

Parent Newsletter

August/September 2026

MISSION STATEMENT

As Heralds of the Gospel, Saint John School seeks to bring light and truth to PK-12 students in Ashtabula County and beyond through its commitment to educating the whole person by developing scholarship, deepening faith and inspiring leadership in the Catholic tradition.

A Note from the President

Dear Saint John Families,

Like many families this summer, you may have enjoyed Disney and Pixar's newest adventure, *Toy Story 5*. While the story is filled with laughter and excitement, its message is surprisingly timely. As Woody, Buzz, Jessie, and their friends face a world increasingly dominated by technology, they discover that their greatest strength isn't in trying to become something they're not. Their strength comes from remaining true to who they were created to be and faithfully bringing their unique gifts to those around them.

That is also the heart of our theme for the 2026–2027 school year: **Bring Your Best**.

At Saint John School, we believe every child has been created by God with unique gifts, talents, and a purpose that no one else can fulfill. Bringing your best is not about being perfect or comparing yourself to others. It means offering your best effort, your best attitude, your kindest heart, and your strongest character each day. It means striving to become the person God is calling you to be.

Our faculty and staff are committed to bringing their best to every classroom, every lesson, every practice, and every conversation. We ask our students to do the same—to bring their curiosity, perseverance, empathy, honesty, authenticity and faith. And we invite our parents to continue bringing their best through encouragement, partnership, and the countless ways you support your children and our school community.

When Woody, Buzz, and their friends each embrace the role only they can play, they discover that together they are capable of far more than they ever imagined. The same is true for Saint John. When every member of our community brings his or her best, we create a school where students flourish academically, grow spiritually, serve generously, and inspire one another to become the very best versions of themselves.

Thank you for choosing Saint John School and for sharing in our mission of developing scholarship, deepening faith, and inspiring leadership. Together, let's make this a year in which every Herald discovers the joy—and the responsibility—of bringing their very best.

May God bless you and your family as we begin another wonderful year together.

With gratitude,
Sr. Maureen Burke
President

Bring Your Best

AUGUST NEWS

Reminders

Scholarship Forms

By now all families on any type of state scholarship should have received their award letter. The forms need to be signed and returned to the office. Students on Jon Peterson scholarship are not eligible to receive services until the form is turned in. Students receiving a voucher scholarship need to return it by September 1st or you will receive an invoice for September Tuition.

Power School Forms

Please complete all of the forms with Back To School Information on the Power School platform under [Power School Forms](#).

Afterschool

For students in grades PK - 6 we offer an extended day program. All of the details for the program can be found on the website at

[Extended Learning/AfterSchool Program](#) We ask families to register so we have adequate supervision. Please register under [After School Registration](#).

August 4- PK Parent Orientation

On Tuesday, August 4 we invite the parents of our PK Class of 2038 to join us for an evening to help you understand what will be helpful for your child to have a successful start in the school year. We will start at 5:30 pm in the elementary cafeteria. The presentation will allow you to meet the PK teachers and ask questions.

August 4 - Junior High Social

We invite the 7th and 8th grades – Class of 2031 and 2032 to gather for a social evening on August 4. We will have food and a variety of other activities. Mr. Corlew has sent out invitations via email.

August 6– 7th Grade Orientation

The orientation for the 7th grade Class of 2032 will take place on Thursday, August 7. This is **MANDATORY** for all students. It begins at 8:30 and will end at noon.

August 6 - Students New to Saint John – Tech pick up

Students in grades 8-11 who are new to Saint John may come on August 6 from 12:30 – 1:30 to pick up their chrome books. They will also receive their schedules at this time.

August 11 - Kindergarten Parent Orientation

We invite the parents of our Kindergarten class to join us for orientation evening on August 11. The kindergarten teachers will be present to answer questions and provide information to help make the start of the year stress free. The session will begin at 5:30 pm and last for approximately one hour.

August 13 – Back to School Picnic

We will have a back to school night on Thursday, August 13 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. The schedule will be as follows:

4:30 pm—Teachers will be in their classrooms. Families may drop off supplies etc.

5:00 pm—Light Picnic Supper

Pride Shop will be open from 4:30 – 6:00 pm.

August 17- 7:50am-11:00 am—First Day for Kindergarten

We welcome to come for their first day of class on August 11 beginning at 7:50 am. This allows for an opportunity for students to become familiar with the building before the entire student body is present on Tuesday. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 am.

August 18- Opening Day

This is a full day beginning at 7:50am. Reminder that at 7:50 am all doors are locked and students must then enter through the main entrance. **Breakfast Service Begins on the First Day of School.** We are pleased to share that breakfast service will be available beginning on the first day of school. Breakfast will be served each morning starting at 7:00 a.m. We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to begin their day with a nutritious meal before classes begin.

August 19- PK Orientation

Students will come in small groups for approximately one hour. Sign-ups will take place at the PK parent orientation.

First day if PK is August 20.

