



Dear Friends,

As spring approaches, our community of Cadets is eagerly looking forward to a season filled with warmer weather, outdoor activities, and as promised, traditional SJ events. While events may look different, they will be an important opportunity for celebration, and we ask that you add these dates to your family calendar (see below for the full list). Specific details for each event will be provided in the coming weeks.

In the spirit of thoughtful planning and continued forward progress, SJHS will be expanding our daily in-person learning model to welcome the full return of our students for the 4th Marking Period which begins on March 17.

The significantly improved state, county, and local COVID-19 data and the Governor's strategic relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions has inspired confidence in our forward planning for the full return of our students. With the continuing inoculation process of adults, school personnel and essential employees, the refined understanding of COVID-19 risk mitigation in schools, and the many outdoor opportunities that return with spring, it is the right time to expand our daily in-person learning model. Most importantly, we know that a return to in-person learning will provide our SJ students with a much-needed and joyous conclusion to this unique school year.

With the careful guidance of the Trumbull Departments of Health and Emergency Management, our COVID-19 Response Team is preparing to implement our revised safety plan in anticipation of the arrival of our students. The approved plan updates include: increased frequency of sanitization protocols, directional hallway traffic flow, expanded space for lunch, and updated classroom policies to include social distancing of at least 4 feet and 6 feet when feasible.

To assist us with our internal operational planning, we ask that one parent/guardian from each family complete a brief survey to indicate your student's 4th Marking Period school attendance preference by March 3, 2021 (survey below). It is important to note that virtual options will remain available for all students who may wish to utilize this model.

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, I thank you for your continued support and partnership. The vigilance of our students with regard to safety protocols is a source of great pride and added confidence in our ability to successfully adapt to a full return. This year has presented new challenges for all of us, yet through it all we have remained a united and strong school community. Thank you for Carrying On with resolve and purpose. CADETS are always Stronger Together!

In Faith and Fellowship,

David J. Klein
President