



**September 10 2021**

## **Dear SJS Parents**

The hallways and playgrounds came alive this week. Children's laughter and smiling faces are a warm welcome for us all. We have all met new friends, caught up with old friends and look forward to the many opportunities to learn, share and build lasting relationships. **One Hope, One Family in Christ.**

## **Sept 13 - 17 School events**

- **September 13**
  - Kindergarten gradual entry (all students) 8:30am - 1:00pm
  - Hot Lunch provided for Kindergarten students
  - Hot lunch **payment due** for the month of September
- **September 14**
  - Uniform sale - new and gently used 8:30am - 11:00am
  - Hot Lunch provided for Kindergarten students
- **September 15**
  - Hot Lunch provided for Kindergarten students
- **September 16**
  - Uniform sale - new and gently used
- **September 17**
  - Picture Day - wear your BIG smiles

## One Family One Hope in Christ

“Children’s children are a crown to the tagged, and parents are the pride of their children”

Proverbs 17:6

## Updated COVID-19/Communicable Disease Prevention Protocols:

Our local protocols are available on our website and have been attached for your information.

Below are a few of the highlights:

1. All staff, visitors, and volunteers are asked to wear a mask when indoors at SJS.
2. All students in Grades 4 to 7 are asked to wear a mask when indoors at SJS.
3. There are exceptions to the mask mandate that will be outlined in the documentation attached.
4. It is important that all students feel comfortable and welcomed at SJS. We are committed to ensuring the safety of everyone while not creating stigmas or a divide between students and staff who are able to tolerate the use of masks and those who cannot. As you can imagine, this is a challenging commitment to keep and we ask for your patience, understanding, and open communication as we walk this path together.
5. We will be limiting indoor assemblies at school to 50 students or 2 classes, whichever is greater in number, in compliance with Interior Health Recommendations. This will also be applied to attendance at Mass for the time being.
6. There are no cohorts required at this time.
7. We remain committed to communicating with you as we navigate the many changes that we anticipate over the course of this school year and we thank you for choosing St. James School

## News from the Office:

**School hours:** If your child arrives after 8:30am please have he/she come through the front door, to have the office update their attendance.

If you pick up your child early, **please report to the office, prior to your child leaving.**

**7:45am** - Before school supervision

**8:25am** - Students proceed to their class

**8:30am** - School begins

**10:00am - 10:25am** Morning recess

**12:00pm - 12:25pm** Students eat lunch

**12:25pm - 12:55pm** Afternoon recess

**1:00pm** School begins

**2:45pm** Final dismissal

**2:45pm - 4:30pm** After School supervision

**Morning Drop Off in the Parking Lot:** Please be sure to drop students off at the southernmost gate, near the kitchen, in the mornings. This will limit the number of cars backed up on 28th Avenue. Please, **do not** drop students off at the office stairwell between 7:45 and 8:35. If you require a little extra time, please park in a parking spot to allow the traffic to flow. Thank you.

**Absent from School:** Please **inform the office** if your child will be absent. **call:** 250.542.4081, **email:** [office@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:office@stjamesvernon.com) or **cc:** [office@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:office@stjamesvernon.com) when corresponding with your child's teacher. If your child is to leave the school grounds during the day, please ensure you report to the office.

**Reusable masks:** if you could please send your child (grade 4 - 7) to school with a reusable mask we would be very grateful. This will assist us in saving the school the cost of purchasing disposable masks and reduce the environmental impact of this current requirement.

**NEW payment option:** eTransfer is now available

**IMPORTANT instructions:**

- eTransfer to: [payments@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:payments@stjamesvernon.com)
- Security question use **(only if needed, by your financial institute)**  
Question: What city are we in? Answer: Vernon
- **Message is required:**
  1. itemize your etransfer by \$ amount
  2. specify which child
  3. specify each payment separately

**Example:** school fees \$120.00 Sam and Annie. uniforms \$125.00 Sam, Hot lunch \$180.00 Sam and Annie. THS \$30, size small, date ordering September 15

**School fees:** for consistency and cost effectiveness your child/ren supplies have been purchased for the year. The supply fee for **each student is \$60.00** Please forward payment to the school office, by cheque, cash, etransfer or come to the office to pay by credit or debit card.

**Hot Lunch program:** September payment due Monday, Sept 13

Dear SJS Families,

You will notice that we have had to raise the cost of our Hot Lunch Program this year. This was not done lightly, but was deemed necessary to ensure the continuation of the program. Unfortunately, the cost of food has increased significantly and we need to compensate for this. It has never been our intention to make a profit from this program. We offer the program in hopes that it will pay for itself, we then offer fundraisers like the Take Home Supper program to help with the cost of education at SJS. We hope that you will still find this service worth the investment and trust that your children will continue to enjoy the quality product offered by JP and Roberte! Thank you for your continued support!

**Kindergarten,** Hot lunch will be provided **free of charge Sept 13 - 15**  
September payment for Kindergarten only is \$49.50

**Payment options:** the following is cost per student.

Choose to pay by the month ( Sept \$66.00, Oct \$88.00 etc)

Choose to pay for the year, with 10 equal payments (Sept \$90.00, Oct \$90.00 etc)

Choose to pay for the year in one lump sum = \$900.00

Month	Mthly	Yearly by month	Yearly lump sum
September	\$66.00	\$90.00	\$900.00
October	\$88.00	\$90.00	
November	\$110.00	\$90.00	
December	\$66.00	\$90.00	
January	\$104.50	\$90.00	
February	\$99.00	\$90.00	
March	\$71.50	\$90.00	
April	\$99.00	\$90.00	
May	\$110.00	\$90.00	
June	\$88.00	\$90.00	

**Payment methods** are cash, cheque, credit/debit card or etransfer as per the following format:

**Hot lunch \$180.00 Sam and Annie**

September's menu is attached

### Take Home Supper (THS):

Chef JP's famous Take Home Suppers, start on Wednesday, September 15

Please ensure your **order & payment** are received into the office by **Monday, noon** for THS that Wednesday.

Payment can be made at the school office by cheque, cash, dr/cc, or etransfer as per the following required format: **THS \$amt, size of order, and date ordering for pick up Sept 15**

September's menu is attached

**Take Home Supper PICK UP TIME:** Wed, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Pick up is outside the door of Kitchen by the gym/Parish Centre.

### Upcoming Events:

**September 27:** NO School ProD day

**September 30:** NO School Provincial Day Truth & Reconciliation Day **Orange shirt day**

#### Attachments

Hot lunch September menu

Take Home Supper September menu

St. James School Communicable Disease Prevention Protocol