

May 7, 2020

SJSD families,

Next Friday, May 15, brings the end of the academic year for the St. Joseph School District. As we shared last week, a plan is in place to distribute student belongings and collect SJSD-owned devices and materials. Here are some important updates on that process and other items:

Distribution of Student Belongings & Return of SJSD-owned Devices/Materials

SJSD families are asked to pick up student belongings during the week of May 11, 2020 at their student's school following the [schedules posted here](#). The schedules also include details for returning student devices. Please note the following updates:

- Elementary and middle school students who **plan to return to the SJSD next school year** should keep their devices through the summer and bring them back when school resumes.
- High school students should return their devices next week [as previously communicated](#) **unless they plan on taking summer courses**.

SJSD Virtual Summer School

Unfortunately, the St. Joseph School District will not be offering the traditional summer school through Catapult Learning this year. However, in an effort to provide educational opportunities for students during this time, we are considering a virtual summer school option for students who will be in grades 1st through 12th in the upcoming school year.

- If you haven't done so already, please [follow this link](#) to take our summer school survey to help us gauge interest in the virtual summer school option.
- Virtual credit recovery programs and other coursework will also be available for the high school level.

Changes Coming to Student Email This Summer

In early July, the SJSD will be moving student email from Gmail to Outlook. This will not affect students' access to Google Drive, Sheets, Slides, or other Google products currently available to students. When the district moves student email to the Outlook domain, students' Gmail accounts will no longer function.

- If students have emails, attachments, etc., in their Gmail accounts that they wish to retain, they need to save those in their Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, or other location prior to the change. More information will follow regarding new student email addresses. For now, however, students should take time to save anything they want to retain from their Gmail account.

Please continue to reach out with questions and feedback.

Thank you,

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