# Saint John Bosco School Hybrid Education, Catholic Values

### Back To School Night 2024



#### Saint John Bosco School Welcomes You!

- Meet Your Administration
- Tuition and Finances
- Hybrid School Structure
- Parent Oversight
- Incorporating our Faith
- Uniform Requirements
- Clubs and Athletics
- Community Building
- New This Year



#### The Administrative Team Working Together To Serve Our Community

- Kelly Sonnhalter Administrator/Head of School (admin@stjohnboscos.com)
  - Academic Advising, Faculty Advisor, Curriculum, Discipline
- Danielle Jones Assistant Administrator/Dean of Administration (djones.sjbschool@gmail.com)
  - Community Building, Communications, Financials
- Tony Somma Athletic Director/Dean of Student Engagement (sjbsathletics@gmail.com)
  - Athletics, Fundraising, Discipline, Faith Formation

#### **Finances** Affordable Educational Alternative

- Tuition
  - Due September 1
- Fundraising
  - Ideas
  - Gala
  - How can you help
- Overhead Expenses
  - Supplies
  - Facilities Improvements

#### What is a Hybrid School? Building on the Pillars of Faith and Family

Core courses

- •All students attend core courses on Wednesdays and Fridays
- •Biology and Chemistry meet on every other Monday in addition to Wednesday and Friday

#### •Electives are held on Mondays

•Robotics, Entrepreneurship, SAT Prep, Writing & Rhetoric, Art, Advanced Logic, Debate, Civics

•Why does this model work?

- •Students are set up at a young age to learn time management skills, balancing priorities and establish an independent work ethic
- •There will be an adjustment period for those students who are new to the Hybrid Model
  - •This is normal and expected

### At Home Days This is not a FREE day!

- With the hybrid school structure your students will be home 2-3 days during the work week
- These are independent work days
- Students should expect to have at least one hour of work per core course per a day
- Make sure your student is keeping up with their studies during the At Home Days



#### Student Planners Why? How Do We Use Them?

- The Student Planners are not just decorative weight for your backpack
- Inside your student planner you will find
  - Our Daily Prayers
  - The Student Handbook
  - Liturgical Calendar
  - SJBS Calendar
- You should bring your planner with you to ALL classes and use it to keep track of your assignments and important upcoming events

### **Collaboration** *Work with your teachers!*

•The key to a successful hybrid education experience is the collaboration between the student, the parents and their teachers

 Most teachers will utilize either Google Classroom, MySchoolWorx or a weekly email system to communicate assignments, upcoming assessments and other important information

•Lets discuss how to help your student manage each of these systems



## **Google Classroom**

What are my options as a parent?

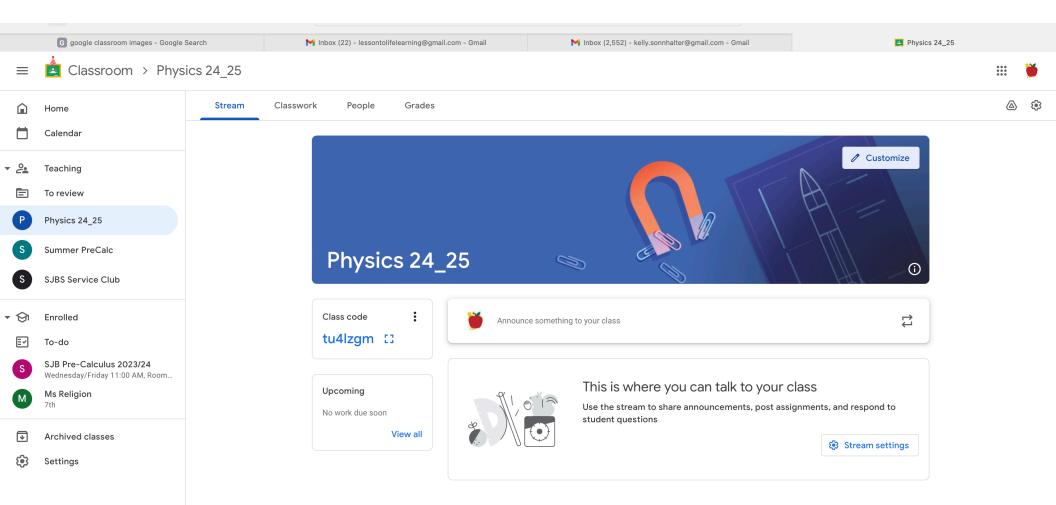
- It is up to each individual family to decide how to help their student manage information transmitted via Google Classroom
- You can ask your student for their log-in or request that the teacher add you to the Google Classroom

