

HELPFUL INFO & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We hope your transition into the SJE Community is going well, and has been aided by your mentoring family, but some of these tidbits may also help...

Home and School Association (HSA):

This is the equivalent of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), not a group of home-schoolers.

Mentoring Family? What is that?

A veteran family who would love to help you learn the ropes—usually a family with a child in (one of) your child's class. Please let us know if we can introduce you to yours, by contacting Maureen Raines, email: meemo519@aol.com.

What are some of the events that are most beloved by the kids?

Weekly Hot Lunch	Halloween Parties
CYO Spaghetti Dinner	Breakfast with Santa
Catholic Schools Week	Valentine's Day Parties

What is a TAG or NUT day?

Part of our Service Learning Program; a day where the children contribute a nominal amount (usually fifty cents) to a specifically designated mission or project for the privilege of coming to school out of uniform.

What are the rules for Lunch Duty?

- You must have completed VIRTUS Child Protection training (see handout in back-to-school envelope or contact Sr. Roberta Harding at hardingr@sjeparish.org).
- You must sign in, both in the Visitor Log and in the Lunch Duty Log book at the front desk. Please note that if school is cancelled for inclement weather, you will be still able to receive credit for serving that lunch duty assignment, but only if you remember to record it in the Lunch Duty Log book.
- Please check in with the teacher after you have signed-in for specific rules about bathroom use and other classroom-specific guidelines—as you may expect, they will be vastly different for First Graders than Eighth Graders!
- Children usually remain in their assigned seats and eat their lunch at their desks. They may talk quietly and enjoy their classmates' companionship.
- The lunch parent in charge will help the children (particularly in the younger grades) to open containers, will either collect or direct the disposal of any trash, direct the assigned students to bring any leftover milk back to the kitchen, and will direct the students to line up to go outside for recess, weather permitting, then follows the children outside.
- When the bell rings to signal the end of recess, the lunch parent follows the last child back to the classroom and turns the class back over to the teacher.

Uniforms are expensive! Is there any alternative for building a wardrobe for school?

Yes! We have a used uniform store that is usually open during the Welcome Potlucks, during Back-To-School Night, and by appointment. Gently used uniform components are available at incredibly inexpensive prices. Please contact Gina Skinner (gina.ginaskinner@gmail.com) or Angela Colburn for more information.

What is the best way to keep on top of school activities and special events?

Make sure you are receiving the weekly SJE e-bulletins—they have the most current, up-to-date information and are sent out each week throughout the school year. If you are not receiving them, or wish to add an additional e-mail to the distribution list, please contact HSA

Communications Officer Rebecca Desrocher at news@sjte.org.

A gentle reminder or inquiry if your child has anything from school for you in their backpack never hurts. ☺