





January 17, 2023

We remember with gratitude today the witness of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and we ask that we have the courage and determination to follow his example in battling injustice and living the Gospel of love. Help us, Lord, to make ever more the community you want us to be.

Amen



Dear Parents.

Needed: Instructional Assistant!

Currently, we are accepting resumes for an Instructional Assistant for early childhood. Interested candidates should share their resumes with Dr. Jones ajones@sjrcs.org.

Thank you.

Re-Enrollment (Current Students) and Registration (Siblings of Current Students)

Current Students (Re-Enrollment)

Early Bird Rate

- Thursday, January 19, 2023 (estimated opening) -Tuesday, February 28, 2023
- The re-enrollment fee is \$350 (first child) and \$275 (per additional child) during the early re-enrollment period.
- The re-enrollment fees are non-refundable.

Regular Rate

- Begins Wednesday, March 1, 2023
- The re-enrollment fee is \$400 per child.

The re-enrollment fees are non-refundable.

Siblings of Current Students (Application and Enrollment)

- \$150 application fee
- \$200 enrollment fee

January	
17 (Tue)	Wildcat Fellowship (Church)
18 (Wed))	North Bay Parent Meeting (virtual)
	(Grade 6 parents: (6PM - 7PM)
19 (Thur)	Mass (10:00 AM)
20 (Fri)	Interims
24 (Tue)	Wildcat Fellowship (Church)
25 (Wed)	Spelling Bee (Cafeteria 10 - 11 AM)
29 – Feb. 3	Catholic Schools Week
31 (Tue)	Wildcat Fellowship (Church)
February	
03 (Fri)	Noon Dismissal (No Wildcat Care)
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Ash Wednesday Mass - (10:00 AM)

Wildcat Fellowship (Church)

22 Wed

28 (Tue)

Key Dates

New Students (Application and Enrollment)

- The application fee is \$150 (non-refundable).
- A completed application does not guarantee admission to St. John Regional Catholic School.
- Once your child is admitted, additional paperwork, assessment, and a non-refundable \$200 enrollment fee will be required.

Blessings,

Dr. Annette Jones, Principal Mrs. Christina Dabulskis, Assistant Principal Mrs. Kelly Weeks, Assistant Principal

NEW ITEMS

Lacrosse Sign Ups

Boys and girls SJRCS Lacrosse sign ups are open. Please go to https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/352319 to register. Registration ends February 2, 2023.

Lacross It's more than just a Sport, COACHING BETTER ATHLETES At St. John Regional Catholic School, every student is a child of God and valued member of our community. Each one has unique spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual, and creative needs Our youth lacrosse program prides itself on having these same values. Sign up today to begin seeing the benefits of Youth lacrosse: Physical development Passion for LAX Pricing: \$150 or Self-Confidence Healthy, active lifestyle \$200 with Uniform · Lifetime memories · Lasting friendships **REGISTER HERE** Hurry! Registration ends February 2, 2023

REMINDERS

Brendan Crow

We are still accepting donations for the Education Fund for the children of Brendan Crow, son of Cindy Crow, our 7th & 8th grade Instructional Assistant. If you would like to contribute, please send in a check made out to SJRCS in an envelope marked Brendan Crow Fund to the front office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Spelling Bee

The two top spellers in each ELA class have been identified and have the opportunity to move on to our School Bee. The champion of the School Bee will have the opportunity to compete at the Regional Bee for Frederick County. The final SJRCS Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday, January 25, at 10:00 AM in the school cafeteria.

Grade-Level Huddles

As a continued effort to know your child and his or her classmates, the administrators, Dr. Jones, Mrs. Dabulskis, and Mrs. Weeks, will be meeting with each grade level on a rotational basis about once every 4-6 weeks. The purpose of the Huddles is to reinforce the Heart of Leadership program's virtues and leadership skills, to share information and reminders, and to listen to the children. These positive, encouraging, and age-appropriate Huddles will take about 15-20 minutes. We look forward to engaging with your children in this new format.

Wildcat Fellowship

In continuing our school theme of One Body in Christ, we are introducing Wildcat Fellowship! On Tuesdays, parents, grandparents, prospective parents, and friends of SJRCS are invited to fellowship and Mass. Following morning drop-off, please park in front of the church. Let's gather in the church entry for informal conversation with fellow members of the school community, including members of the administrative team. We look forward to speaking with you and praying together for our school community.

Used Uniform Sale

Please remember to donate any of your gently used uniforms to our next used uniform sale! We desperately need more uniforms so we can have another sale in the spring. As you go through your closets this holiday season, please consider donating your outgrown uniforms. We collect all year round. Bring your uniforms in a bag to the front office and let them know it is for the Spring Used Uniform Sale. Thank you in advance!



We would like to highlight a few of our faculty/staff each week to allow you to get to know a little about our awesome SJRCS team. This week we are highlighting our awesome 6th grade team:

Mrs. Katherine Brenner is the ELA teacher for sixth grade. She is a native Floridian who moved to the area this year. She says, so far, she is really enjoying the change of seasons ☺.

Mrs. Brenner has a daughter in college, a son in high school, two dogs, and a cat. She enjoys cooking, reading, and traveling.

Mr. Randy Lapcevich is the 5th and 6th grade Religion teacher at SJRCS. This is Mr. Lapcevich's first year teaching and for the prior 30 years he held various leadership positions within the Bio-Pharmaceutical Industry.

Mr. Lapcevich has been married to his lovely bride, Claudia, for almost 30 years and has two grown children, Stefan and Cassandra. Stefan has a Mechanical Engineering degree from Catholic University of America and lives in San Francisco, CA and Cassandra has a Supply Chain Management degree from Duquesne University and lives in Del Mar, CA.



