



ST. JOHN AMERICAN SCHOOL



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Newsletter
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Welcome 2018/ 2019

SJAS Vision ...

Important

SJAS aims to empower students to demonstrate the value of quality education, develop personal and academic skills to become life-long learners.

SJAS Mission ...

The mission of St. John American School as an educational services organization is to provide an education that enables students to be productive, responsible and self-disciplined. SJAS provides quality education that utilizes technology methods to train students how to respect and adapt with the environment in order to develop characters that have a positive view of the world in all its aspects.

Announcement...

Year after year, SJAS works on executing its strategic plan by translating the planning phase into the operational phase through action plans.

Our continuous improvement process was to integrate technology inside all classrooms as effective instructional resources and learning tools that target every child with equitable learning opportunities for developing skills like critical thinking, collaboration, reflection, and self-evaluation. **This year we have an Online Reading Library implemented for Grades 6, 7, 8, 9 as a pilot project.** Instructions on how to use the application will be given to students during the first week.

Parents are requested to follow up their students' progress in school and regularly sign in to the online accounts (if available with their program of study) so as to encourage them on using technology for educational purposes not only as social media.

Quote of the Year ...

Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.

Anthony J. D'Angelo

A Piece Of Advice ...

Teach your children to listen attentively and follow the rules, to respect different opinions, to show their best attitude at all times, and be role models to others.

Your children will have their own future, each with a different profession, each with a different target...

Your children will lead their future and ours.

Maher Girgis—Principal

School Uniform

Updates on this policy has been made and clearly announced in the Handbook.

Kindly make sure your son/daughter attends school daily with the proper uniform.

PE uniform has to be worn on PE days ONLY. Violating the policy will result in counting the student as absent, taking a warning, and the bus will not pass by the student on the next day.

Parent Handbook

On the first school day, parents will receive SJAS Handbook by email. Please make sure you save it on your computers for future reference and return the cover page along with the book acknowledgment form with your son/daughter the following day.

The school encourages parents to read the SJAS Handbook with their children and make sure they understand school rules and procedures.



Parent/Teacher Meetings for 2018/2019

SJAS holds four meetings per year scheduled at the end of every term. Dates are stated in the Yearly Calendar. Confirmations on dates will be emailed to parents regularly. We always encourage parents to attend those meetings to keep track of the academic progress of their children.

REMINDER

Regular School Hours:
7:30 a.m.—2:25 p.m.

* **2nd Installment Dates:**
Aug. 15, 2018 — Sept. 15, 2018

* **3rd Installment Dates:**
Dec. 1, 2018 — Dec. 31, 2018



Projects & Presentations

While preparing a project, presentation, flipped classroom assignment, or role playing in class, students have to be guided by the PVLEGS rubric.

PLEASE encourage your child to practice his presentation in front of another person or a friend, neither practice by himself nor in front of a mirror.

It is very important for children to learn how to evaluate each other's work specially before the scheduled presentation day.



With the help of Parents...

With the presence of technology in our daily life and the temptations of different life styles, SJAS would like the help of parents in maintaining a daily routine for our sons and daughters:

Reasonable night bed time hours & healthy nutrition all day.

Eating well and sleeping early are the reason for focusing, collaborating, interacting, and achieving objectives and goals. A healthy body equals a healthy mind.

SJAS Activity Teams

Choir
Scouts
Gymnastics
Sports
Aerobics
Karate
English Theatre
French Theatre
Etiquette
ESD
(Education for Sustainable Development)
Skills
Craft

Kindergarten Stages ... Remember that ...

Parents are asked to help the school in teaching our children the following:

- * Independence and understanding of rules.
- * Attend the school day till dismissal time. Try to eliminate leaving early to emergency cases ONLY.
- * Follow classroom rules and other rules set by the school.
- * Self-control.



* No junk food, only healthy food, juice or milk & enough water for the day.

* Back pack without wheels to prevent injuries.

* No personal toys to be brought to school.

* Birthdays (12 noon-12:30 pm) are to be booked through an email addressed to the School Admin. Office (sjas.contact@gmail.com). Birthdays are restricted to a birthday cake, so as to limit gatherings as much as possible.

Kindergarteners Can...

- Enjoy being read to and themselves retell simple narrative stories or informational texts.
- Use descriptive language to explain and explore.
- Recognize letters and letter-sound matches.
- Show familiarity with rhyming and beginning sounds.
- Understand left-to-right and top-to-bottom orientation and familiar concepts of print.
- Match spoken words with written ones.
- Begin to write letters of the alphabet and some high-frequency words.

MAP Tests

SJAS will continue to take the MAP Tests. Parents will receive a memo with the exact testing days later.

A notice will be sent to all parents explaining the MAP system specially for new enrollments.

The whole school will be subjected to testing following the rules and regulations of the AdvancED/NCA regarding continuous improvement.

We would like to comfort all parents that MAP does not add a burden to the parents as it doesn't required any special studies or preparations.

Life Goals.....

**If the plan doesn't work:
Change the plan.
Never change the goal.**



Communication ...

SJAS will receive telephone calls from parents daily from 8:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. on the following mobile number: (0122)0100046.

For any suggestions / inquiries: sjas.contact@gmail.com

Admission or Withdrawal issues only: (0122) 0100046
Bus Issues: Mr. Magdy Habib (0128) 1070771

Grade Levels ... Remember that ...

A Health Safety Requirement

Each student is required to get his own **soap, dettol wipes, tissue box**. Your son/daughter must carry these items around all day in a box (similar to their lunch box) so as to sanitize himself/herself in case of sneezing, coughing

All parents are kindly requested to help the school in explaining to their sons/daughters the dangers of different seasonal diseases in case of disregarding precautions.

- * SJAS students are to maintain **discipline** with their teachers, supervisors, colleagues all through the year.
- * **Hair Style:** Boys (cut as short as possible) Girls (neatly tied with a matching rubber band).
- * Every student will receive his/her **books** at the beginning of the year (according to the course of study). The books will be collected at the end of the year in a very good condition.
- * No change of home **address** during the year unless it's within the same bus route.
- * Full **uniform** at all times even on trip days.
- * **BLACK** or **NAVY BLUE shoes** is a

- must.
- * Installment **Fees** are to be paid in their regular timings as explained in the yearly calendar. **TAKE NOTE OF THE UPDATED PAYMENT DATES.**
- * Follow the **sanitary** instructions given to the students on their first day of school so as to eliminate sickness during the school year.
- * Please eliminate **absence**. All teachers work hard all through the year so their break time is their only rest time.
- * **Accessories**, jewelry, fancy earrings, torn pants (trousers), folded short sleeves, make-up, tattoos are totally forbidden for both boys and girls.
- * School morning and afternoon **timings** have to be respected.