

# New Parent Orientation

Resources for Parents

2020 - 2021

# SJC ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL | Est 1851

# Joining A Lasallian Community

MISSION	PRINCIPLE	EXPERIENCE

#### **Mission Statement**

Faithful to the charism of St. John Baptist de La Salle, St. John's College High School is an independent, Catholic college preparatory school whose mission is to provide a human and Christian education to young men and women from diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.

St. John's is a community of faith and zeal with dedicated Lasallian educators committed to the students' spiritual, academic, cultural, physical, and moral development. Rooted in Christian values, the Lasallian experience at St. John's prepares young men and women for a life dedicated to leadership, achievement, and service to the community.



# Don't forget to see our complete school reopening plan

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# Five Core Principles of Lasallian Schools

- 1. Faith in the Presence of God
- 2. Concern for the Poor and Social Justice
- 3. Academic Excellence
- 4. Respect for All Persons
- 5. Inclusive Community

# What will your students experience?

- Prayer before each class
- Service to the family
- A culture of kindness
- Building new relationships with each other
- Modeling of compassion and empathy from upperclassmen

- Class retreat in September
- Freshmen Seminar Series

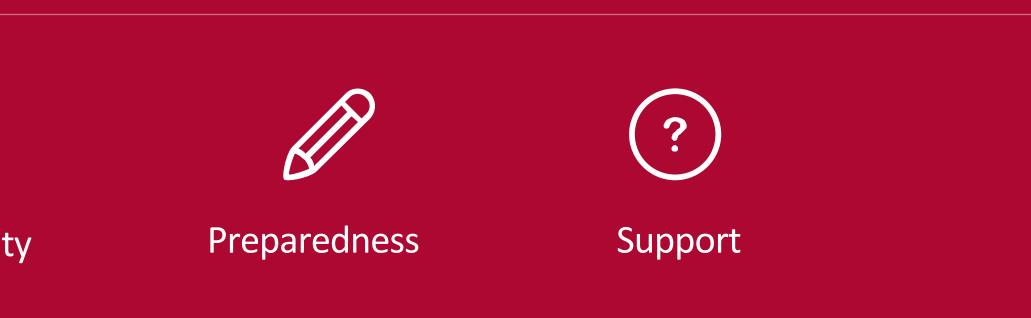


# Over the past several decades, SJC has led the way in building innovative programmatic and curricular offerings in educational technology, Entrepreneurial Center for Innovation and Social Impact, Cadet Corps Leadership Program, performance training platform, and more.

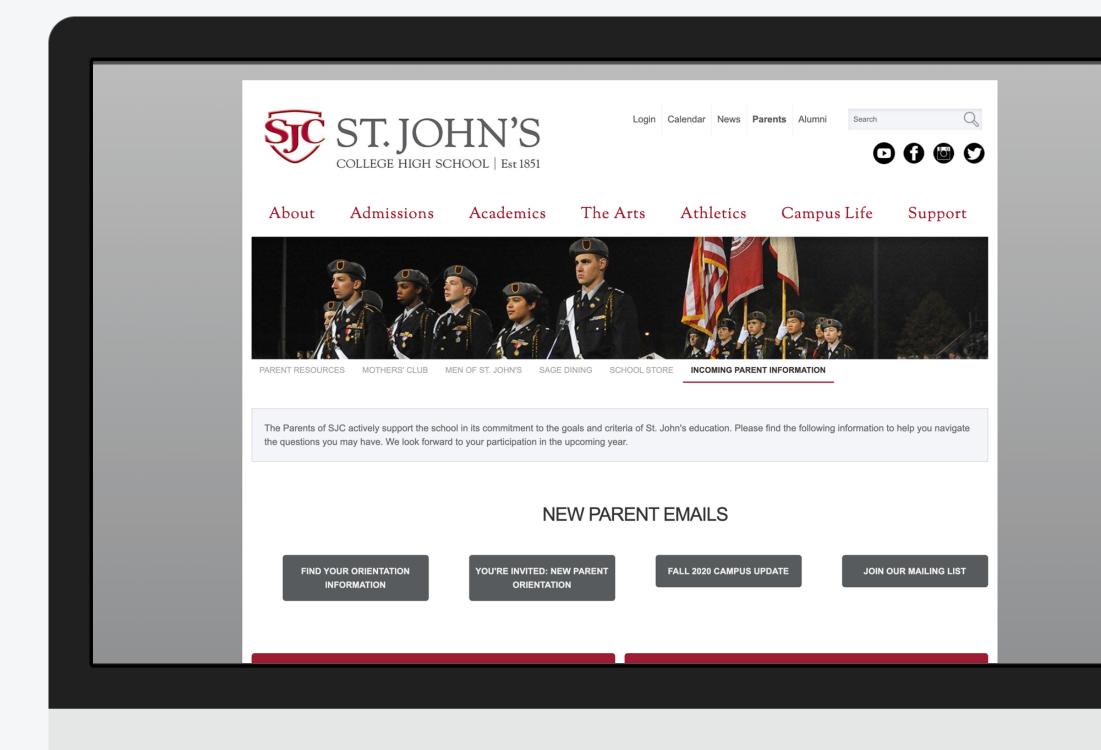
We are poised to meet your children's needs and provide a robust distance and blended learning platform for your students.



