and 8th Graders
Tuesday, October 22	Parent Teacher Conferences / Used Uniform Sale
Wednesday, October 23	8th Grade Visitation Day to Notre Dame High School
Friday, October 25 grade	Opening Mass of 40 Hours - Main Church 8:15 a.m. with 8th Adoration for students at Main church -- Shuttle Bus
Tuesday, October 29	Agents of Change Assembly K-6
Friday, November 1	All Saints Day Mass 8:15 a.m.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marybeth Okula