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**Welcome to:
St. John Neumann Regional School
2015 - 2016**

SJNRS H.S.A. - CALENDER OF EVENTS

Date	Event
August 30 th , 2015	Annual "Back to School Picnic", 12-3 pm Eagles Nest Park Covered Dish
September 11-13 th	Palmerton Festival
September 16 th	HSA Meeting - 6:30 PM Palmerton
September 22	Protecting God's Children - <u>Mandatory for all volunteers</u> 6:30 PM Palmerton Campus Gym
October 14 th	HSA Meeting - 6:30PM Palmerton
October 30 th	Annual Walk-a-Thon
November	Lottery Calendar (for January payout) sales begin
November 11 th	HSA Meeting - 6:30 PM Palmerton
November 15 th	Vera Bradley/Coach Basket Bingo
November TBD	Family Fun night
December 9 th	HSA Meeting - 6:30 PM Palmerton
December 5 th	Breakfast with Santa
December TBD	Reindeer Workshop (Christmas shopping of the kids)
January 13 th , 2016	HSA Meeting - 6:30 PM Palmerton
January 30 th	Winter Social - Palmerton Campus Gym
January 31 st -Feb 6 th	Catholic Schools Week Book Fair & Coin Collection
	Open House
	Special Person's Day - Both Campuses
	Family Snow Tubing - Typically Thursday 4-10 pm
February 10 th	HSA Meeting - 6:30PM Palmerton
February 27-28 th	Annual Basket Social - Palmerton Campus Gym
Feb/March TBD	Donuts with Dad - Both Campuses
March 9 th	HSA Meeting - 6:30 PM Palmerton
April 13 th	HSA Meeting - 6:30PM Palmerton
April TBD	Family Fun night
May TBD	Muffins with Mom - Both Campuses
May 2 nd -6 th	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 11 th	HSA Meeting - 6:30 PM Palmerton
May TBD	11 th Annual 'Fore the Students" Golf Tournament
June TBD	HSA Budget Meeting - 7:00PM Palmerton

FAQ:

The first place to look for answers to your questions about St. John Neumann is the school handbook. Ask the school office for a copy if you have not been given one already. Here are a few questions other parents or guardians have asked when they consider our school.

Commonly Asked Questions:

Do you offer after school care?

Yes, an Extended Care Program is in place at our Slatington Campus on scheduled school days. The program is in session 2:30 – 6:00 PM. The Program is available five or fewer days a week. The Director can be contacted by email at SJNREXCP@gmail.com.

What about the shuttle?

Where does it pick up and what time can I drop off my child?

What time do I have to be there (or arrange for) pickup?

Your handbook has drop off times, and locations. The time will depend on the location you will be dropping your child off. Arrival times at the schools are different. See your handbook for drop off times for your child(s) campus. School lets out at 2:30, if your child rides the bus to the other campus, they will arrive 15 minutes afterward. Early dismissal times will be posted on your monthly calendar.

Since the school has grades K-8, what are the ages of children on the shuttle?

Buses headed to the Slatington Campus in the morning have kids from K–3. Buses headed to the Palmerton Campus in the morning have kids from 4–8

What are the procedures for early dismissal days?

The 1st day of school, is an early dismissal day. Early dismissals are usually a 12 noon dismissal, but pay attention to the weekly schedule your child(s) teacher sends home and/or monthly calendar sent home in your monthly envelope.

How can I meet other parents and students?

The Back to School Picnic is held at Eagles Nest Park in Slatington before school starts, and is a potluck so bring your best picnic dish. It's a great time to get to know other parents.

In early September, there will be a meet the teacher's night, where you can visit your child's classroom with other parents.

The best way to meet other parents is to volunteer! You are required to do 25 hours of volunteer work for the school each year, and we encourage you to find your niche.

What about uniforms? Is there a uniform exchange or where can I purchase them?

SJNRS does have a uniform exchange. Gently used uniforms will be available at the back to school picnic. Flynn & O'Hara, located on Catasauqua Road carries a full line of new uniforms. Please reference your handbook for uniform requirements.

