

The St. Joan of Arc Wednesday News

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Dear School Families,

Now it is official....this is the first Wednesday newsletter of the year while school is in session! It is wonderful to see the hallways filled again with the sights and sounds of the children as they move through their days. These days have been new and exciting for the children as we have begun our new procedures, particularly the added outdoor time which I hear is a highlight of the day for many.

Monday we opened our extended care program. The care providers are from our school staff, including Ms. Callie Smith and me, Mrs. Cerveny. Please note that aftercare is only open until 4:30 p.m. unless prior arrangements are made. Aftercare will generally be offered on the playground or in the gym when there is inclement weather. All children in after school programming will be together (there will be no separate YAP for 3-8th grades for the time being, though there will be a table for older students to work on homework outside). Please note there is no aftercare this Friday as we have early release and it is the day before a long weekend.

Each week at St. Joan of Arc, we have a day dedicated to wearing spirit wear. For this week, Spirit Wear Day will be on Friday. Tomorrow, all students will be going to the church for prayer during the day, so we ask that all in grades 1-8 be in uniform.

Though mentioned earlier, I do want to point out that Friday is an early release day. All students will be dismissed at 11:35 a.m. (we will start sending students out at 11:30). The pickup line has been flowing smoothly these first few days and we thank you for your patience as we dismiss the students in this new way. Thanks to you and your cooperation, we have been able to successfully have all students to their parents by 3pm each day so far. In addition to Friday being an early release day, please also note that there is no school on Monday due to Labor Day.

We have been hard at work preparing to begin our lunch programming for the coming school year. We are in need of a few people to help with picking up the lunches that we order from local businesses and bringing them to school. Please let us know if you might be able to assist with this. It would be preferable if you are able to give your time each week to this job. We hope to begin the lunch program later this month and to send order forms out very soon.

In today's attachments, we have included some documents that may be helpful in determining when a child should stay home from school as well as symptom information regarding common colds, allergies, and COVID and ways to help differentiate between them. I hope you find them helpful.

Again, we have had a wonderful first few days of school. The children are learning their class routines, getting to know their new classmates, and adjusting to being back in school. Check out the photos below from these first couple of days.

Blessings, Mrs. Holly Cerveny, Principal





Daily Health Screening

We are committed to staying in our school building for in person instruction as much as safely possible. To do so, we need your help to limit the spread of viruses to our school community.

Please go through this list every morning for each child before coming into the school building.

Level 1: If a child is experiencing any of the following symptoms, please keep them and any siblings home and consult with a physician.

- Fever more than 100.4 degrees
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle Aches
- Recent loss of taste or smell

Level 2: If experiencing two or more of the following symptoms, stay home and consult with a physician. Symptom-free siblings and family members do not need to stay home.

- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Non-allergy congestion or runny nose

Additionally, please be sure each child has not:

- Experienced any of the symptoms above
- Had a fever in the last three (3) days
- Taken any fever reducing medication in the last 24 hours
- Traveled to a hot spot (or a family member or household visitor from a hot spot)
- Does not have a household member awaiting a COVID-19 test.

Thank you for your commitment to limiting the spread of COVID-19 among our school community. Each of us has a hand in keeping our community healthy and in the building!

What's the difference?

Knowing the difference between seasonal allergies, a cold and something more serious can help you know when to seek care. Ascension is here for you. Call your doctor, or video chat with a doctor 24/7 through ascension.org/onlinecare.

Symptom	(COVID-19)	Influenza	Common cold	Seasonal allergies
Seasonality	Unclear	Oct. through May	Winter	Annually by type
Length of Symptoms	7-25 days	7-14 days	Less than 14 days	Several weeks
 Cough	Common	Common	Common	Rarely
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	Uncommon	Uncommon	Uncommon
 Chest congestion	Common	Rarely	Common	Rarely
 Runny Nose	Rarely	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Sneezing	Uncommon	Uncommon	Common	Common
 Sore throat	Rarely	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Fever	Common	Common	Common	Uncommon
 Tired	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes
 Body aches	Sometimes	Common	Common	Uncommon
 Headaches	Rarely	Common	Rarely	Sometimes
 Diarrhea	Rarely	Sometimes	Uncommon	Uncommon
Onset	Gradual	Sudden	Gradual	Seasonal



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- All proceeds go to our school
- Orders will be delivered in 4-6 weeks



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