## OUR DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN WILL BE FOCUSED ON FOUR VALUES:









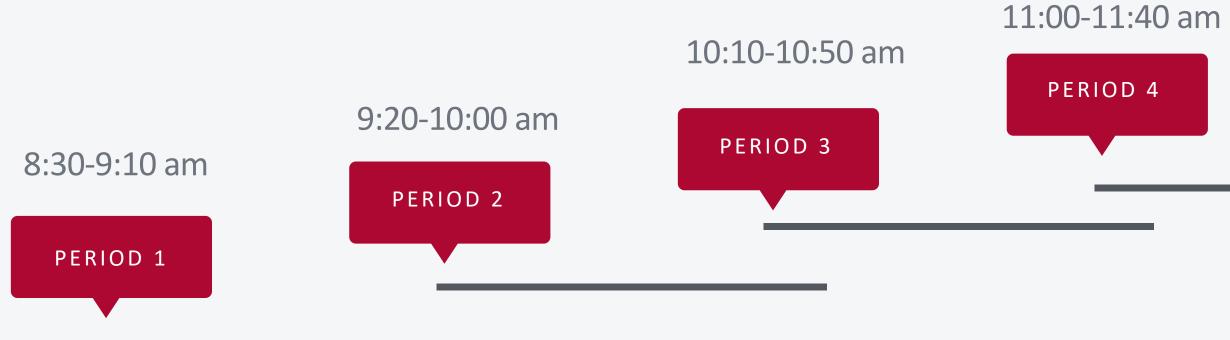
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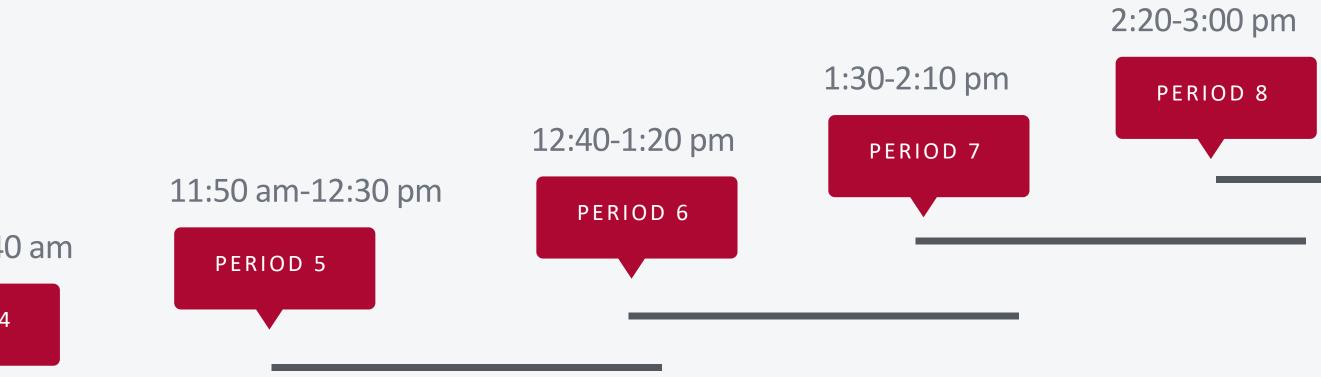
- Prayer and announcements
- Online Math Lab tutoring during lunches
- Academic Support
- Campus Ministry Zoom Lunches
- Senior peer ministers will be assigned to each freshman homeroom for mentoring and support