When he is not working, he enjoys golfing, cycling, reading, volunteering at church, working out, hiking and visiting local breweries and wineries with friends and family.

Mr. Lapcevich commented, "I want to thank the SJRCS administration and staff for their kindness, encouragement and support during my onboarding and the first 20 weeks of my post Corporate American career."

Mrs. Karen Roskowinski has been teaching for 30 years at SJRCS.

She is married and has 4 children who attended SJRCS. She and her husband were blessed with their second grandchild in November. She and her family are parishioners at St Peter's in Libertytown, MD.

In her spare time, Mrs. Roskowinski enjoys spending time with her family, watching the Philadelphia Eagles – "Go Birds!", going to the beach, and enjoying the outdoors.

Mrs. Judy Williams

Judy Williams has been an instructional assistant at SJRCS since 2008. Currently she is an Instructional Assistant for 5C and the 6th grade. You may also remember her as the previous director of our aftercare program; something she enjoyed for thirty-one years! Mrs. Williams has a bachelor's degree in Home Economics with an early childhood emphasis from West Virginia University.

Mrs. Williams has a daughter, Stephanie Danforth, who is an alumni of SJRCS. In her free time, Mrs. Williams loves spending time with her grandchildren Addyson(15) and Hunter(14). She also enjoys going to the beach in the summer and baking for her friends (she is well known for her pepperoni rolls)! Mrs. Williams says she loves all the friendships she has made with her SJRCS co-workers and families during her time at SJRCS.

Admissions News

A big shout out to Anaya-Essie Tuka who became a Wildcat today! She is in PK3B in Mrs. Thomas's class.

Referral Program

Spread the Love! With Open Enrollment right around the corner, keep in mind the referral program that SJRCS offers! Current families can receive \$350 of tuition credit for referring new students to St. John's. *The referred contact must be listed on the new student's application as a referral and the new student must fully enroll for the current SJRCS family to receive credit.*

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer Hours Opportunity! We are currently planning our Open House (can you believe it?!) and we always love our parents to participate by leading tours and helping answer questions from prospective families. There will be training opportunities prior to the Open House so we can cover all of the talking points. If you are interested, please reach out to our Admissions Director, Katharine Galvas at kgalvas@sjrcs.org. *The Open House is scheduled for February 2nd 9AM - 11AM and 4PM - 6:30PM*. Thank you for considering. Go Wildcats!

Advancement Corner

NCEA Day of Giving to Catholic Schools

On Wednesday, February 1st, we will kick off our Annual Fund Day of Giving to SJRCS. If you are interested in providing a matching fund or large gift, please reach out to Mrs. Schumacher to discuss a donation to our Fund for St. John. The Annual Fund has a tremendous impact on the daily lives of our students. Our goal this year is to raise 100K in a Day! We ask that all families consider renewing their sponsorships at this time as well. Thank you!

Gala Planning

Save the Date! On April 29th, we'll be going Back to the 90's! If you would like to help us plan this event, please contact Chairwoman Mrs. Allison Dunn at <u>Allison.Newhouse@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

Auction Committee Meeting

The Auction Committee Needs You!

Please join us for an amazing opportunity to support St. John Regional Catholic School! The Gala and Auction are one of the major fundraising efforts we have each year. Last year, we raised \$112,000 toward safety improvements at SJRCS. The money we raise this year will be used to improve the playground.

In order to make these improvements, we need your help! Please consider joining the Auction Committee to help with sponsorships and donations. We have two volunteer options in the next two weeks.

- On January 20 at 1:30 PM we will be meeting at 1:30 to share ways you can reach out to local businesses.
- We will have a Zoom meeting on January 25 at 7:00 PM for anyone who is unable to join during the day, but would like to help.

If you are interested in helping, but can't make any of those meetings, feel free to reach out. There are many opportunities to earn volunteer credit outside of school hours!

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We hope to see you soon!

Aly Giampapa and Emily Long (<u>auction@sjrcs.org</u>)

Eighth Grade Semi-Formal Dance Committee

The Advancement Office is creating a committee to help with the executing and planning of the Eighth Grade Semi-Formal on Friday, May 12th. Any parents interested in participating in the event, should please email Mrs. Schumacher at <u>Lschumacher@sircs.org</u>. The committee will host a planning meeting in the next few weeks – stay tuned for more information.



We still have Golf Hats available: Purchase Golf Hats Link

Home and School Association News (H.S.A.)

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching, and we have many great events planned to help celebrate Catholic Education here at SJRCS! Click on the following SignUp Genius link and check out the volunteer opportunities available! https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/6327edb01a6c8efc71-sjrcsopportunities#/

"Daddy and Me, Under the Sea" Father Daughter Dance

The HSA is hosting SJRCS' 6TH annual father daughter dance on February 11th . All girls and fathers are invited! Invitations will go home this week. Please complete the RSVP form on the back and return with payment to the front office by January 27th . If you have any questions, please email Molly Gilbreth at mollygilbreth@gmail.com or Katie Crunkilton at k.crunkilton@gmail.com.

The Father Daughter Dance committee need your help to make this a fantastic evening for the girls and dads. Please consider volunteering to help or donating to this event. Donations are needed for prizes for the games at the dance. Please have donations sent into the front office by Friday, February 3rd, clearly labeled "Father Daughter Dance." https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0549ABAF28A1FC1-father4

Join in on the "Under the Sea" fun! We are in need of volunteers to help with the dance so sign up today! All volunteer hours will go towards tuition credit. All volunteers must be VIRTUS certified. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0549ABAF28A1FC1-father5

Thank you to our sponsors!

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