



# SJLS GEMS Newsletter

August/September 2019

## Welcome

### At a Glance:

- Check out our website at [sjlssumter.org](http://sjlssumter.org)
- Like us on Facebook

The first week of school is already behind us. We hope that everyone is adjusting well to their new schedule. We look forward to seeing all of the children's bright smiles every morning. We welcome our new staff member and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Windy Bonser.

We would also like to welcome all our new students to the SJLS family for the 2019-2020 school year: Joaquin Hontiveros, Ellis and Gracie Hall, Victoria

Kaiser, Corbin Livingston, Miles Rhoten, Zoe and Jade Staab, Lillyanne and Jedidiah Wilmoth, Isaac Brooks, Azariah Cunningham, Caroline Gainey, Anna Hewett, Daniel McCarthy, Amelia Humphries, Grace Pate, Ariana Rivers, Drake Donlon, Calliope Gimlin, and Landon Stewart.

## School News

### Current & Upcoming Events:

- No School (Labor Day) Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Moe's Spirit Night Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Goodies for Grands Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Interims Issued Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>
- See You at the Pole Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Please send your child to school with a water bottle, especially if your child is staying with us after school. The days are still extremely hot, and we would like to make sure that all children are well hydrated. We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

This is just a reminder of the times for regular drop off in the morning. 3K -4K drop off is between 8:15-8:30. 5K-4<sup>th</sup> grade drop off is between 7:45-8:00. Please contact the office if you need early drop off that starts at 7:30.

September 8<sup>th</sup> is Grandparents' Day. Our school will honor our grandparents on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please invite them to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. They will be honored with special treats.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> is our first Moe's Spirit Night for the year. Please join us between 4pm – 9pm for some great food and fellowship. Our school receives 20% of all sales. Please remember to tell them when ordering that you support SJLS Spirit Night!

We are very excited for Ms. Shantel Taylor to be teaching all of our Related Arts classes this year. The students attend Spanish, Chapel, PE, Library, and Character Education classes once a week. Character Education will follow Music this year starting in January. Pastor Getz will be leading us in a school wide chapel service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 10:30 am.

School T-shirts are still available and cost \$15. Please contact the school office to purchase one. The students are required to wear these on field trip days.

This year the St. James Lutheran Church youth group for grades 5K-5<sup>th</sup> will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, beginning September 5<sup>th</sup>. The program will run from 6:00-7:30 pm. A light dinner will be provided. Please wear old clothes or bring an old t-shirt to wear for painting at the first gathering. Feel free to bring a friend! For any further questions, please contact Valerie in the church office at 803-773-2260.

Happy birthday to all those celebrating in August and September: Mrs. Candus Altman, Mrs. Lori Forester, Kaylin Phan, Caroline Lee, Lillyanne Wilmoth, Zoe Staab, and Calliope Gimlin.