# Schedule

Students will utilize the iPad as their conduit to the teachers, classes, and classmates. Students will connect to their courses via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Canvas is our Learning Management System in which course content resides, and students submit their assignments. PowerSchool provides real-time grade updates. The academic schedule for distance learning days is as follows:







# Among all areas of distance learning instruction, faculty have been preparing in the areas of building classroom community in a virtual classroom, students' collaborative activities, and creative and engaging assessments.

#### **Top 10 Classroom Expectations/Requirements for Students**

- Establish an appropriate workspace at home. All classes should be joined in a quiet place, and microphones should be muted unless speaking
- Check email and Canvas messages regularly throughout each school day and respond promptly
- 3. Closely follow the published daily schedule
- Students are required to join using both audio and video
- 5. Follow all directives of classroom teachers
- 6. Wear the Fall SJC school polo uniform
- Students' Zoom name should be their first and last name
- Ensure the background that will show up behind you is appropriate for school. 8.
- Be prepared with the appropriate supplies: iPad, earphones, textbooks, notebooks, 9. calculators, writing implements
- 10. Proactively reach out to teachers, counselors, and administrators with questions and/needs

#### **Wednesday Activities**

Students will be working on assignments given by their teachers on Wednesday.

#### In addition:

- Academic Departments will host virtual academic support sessions scheduled in the morning
- Student Life will disseminate a calendar of extra-curricular activities.
- Peer Ministry students will Zoom with freshman's homerooms for community and mentoring
- On-campus activities for small groups



