

## **PARENT & STUDENT WELCOME QUESTION & ANSWER GUIDE GRADE 8 & 9's**

Hello Everyone! We are very excited to see your children and family once again as we continue our junior high journey together. In preparation for the upcoming school year, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information about **Sir John Thompson** School and our confirmation registration procedures.

### **1. How can I complete the registration process for September 2019?**

Welcome to the **Triton Nation!** Due to the front office renovations this fall we will not be hosting pre-registration as usual but rather asking our families to complete portions of the registration process online and during the first week of school. Please see below for specific details:

- **Completion/updating of ECSD registration forms online on September 20<sup>th</sup>** – more information to come in September 2019. If you have any immediate changes to your contact information please contact the office and we will make those changes.
- **Locker assignments** – students will receive their locker assignments and locks during the first day of homeroom classes on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Purchase ETS bus pass (if required)** – please contact the office if you require an ETS bus pass. Once purchased they will be handed to your child beginning September 2019.
- **Receive / Purchase your Yellow / ETS bus pass** – Yellow bus passes for those students residing further than 2.4km of SJT and we are your designated school will continue to receive an annual yellow bus pass. Those students attending SJT but are not attending their designated school site will need to purchase a yellow bus pass monthly. Bus passes will be made available during the first few days of school.

### **2. How can I pay for the school registration?**

**Payment of school fees – School fees will be posted on PowerSchool August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Pay online: District wide all schools have now moved to online payments. ***\*Please see attached instructions on how to make payments online in PowerSchool.***

\*Should you have any questions please contact our Business Manager Anita Riva at the school who will assist you.

### **3. When is my first day of school if I am in grade 8 & 9 and what will it look like?**

- **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** will be a regular day for all students
  - Students will remain in their homerooms for the first 3 blocks (gr. 7, 8 & 9's)
  - The remainder of the day will be Day 1 (blocks 4, lunch, 5, 6, 7)
  - SJT concession will **not** be open; however, microwaves will be available to heat food
  - Yellow buses will operate as usual
  - Students will receive their locks/lockers and their textbooks through their homerooms

**4. What can I do as a parent to ensure I have the best communication with the school?**

**Email** - All SJT families are encouraged to provide at least one email to receive school communications. The school sends updates, friendly reminders and the monthly newsletters through email. We encourage everyone to be good stewards of the environment. Help us use as little paper as possible by allowing us to communicate with you electronically.

**Website** - Parents and students are encouraged to check the school website regularly. Our calendar is updated regularly so check it out for important information about upcoming events, the school, newsletters and much more can be found there <http://www.sirjohnthompson.ecsd.net/>.

**SwiftK12**- The school's automated attendance notification will automatically phone parents when their children are not present in homeroom. It is imperative that students be punctual for homeroom. If a student misses homeroom, a phone call is automatically made to the parents. If your child will be away (ex. illness, appointment etc.), please notify the office before 9:00 am. Messages can be left at 780-454-9202 at any time (day or night).

**5. What options are offered in each semester of grade 8 or 9?**

<u>Option 8-1</u>	<u>Option 8-2</u>	<u>Option 9-1</u>	<u>Option 9-2</u>
Music	Music	Music	Music
Art	CTF	PE Leadership	French
Film	Foods	Foods	Foods
Foods	French	Art	CTF
Enviro. Ed.		CTF	Film Studies

**6. What is required of SJT students to wear for phys. ed classes?**

All SJT students are required to be changed for phys. ed class in proper attire. Students are expected to follow the SJT dress code according to our dress code in our student handbook and an appropriate shirt. Acceptable phys. ed. wear would include non-marking running shoes, shorts and a short or long sleeve shirt (no tank tops), sweat or track pants will be allowed. Phys. ed attire must be separate from what students wear throughout the school day.

**7. How can I stay informed about upcoming school events?**

**SJT** Provides Opportunites for Students and Parents to Stay Informed

Step 1: Login into:

<http://classroom.google.com>

Step 2: Click "Go to Classroom"

Step 3: Sign in using any account of choice.

Step 4: Once signed in, click the + button in the top right corner

Step 5: Enter the SJT classroom code: **joa2kvv**

Step 6: Set up personal settings for device alerts if you so choose.



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