August 26 – Blood Drive

The Key Club sponsors a number of Blood Drives throughout the school year. The first this year will be on August 26 from 2:30pm -6:30pm. The Blood Drive will be held in the elementary cafeteria. This is a wonderful way to help the community.

August 27- Opening School Mass

On Thursday, August 27 we will gather as a school community to thank God for the many blessings he bestows upon us and to ask for God's protection and guidance throughout the year. All are welcome to join us. Mass begins at 9:45am.

This is a dress uniform day.

August 31- School Picture Day

Ripcho Studio will be at school on Monday, August 31. Forms will be on the website, sent home with students and via the weekly newsletter.

SEPTEMBER NEWS

September 7— LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

September 8—PTO Meeting

The PTO will hold its first meeting of the year. Meetings are held at 8:00am and last one hour. Please consider attending and supporting all of the PTO efforts to enhance the learning experience for our students.

September 11 – Remembrance Prayer Service for our country on the anniversary of 9/11

Remembering September 11, 2001, is important for many reasons that extend beyond recalling a tragic event. It is about honoring lives, learning from history, and reaffirming the values that emerged in its aftermath. For us who live life from a perspective of faith remembering 9/11 calls us to pray for those who died, express gratitude for those who served, comfort those who continue to grieve, recommit ourselves to be peacemakers. As Jesus teaches in the Gospel, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). We will hold a prayer service in front of the school at 7:40 am to unite in prayer on this day of remembrance.

September 16 – Meeting for Parents of Class of 2027

We invite the parents of the senior Class of 2027 to join us for an informational meeting with Guidance and administration. Holding a parent meeting for seniors early in the school year offers several benefits. It establishes a strong partnership during a year filled with important milestones, deadlines, and emotions.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a clear roadmap for the year. Parents gain an overview of major events such as college applications, financial aid deadlines, scholarships, graduation requirements, senior retreats, prom, awards ceremonies, Baccalaureate Mass, and Commencement. Our aim is to reduce confusion and last-minute stress. Families receive important dates, expectations, and procedures early, helping them plan ahead and avoid surprises.

September 24 and 25

The sophomore class of 2029 will engage in their class retreat on September 24 and 25. On September 24 they will be involved in a service activity and the retreat on the 25th will allow them the opportunity to reflect on how service as a key element of a lived faith. More details will be sent home via the campus ministry and theology department.

Looking ahead:

Parent Conferences will take place on October 1st and 2nd. Details will be sent home via the enewsletter.

October 16 – PTO sponsors Trunk or Treat.

PIKMYKID DISMISSAL SYSTEM

ALL NEW PRESCHOOL–6TH GRADE FAMILIES: must register for our school dismissal system, Pikmykid.

To set up your child's Pikmykid account:

Download the Pikmykid app from your device's App Store.

Follow the first-time login prompts to begin setting up your child's dismissal schedule.

Please use the same email address and phone number that are associated with your PowerSchool account.

It is imperative that all PowerSchool forms are completed when setting up Pikmykid, as student information is imported directly from PowerSchool.

Every student has already been added to the Pikmykid system by Saint John School manually. Every adult who may pick up your child must have the Pikmykid app installed on their phone and be added as an authorized delegate(only primary parents may set delegates).

We will begin using Pikmykid on the very first day of school. No student will be released unless the adult picking them up is authorized through the app.

Each day, your child's dismissal will follow the transportation method selected in Pikmykid. Please be sure your child's transportation status is updated whenever changes occur.

All new families must be fully registered in Pikmykid by Friday, August 13.

RETURNING FAMILIES:

All returning families must log in to Pikmykid and update their child's transportation schedule, dismissal method, and authorized delegates for the 2026–2027 school year.

Please verify that all information is accurate before the first day of school to ensure a safe and efficient dismissal process.

Many questions about setting schedules, delegates or contacts can be answered at <https://www.pikmykid.com> or please call or email Ms. Zullo with any questions, or issues 440-997-5531 ex. 269 mzullo@sjheralds.org.

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And keep up to date by visiting our website:

www.sjheralds.org

Monthly Newsletter can be viewed on website

Athletic News

OHSAA Mandatory Meeting

If you were not able to attend the Ohio High School Athletic Association required meeting, there will be a make-up session on Wednesday, August 5 at 8:30 am. Students may not participate in practices, scrimmages etc until parents have attended the meeting. Wednesday, August 5 Ripcho will be at school to take pictures of the fall athletes. Mr. Izzi will send out directions for times and locations.

August 21 – Opening Football Game

The Heralds will take on Edgewood on Friday, August 21st for the first game of the season. There will be a rally that afternoon at 1:30 pm to introduce all of the fall athletic teams. All are welcome.

September 13

All of the fall athletes are invited to join in prayer at the Mass at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Peace Church – Mount Carmel worship site – for a special blessing for the safety and success of their respective seasons.

Pictures – Not only for athletics but for all are school activities we try and capture as much as possible in pictures. We know that many parents also take pictures at these activities. We use a platform called SmugMug that allows us to post pictures that only Saint John families can access. If you take pictures that you wish to share on this platform contact Mrs. Kristy Call kcall@sjheralds.org and she will give instructions on the best way to do this.