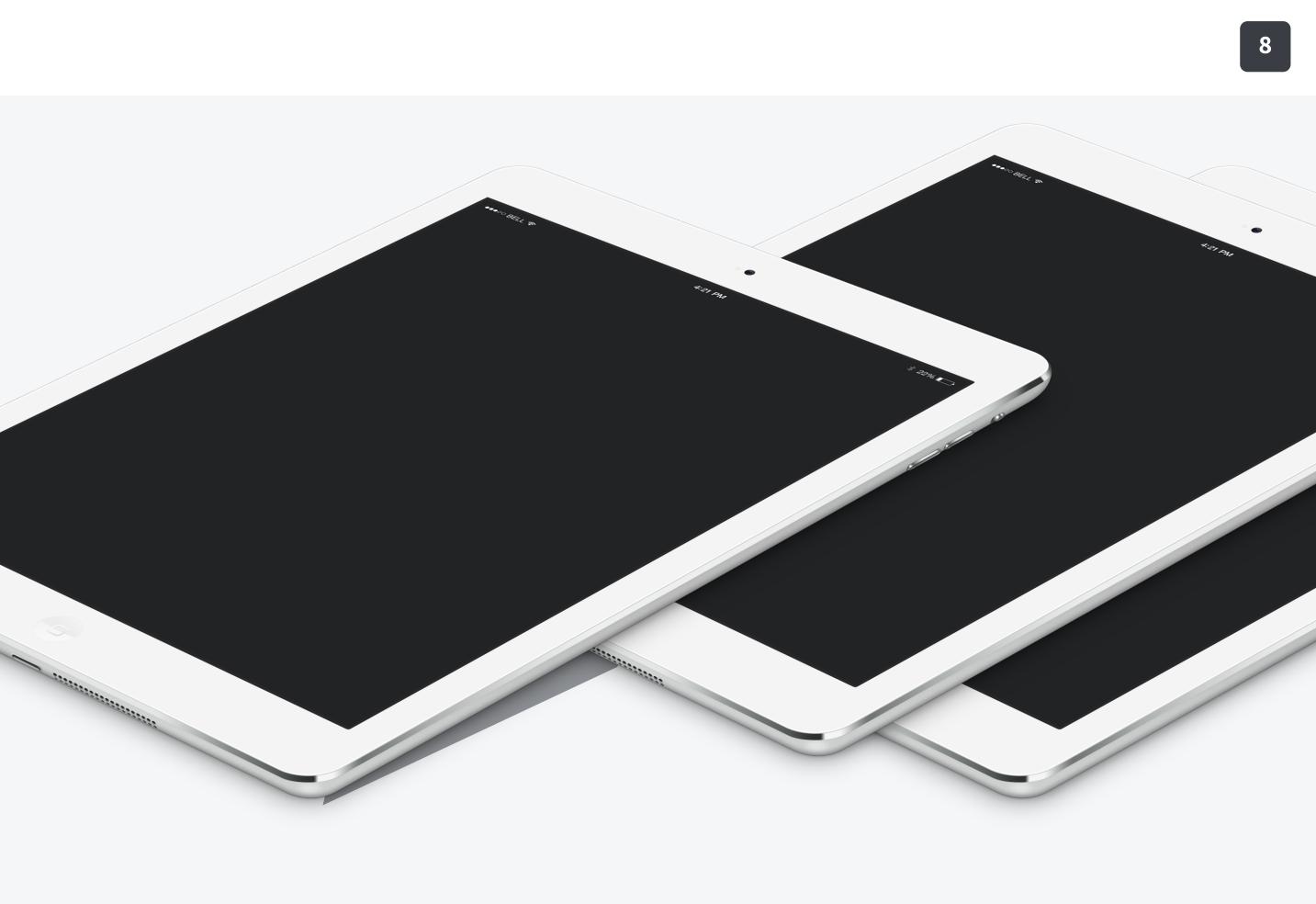




# PowerSchool and Canvas

We're here to help our students no matter where they are. Our unified education software powers the education ecosystem like never-before.





## Student Life



Students should appear in their SJC uniform while on Zoom. The fall/spring uniform is the polo shirt. Uniform requirements for oncampus activities for the month of September will be decided by the faculty member facilitating the activity.



If your child is unable to join a Zoom classroom session for any reason, please contact the Student Life Office attendance at <u>attendance@stjohnschs.org</u> and report their name, grade, and absence.



Clubs and activities will be a vital part of the student experience both in-person and in our distant learning.

More information about extracurricular activities will be disseminated upon the start of the school year, such as information about our virtual activities fair, Student Government Association elections, and a calendar of events and meetings. If you have any questions regarding activities, please contact Ms. Dana Watson, Assistant Principal for Student Life, at <u>dwatson@stjohnschs.org</u>.



# Health and Safety Protocols

St. John's has upgraded every aspect of its sanitation and cleaning protocols. We have increased our staffing to accommodate a constant presence in the cafeteria and have purchased disinfectant to carry us through the fall semester should there be an increased demand resulting from any potential spike.

#### CLEANING AND SANITATION

The building is being cleaned by staff trained in proper disinfection methods. Cleaning, sanitization, and disinfection will occur daily.

All students will be required to have their temperatures taken at home and symptoms checked daily before leaving for school. Anyone with symptoms must be kept home.

More info

#### HEALTH CARE ON CAMPUS

#### FACE COVERINGS

St. John's requires masks be worn in all buildings except when eating in designated areas where plexiglass is provided.

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# Information about New Student Orientation

DATES: AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED SPECIFIC DAY TIME: 9 AM TO 2 PM



### Community

Faculty, administrators, <u>peer ministers</u>, and other student leaders will guide freshmen through our community by creating events and providing instruction on the educational technology used, essential rules, policies, and many other aspects of the SJC community.



#### Canvas

Enroll in Canvas and be guided through how to connect with their classes and submit work.



#### Connect

Connect with one another and begin to develop friendships and strong relationships with their classmates and teachers.

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Succeed

Understand what it takes to succeed in their academics and how to utilize the resources we offer.



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