SJNRS Uniform Exchange

SLATINGTON CAMPUS (K-3):

Coordinator: Amy Swiatkowski
Email: jamswi52@aol.com
Phone: 610-428-6980
School Mail: Madyson Grade 4

PALMERTON CAMPUS (4-8):

Tamara Kulp
tlkulp@verizon.net
610-767-0335
Mikell Grade 4

Gently used uniforms are available for any student. No cost involved. Also any uniform items that your child has outgrown can be donated to the exchange.

Do the students need any other special attire?

One day a week will be gym day. You will most likely have to purchase a gym uniform from Flynn & O'Hara. Gym uniforms are not typically available through the uniform exchange.

Casual days (watch your calendar), typically on Mondays, will sponsor a fundraiser for charity. It is strictly voluntary. Students who choose to wear casual clothes should bring in \$1.00 in an envelope labeled with their name and "casual day".

Wow, what else do I need to know?

Kindergarten parents should expect to meet the teacher before school starts. You will get an overview of the school and an introduction to the teacher. Students should have a few school supplies at home to complete homework, including glue and crayons.

Many forms will come home in the first few weeks of school. Plan to set aside some time every night to go through your child's folder with them. Sign and return forms as soon as you can – many can be completed in less than 2 minutes. Any checks (usually made out to SJNRS) that you enclose with a form should be in an envelope with the child's name and what it is for.

During the first week of school, set aside some time to go over the handbook with your family members. It is important to review the policies and procedures so that everyone is aware of their responsibilities. You will have to sign a form confirming that you received and understand the handbook and its policies. Many of your questions can be answered with the handbook. The copy is yours. Feel free to mark important parts for future reference.

Do the young students get homework?

Go through your child's folder everyday. Kindergarten children will start getting worksheets or activities to be completed at home once or twice a week around Halloween. (There will be follow up activities for home on many of the daily worksheets and this is a great opportunity to reinforce what is being done at school) These vary in difficulty and time commitment. The homework policy is spelled out in the handbook – review it with your family so that everyone knows the routine.

What is the H.S.A. and what do they do?

H.S.A. is the acronym for Home and School Association which is much like PTO or PTA at other schools. The objective of the H.S.A. is to foster and strengthen the relationship between our families and our school. Throughout the year H.S.A. will host a variety of functions, community events and fundraisers that support our objective.

A schedule of tentative dates is listed within the enclosed packet. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Palmerton gymnasium.

All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Once school begins each family will receive a list of the H.S.A. officers and representatives.

A mandatory meeting for all new families to SJNRS will be held to review scrip and fundraising obligations which will also be detailed within the Home and School Directory.

Other interesting information: **United Way Donations**

Donating to the United Way? Did you know that you can designate all or a portion of your gift to St John Neumann Regional School? Well you can, and some employers will even match your gifts which is wonderful.

Shopping On-Line

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www.boxtops4education.com

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Goodsearch.com to Search

Don't forget to go to www.goodsearch.com for your search engine select SJNRS for your school and watch the pennies add up.

BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Attn: Mr. Gary Snyder
Wendy Hoppel/Transportation
84 Ashtown Drive
Lehigh, Pa. 18235

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT:

610-767-6310

Kay Rau/ Transportation
1201 Shadow Oaks Lane
Slatington, PA 18080

NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT:

610-262-7811

First Student
2014 Laubach Avenue
Northampton, PA 18067

Laidlaw Transit, Inc.
3354 W. Beersville Rd.
Northampton, PA 18067

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT:

610-298-8661

before 8 am and after 4 pm

610-298-8691

6493 RTE. 309
New Tripoli, PA 18066-9409

PALMERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT:

610-826-7684

Palmerton Area School District
Mr. Leon George
660 Delaware Ave.
Palmerton, PA 18071

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P.O. Box 350
Palmerton, Pa. 18071

PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT:

610-398-7388

Switchboard

610-395-2021

Parkland School District
Jeffrey S. Emig
2219 North Cedar Crest Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18104

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

570-992-2412

Pleasant Valley School District
First Student
1 School Lane
Brodheadsville, PA 18322