Mr. Izzi will also be setting up a form that if a parent wishes to have access to be on the field to take pictures, that there is a process for this to occur. Look for information in the school newsletter.

Uniform changes

Just a reminder that one change was made for uniforms for 2026-2027. When our female students are wearing a skirt or jumper they are required to wear leggings. Please see the school website for details under [Uniform Information](#).

As a reminder, students are expected to maintain a neat, well-groomed appearance that reflects the standards of Saint John School. Hair must be a natural color. Unnatural or extreme hair colors (such as blue, green, pink, purple, or other non-natural shades) are not permitted. Families are encouraged to ensure that any hair coloring completed before or during the school year complies with the school's dress code. Thank you.

Annual Asbestos Notification

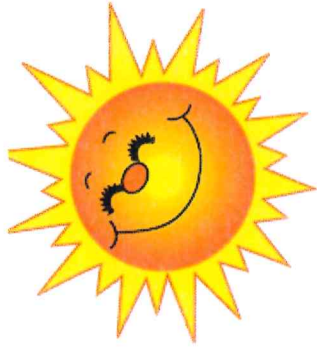
In accordance with the **Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)**, Saint John School maintains an Asbestos Management Plan for all school buildings. The plan is available for review during normal school hours in the school office upon request.

The school conducts required periodic surveillance and inspections to ensure that any asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a health risk. If you have any questions regarding our Asbestos Management Plan, please contact the school office.

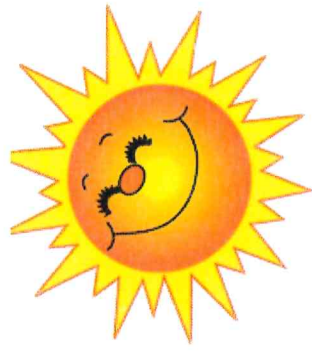


ACTIVITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Elementary Reading Camp	4 5:30 PK Parent Orientation 6pm Jr High Social	5 8:30am OHSAA make-up meeting 9am Fall Sports pictures	6 8:30am 7th Grade Orientation 12:30 - 8-11 New Student Tech /Sched	7	8
9	10	11 5:30 Kindergarten Parent Orientation	12	13 4pm Welcome Back Picnic	14	15
16	17 Kindergarten First Day of School— 7:50am—11am	18 First Day of School- K-12 7:50am-2:20pm	19 After School Care Begins PK Student Orientation Day	20 P PK First Day of School	21 Spirit Dress Down 1:30 Fall Sports Rally	22
23	24	25	26 Blood Drive 2pm	27 Opening School Liturgy 9:45am Dress Uniform Day	28	29
30	31 School Picture Day					



Lunch Menu August 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Hot Dogs Tator Tots Green Beans Peaches Milk	19 Rigatoni Salad Roll Pineapple Milk	20 Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Carrots Fruit Cup Milk	21 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	22
23 NO SALADS	24 Pepperoni Ball Pasta Salad Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk	25 Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Applesauce Milk	26 Penne Pasta Salad Breadstick Pears Milk	27 Turkey Sandwich or PB & J Waffle Fries Banana Milk	28 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	29
30 NO SALADS	31 Chicken Parmisan Salad Roll Fruit Milk					

Menu Subject to Change



Lunch Menu September 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NO SALADS		1 Tacos Quesadillas Corn Pineapple Milk	2 Shells Salad Bread Fruit Cocktail Milk	3 Italian Subs or PB&J Tator Tots Celery & Carrots Applesauce Milk	4 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	5
6 NO SALADS	7 NO SCHOOL 	8 Chicken Pattie Sand. Baked Beans Carrots Cranberries Milk	9 Rotini Salad Roll Peaches Milk	10 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Milk	11 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	12
13 Chef Salad	14 Sloppy Joes Potato Wedges Peas Apple Crisp Milk	15 Creamed Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	16 Penne Pasta Salad Breadstick Pears Milk	17 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Sweet Potatoes Strawberry Cup Milk	18 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	19
20 Grilled Chicken Salad	21 Pizza Burgers Salad California Blend Peaches Milk	22 Cheese Omelet Sausage Tator Tots Toast OJ/ Milk	23 Lasagna Salad Roll Pineapple Milk	24 Hot Dogs Potato Smiles Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk	25 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	26
27 Cobb Salad	28 Toasted Cheese Tomato Soup Salad Pears Milk	29 Hot Ham & Cheese Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Applesauce Cup Milk	30 Rigatoni Salad Bread Peaches Milk			

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	8 8:00 am PTO Meeting	9	10	11 7:30 am 9/11 Prayer Service	12
13 9:00 am- Fall Athletes Mass OLOP Mt. Carmel worship site	14	15	16 6:00 pm Senior Year Intro Meeting for Parents	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 10th Grade Service/ Retreat	25	26
27	28	29	30			