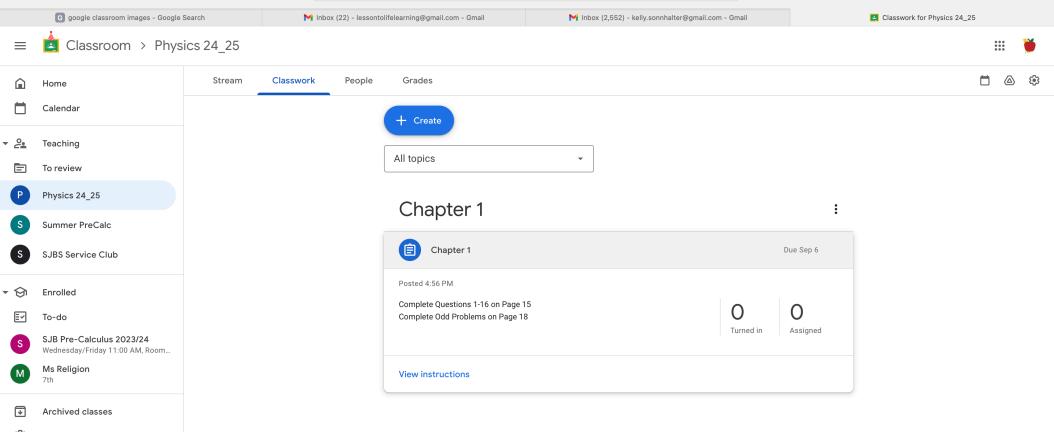


## **Google Classroom** What does it look like?

- You will select the Chalkboard icon in your Google Account
- Once you have selected the Chalkboard, you will be brought to a Dashboard that displays all of the Classrooms you (or your student) are currently enrolled into
- Select the individual Classroom you would like to enter

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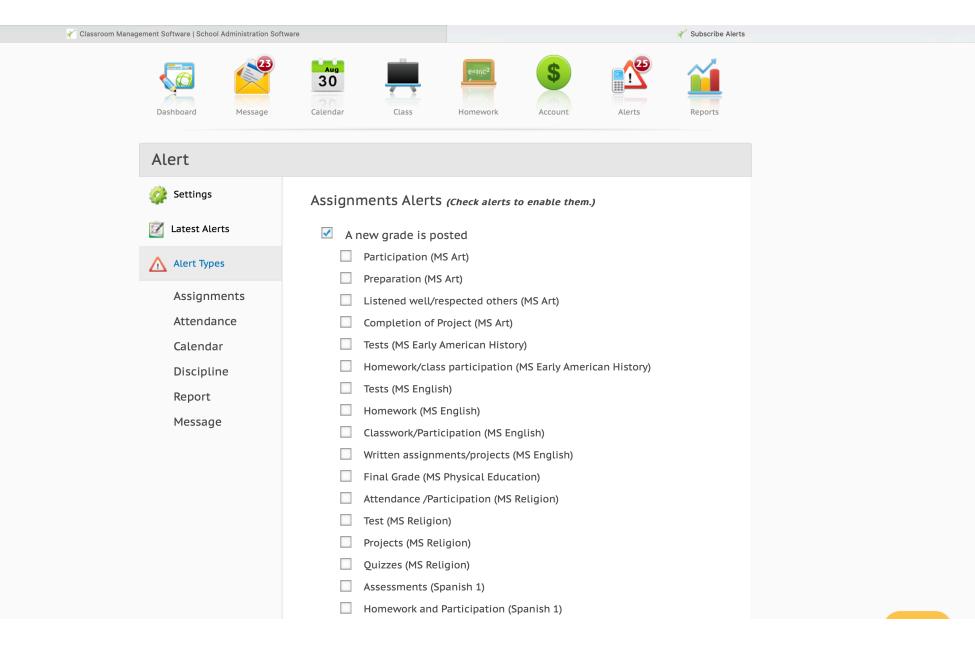


Settings

### MySchoolWorx Know Your Access

- Each parent and student at SJBS has a MSW account
- Make sure you have accessed your account and have your notifications TURNED ON
- Check your account regularly to monitor your students grades and progress
- Check for regular communication from teachers and staff

