

Good afternoon SJS Community,

In October, Fr. Tom announced that Canton's two Catholic parishes, St. Gerard Majella and St. John the Evangelist, were requesting permission to merge into a single parish. Cardinal Sean has granted this request and the parishes will be officially merged on February 1. The name of Canton's new parish will be St. Oscar Romero Parish. Please see attached for a letter from Fr. Tom. This merger will not affect the name of St. John School.

As Fr. Tom writes in his letter, St. Oscar Romero is a saint of our times. He was an outspoken proponent of the rights of the poor and the marginalized. He was a pacifist who opposed violence on all sides of the political divide. A quote from St. Oscar Romero that Fr. Tom and the parish staff have been using is "Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world." This ties so directly and wonderfully into our theme for the past few years - Love Radically. Another St. Oscar Romero quote that epitomizes what we do at St. John School is, "Aspire not to have more but to be more." This is a philosophy that we want our students to embody. While we remain St. John School, we are a proud part of St. Oscar Romero Parish and know that we will live out his message of love and peace. St. Oscar Romero's feast day is March 24 and we will celebrate that day and introduce him to our students.

SJS Calendar

Monday, January 18 - NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 22 - End of Term 2

Friday, January 29 - Report Cards

January 31 - February 6 - Catholic Schools Week

Thank you

Fill a Truck

SJS Class of 2021 is hosting a Fill a Truck fundraiser on Saturday, February 27 from 10:00 to noon. See attached for details.

January Health office Newsletter

Please see attached for our January Health office Newsletter.

Second Notices

Reregistration

Reregistration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. [Click here](#) for a letter. Forms are due back by Wednesday, January 20.

Financial Aid Application Open

The financial aid application for the 2021-2022 school year is available through FACTS. Visit <https://factsmgt.com/aid> to apply. If you have an existing account, just sign in. If you are applying for financial aid for the first time, you will need to create an account and select St. John School, Canton. Financial aid applications are due March 12 and we will make decisions in early April.

January/February Mass Schedule

Grade 5 (Nardo) - Wednesday, January 20

Grade 5 (Sullivan) - Thursday, January 21

Grade 6 - Friday, January 22 (Rev. Michael McLellan Scholarship Mass)

Grade 4 (McMillan) - Wednesday, January 27

Grade 4 (Ross) - Thursday, January 28

Grade 3 - Friday, January 29

Grade 2 (Kelly) - Wednesday, February 3

Grade 2 (Lanciani) - Thursday, February 4

Grade 1 - Wednesday, February 10

Out-of-state travel

Please notify St. John School if you are planning to travel outside of Massachusetts. You must abide by Massachusetts [travel orders](#). In addition, St. John School does require that ALL students, no matter their age, who leave Massachusetts will either need a negative COVID test or a 10-day quarantine to return to in-person learning. We will help you determine what testing you will need in order to return to school and/or what quarantine measures you will need to take.

Inclement Weather/Snow Day Protocols

If St. John School has to close or delay opening because of weather, you will receive a call, text, and/or email through RenWeb. The announcement will also be on Facebook, Twitter, WCVB, WBZ, WHDH, and WFXT. In most cases, we will follow the Canton Public Schools announcement. The decision to learn remotely for a snow or inclement weather day will be made on a case-by-case basis.

1000 Club

[Click here](#) to purchase and/or renew 1000 Club memberships.

Have a great weekend,

Chris