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Dear Students, Families, Staff, & Community Members,

The Back-to-school commercials began appearing in early July, so what better time to share our 2025-2026 Back-to School Letter! We are just three and a half weeks away from the first day of school on August 25th. You can now view the [St. Johns Public Schools 2025–2026 Calendar](#) on our district website to start planning accordingly for the upcoming school year.

As we prepare to welcome students back, we are guided and inspired by our district's mission statement:

“St. Johns Public Schools will provide an educational experience that prepares all students to become individuals who think critically, live purposefully, lead responsibly, communicate persuasively, and serve others generously.”

Our mission is more than just words. It is the foundation of everything we do. The Board of Education, staff and I are strongly committed to fostering this growth in all students, from preschool through 12th grade, by offering a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities that support both personal and academic development.

Building relationships and communication with our students, families and the community will continue to be a priority for our district. We will highlight our students, staff and educational programs throughout the district via our district website and other various social media platforms.

A great opportunity to begin building those relationships is at our upcoming Kindergarten Kick-off & Open Houses, where families and students can meet teachers and tour buildings before the first day:

Kindergarten Kick Off Dates & Times			Open House Dates & Times		
Building	Date	Time	Building	Date	Time
Eureka	Tuesday, 8/12	9:00-11:00 am	High School	Wednesday, 8/20	3:00-5:00 pm
Gateway	Tuesday, 8/12	9:00-11:00 am	Middle School	Tuesday, 8/19	4:30-6:30 pm
Gateway	Tuesday, 8/12	1:00-3:00 pm	Riley	Wednesday, 8/20	5:00-7:00 pm
Gateway	Wednesday, 8/13	9:00-11:00 am	Oakview	Wednesday, 8/20	5:00-7:00 pm
Gateway	Wednesday, 8/13	1:00-3:00 pm	Gateway	Wednesday, 8/20	4:30-6:30 pm
Riley	Tuesday, 8/12	9:00-11:00 am	Eureka	Tuesday, 8/19	4:30-6:30 pm
Riley	Tuesday, 8/12	12:00-2:00 pm			

Our team is committed to provide an educational environment necessary for student achievement both in and outside of the classroom and create a positive and safe climate/culture in our buildings. Your input is always welcome and valued to help with the success of our students and schools.

As I begin my third year as Superintendent of St. Johns Public Schools, I remain honored to serve this incredible community. On behalf of the Board of Education and our entire staff, thank you for your continued support, partnership, and dedication to our students. We're excited to be "Moving forward, *Together*", into a rewarding and successful 2025–2026 school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Berthiaume, Ph.D., Superintendent

Together, we succeed.