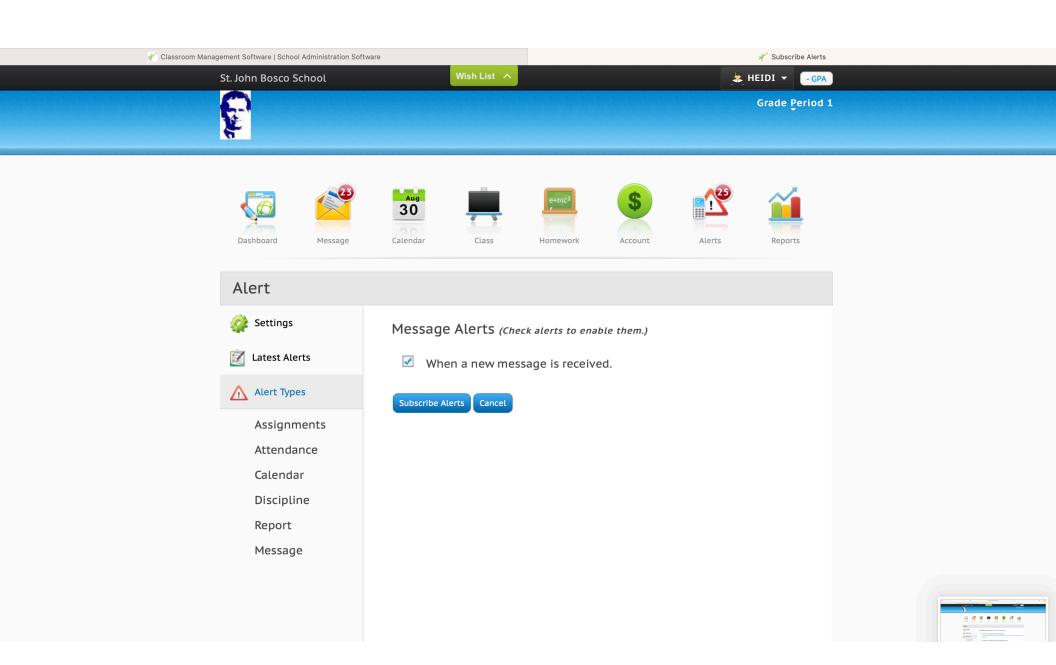


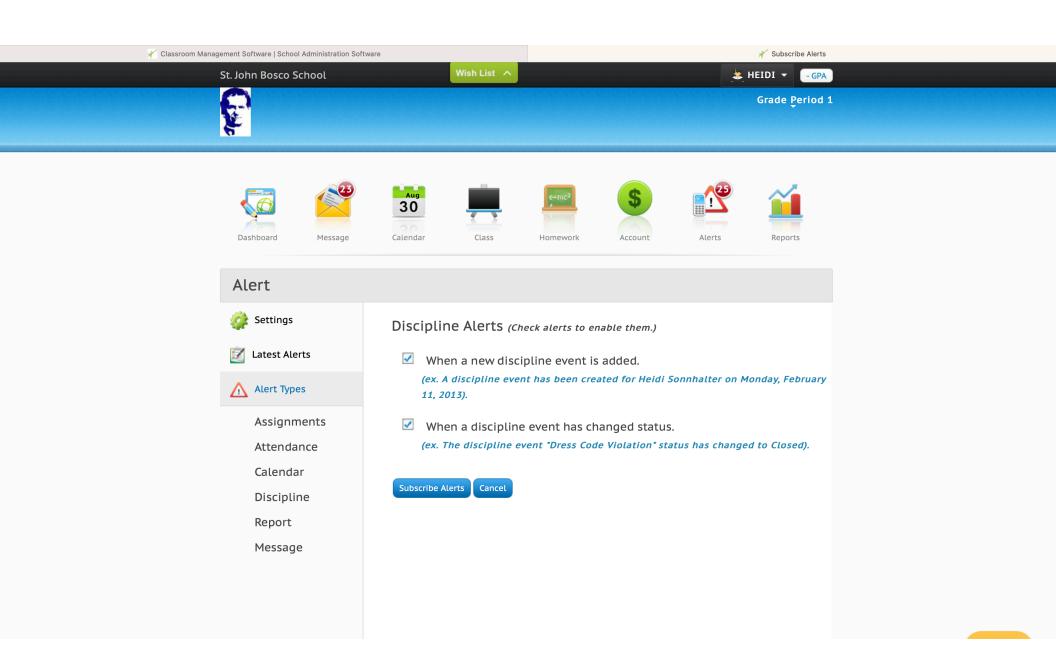


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## Email Updates

#### **Expectations of Parents and Students**

- Some teachers will update students regarding upcoming assignments or projects via a regular email
- The teachers are given the student's email address that is used for MySchoolWorx
- If a student email address was not provided they will automatically utilize the parent email address
- If you would like to be copied on all information sent via email please notify the teacher
- We will send out a list of teacher contact emails following this event

#### **Seniors** *The Final Countdown*

- The college application process will begin soon
- Mrs. Sonnhalter will be contacting you regarding setting up your account in the CommonApp and finalizing your transcript
- It is imperative that you keep an eye out for important emails and deadlines
- Please allow 7 days for Letters of Recommendation, Transcript Requests and Scholarship Submission forms

#### We Live Out Our Faith In Everything We Do

#### Hybrid Education, Catholic Values

- At Saint John Bosco School, it is part of our mission to provide an environment to our students, where they can openly seek the Good, the True and the Beautiful, within an atmosphere of respect and accountability
- The Catholic faith is at the heart of all aspects of Saint John Bosco School, from daily prayer and weekly mass and confessions, to participation in activities such as The March for Life
- We will host an Altar Server and Lector Training the first month of school
- This year we have two retreats planned during Advent and Lent
  - In addition to two Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Our students are consistently experiencing the breadth and beauty of the Catholic faith throughout their experiences at SJBS

