

ÉCOLE ST. JOSEPH'S A. MCKAY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 5: Picture Orders Due

Oct. 6: SJAM Brick Fundraiser (see poster in newsletter)

Oct. 10-Thanksgiving Day (no classes)

Oct. 11 & 12-Grade 6 Provincial Assessments (Literacy)

Oct. 18: SAC 6pm via online Home & School 7pm via online

Oct. 18 & 19: Grade 6 Provincial Assessments (Math)

Oct. 28: Provincial Conference Day (no school)

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Follow us on **Twitter** @SJAMSchool & the **SJAM Home & School Facebook Page**. Remember to check the school website at <https://sje.hrce.ca/> for updated information.

Dear SJAM Family:

Welcome to October! With two configurations, room changes, class shuffling, and continuing to build a great SJAM staff support, students are settling into daily school routines, allowing teaching and learning to thrive. At SJAM, we continue to place a primary importance on relationships, routines and well-being to promote student success! A reminder to send your child to school with a labelled, reusable water bottle. We do not have cups or bottles to give out at school but we do have water filling stations. Fall season is upon us; please remember to dress for being outside! Dress your child in layers or pack extra clothes. Also continue to remind them to be responsible for jackets, sweaters etc. Outdoor activity is an important part of student well being and fresh air activates our brains. HRCE does not have an official policy on weather but guidelines can be found here [Weather Guidelines for School](#).

We continue to be in close contact with the HRCE Transportation Team and they are working to improve the bus experience for our students and families. We encourage you to contact them directly with any questions or concerns: Transportation@hrce.ca or 902.431.4723.



Living with Covid-19:

For the latest information on Covid-19, please click here [Covid-19 Info](#). At school, we continue to practice frequent handwashing and sanitizing, masks are optional and available at the office. Most importantly we encourage everyone who feels unwell to staff home. We also encourage regular rapid testing for shared health and safety at school. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like some tests.

A Note from the SJAM Home and School Association!

Join us! We meet (**Via Zoom**) to cook up future fundraising and community building activities for SJAM. All parents/guardians of current students are invited to join the team, which also includes SJAM staff.



All you need to do is email us at sjamhomeandschool@hotmail.com and let us know that you would like to receive the invites to our monthly Zoom meetings and we can send you the link.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00pm. Hope to see you then!

But before then there are some exciting opportunities to support our SJAM school community coming up. Look out for information on our fundraising efforts. Coming soon: SJAM Clothing Order, Nourish Your Roots, and Java Blend & Cookie Dough just to name a few! Also...

Have you ever thought. . .

"I wish I had a memento from the old SJAM building"

OR...

"That SJAM, they sure do go on some great field trips!"

Well, you can get a great memento **and** help fund those field trips by purchasing a brick that we've saved from the old SJAM building!!

Pay what you can - no amount is too small (or too big!) Suggested donation of \$10	Preferred payment method is e-transfer to: sjamfundraising@gmail.com (but we can take exact cash)
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Pick up at the old SJAM on Russell St.
Thursday, October 6th
 4-6pm

Get 'em while they're hot...
 or dusty... whatever.



Parking at "SJAM2":

If you are dropping off or picking up your child at school, avoid our bus lane please (see the "no parking" and "bus lane" signs). You also need to avoid parking in the LeMarchant St-Thomas (LMST) school bus lanes and parking. You can park on Walnut Street (with the exception of our SJAM bus lane) or on stretches of LeMarchant or Watt Streets that are not in the LMST bus lane/drop-off/pick-up spaces. Also,

during the hours of 8am-4pm our school parking lot is for staff only. The parking lot is routinely monitored for parking pass and those who don't have one will be ticketed and/or towed.



Pick Up: If you are picking up your child at dismissal, get in the routine of meeting them on the playground behind the school, not in the front where students are being picked up by buses.

Also, if you need to call the office to let your child (s) know they are being picked up early please do so before 2:30pm. Dismissal time is busy, and we can't always get the message to teachers late afternoon. The sooner you know, reach out to the classroom teacher.



Students are not permitted to have cell phones at school. If you need to reach them or they need to call home, the office is always available 902-493-5180. If students should come to school with cell phones or other technology from home, classroom teachers will have a safe spot to keep until the end of the day. If students refuse to turn in their phone it will be kept in the office until the end of the day and a call

home will be made.

Allergy Alerts:

PLEASE

Please keep in mind we have members of our school community with severe, and in some cases, life-threatening allergies to nuts/peanuts and tree nuts. Be mindful when packing snacks & lunch.



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

Update on the Rebuild of SJAM School:



Our SJAM school building at 5389 Russell Street is being replaced!

Updates on the construction will be sent out periodically.

The **School Steering Team (SST)**, comprised of HRCE staff, provincial staff, SJAM school staff, architects, SAC members and parents/guardians are discussing the design of the new building and will communicate this to the community as the process continues.

For more information please click here:

www.hrce.ca/about-hrce/operations-services/capital-projects/replacement-school-sjam

RECESS & LUNCH AT SJAM₂:

- Students should bring a refillable water bottle each day. We have filling stations throughout the school.
- We do not use microwaves. Students need lunches that do not require heating. Using a thermos is a great way to send a hot lunch.
- If your child requires utensils to eat the lunch they are bringing, you need to send utensils. Recess should be a quick snack & drink.
- Students eat lunch with their classroom teacher for 20 minutes, and have 40 minutes of activity time on the playground with lunch monitors. In the case of inclement weather, students will spend the activity time in classrooms.