#### Uniform Requirements Formal Uniform

- •Modesty: Students are expected to dress in a manner that represents the values imbued in every aspect of our school.
  - Ladies: SJBS skirt that falls at the knee, blouse or polo, socks/tights and dress shoes or solid white sneakers
  - •Gentleman: Dress pants, button down shirt, tie and dress shoes or solid white sneakers
  - •Optional Uniform: Students are permitted to wear the SJBS crewneck sweatshirt, SJBS 1/4 zip or a solid color cardigan or 1/4 zip in school colors (Navy and Grey)

#### Uniform Requirements Monday Uniform

# •Mondays are Dress Down Days, This DOES NOT mean Wear Anything You Want Days

#### Students are permitted to wear any of the SJBS spirit wear

- •Bottoms: Shorts that are of a modest length or sweatpants in solid Black, Grey or Navy (small logos are permitted)
- •Tops: Solid color short sleeve or long sleeve t-shirts in a neutral color (small logos are permitted)
  - •We will NOT allow any graphic shirts or sweatshirts this year that are not SJBS spirit wear
  - •Sweatshirts can be crewneck or hoodies in a solid Black, Grey or Navy (small logos are permitted)
- •Shoes: Sneakers or dress shoes of any kind (Crocs and slides are not permitted)

#### **Clubs and Athletics** *We have something for everyone!*

- As part of the SJBS experience we seek to provide opportunities for our students to thrive outside of the classroom
- •These activities help to foster community and develop the whole student
- •Mr. Somma, our Athletic Director, has developed both club level and competitive opportunities for our students
- In addition to athletics, we offer organizations and activities to engage every student
- •If there is a club you are interested in forming, let us know!
- •We have athletic team sign ups in the back
- •We will have club sign up sheets out during the first few weeks of school

## **Athletic Clubs**

- Fall
  - Girls Volleyball
  - Co-ed Golf
- Winter
  - Basketball
- Spring
  - Co-ed Tennis
- Referrals for Track & Field, Baseball and Football



#### **Student Government** *The Heart of the Student Body*

- Elections are held in November
  - School President
  - Representatives
    - Middle School
    - Lower School
    - Upper School
- They work with the student body to plan monthly/quarterly activities, service projects and support the community of Christ the Redeemer

## **Community Building**

- In addition to SJBS clubs and activities we offer opportunities for community and fellowship throughout the year
- •Rosary & S'mores: An event for all families new to SJBS to get to know each other and pray for our school year
- •Trivia Night: An event for parents and faculty held in the 1st semester to encourage community and fellowship
- •Autumn Ball: A semi-formal dance open to all students
- •Blue and Gold Ball: A formal dance held at the end of the school year for all high-school students
- •Graduation: Not just for seniors! As a small but tight community, many members of our school come out for graduation to celebrate our seniors

### **Community Building** Building Relationships

- Mom's Club
- Dad's Club
- Social Events
- Fundraising
- Spirit Wear



#### New This Year at SJBS With Growth Comes Opportunity

•Safety Measures: We live in a complicated world and our first priority is the safety of our students. We will continue with our safety measures which include: single point entry, improved communications between administration and support staff, hall monitoring and detailed attendance records. In addition to secure facility and fire drill training for staff and students.

•No Cell Phone Policy: We are updating our cell phone policy to zero tolerance. Cell phones will be confiscated on sight. There will be a \$100 charge to the family account for each offense and students will receive in-school lunch detention following the 1st offense.

•Please DO NOT text your student during the school day

•Please read My Tech-Wise Life By Amy & Andy Crouch

•Improved Communication: It is vitally important that you utilize the appropriate forms of communication when contacting the school. While, we are grateful for the relationships many of our staff members have built with our families throughout the years, if you send an email or text to a personal account, there is a high likelihood it will not be received in a timely manner, if at all.

#### **Contact Us** Important Numbers and Emails

- Absentee and Early Dismissal:
  - Please text: 571.752.0045
  - Email: sjbsattendance@gmail.com
- Athletic Inquries:
  - Email: sjbsathletics@gmail.com
- Course Inquries:
  - Email: Teacher

- Administrative Inquiries:
  - Please call: 571.752.0045 after 10AM
  - Email: admin@stjohnboscos.com
- Note Regarding Dismissal
  - If your student leaves before the end of the school day and does not drive. You **MUST** text us at: 571.752.0045 when you have arrived for pick up.
  - Student must be picked up by 3:45PM. There will be a late fee assessed for pick ups after 3:45 without prior approval.

We Are Looking Forward to a Great School Year!