



WILDCAT WIRE



November 15, 2022

Lord, You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run.

~St. Augustine

The Scoop

Wildcat Care

Due to the staff meeting, Wildcat Care will not be offered on Thursday, December 1. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding!

New Chromebooks

In working with our Advancement Office, the school was able to procure through the EANS Grant II, 540 brand new Chromebooks. These Chromebooks are valued at \$116,100.

The pallets of Chromebooks were received earlier this month and are in need of unboxing so that we can immediately upgrade our second and third grade computers prior to the next round of MAP testing.

We are seeking some Critical Chromebook Volunteers that would be willing to come in on November 30th, December 1st and December 2nd to help unbox the Chromebooks so that Mr. Fairley will be able to set them up for the students. As always, all volunteers must be Virtus trained. If you would like to help us with this project, please use the following link: [ChromeBook Volunteer](#)



3 pallets of Chromebooks arrive!

Key Dates

(Note: dates are subject to change)

November

16 (Wed)	Financial Aid Webcast (8:00 PM)
17 (Thurs)	Mass (10:00 AM)
18 (Fri)	Reconciliation; grades 3-8
18 (Fri)	7th & 8th Grade Dance (7 - 9 PM)
22 (Wed)	T1 Ends
23-25 (W-F)	School Closed Thanksgiving Break No Wildcat Care
28-Dec 9	Secret Santa Shop

December

01	Staff Meeting No Wildcat Care
03 (Sat)	Breakfast with St. Nick Cafeteria (8:00 AM)
05 (Mon)	Christmas Program Grades 1-3 (7:00-8:00)
06 (Tue)	Christmas Program Grades 4-8 Band, Bells and Chorus (7:00 -8:00 PM)
08 (Thu)	Mass (10:00 AM)
09 (Fri)	Christmas Program PK3, PK4 & K (9:00-10:00 AM)
12 (Mon)	Story Time for Tots (8:30 – 9:30)
6 (Fri)	Race for Recreation Out of Uniform Day)
19 (Mon)	Christmas Parties PK3 & PK4 (10:15 -11:15); K & Grades 1-8 (1:30 - 2:30)
20 (Tue)	Noon Dismissal (No Wildcat Care) 21–Jan 2 School Closed Christmas Break; No Wildcat Care

Financial Aid Information Night Webcast - Date Change

The Financial Aid Webcast has been rescheduled for November 16th at 8:00 PM. The webcast is for anyone interested in applying for tuition assistance and receiving more information about the Parents in Partnership Volunteer program. The following topics will be covered in this webcast:

1. FACTS Grant & Aid
2. Archdiocesan Financial Assistance (AOB)
3. Parish Assistance - Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund (FCPTAF)
4. Friends of Catholic Education
5. SJRCS Tuition Assistance
6. Welcome Grant
7. Active Military and 100% disabled veteran discount
8. Knott Scholarship
9. BOOST Scholarship Program
10. Parents in Partnership Volunteer Program
11. New Student Referral Program
12. Raise Right (Formerly SCRIP)
13. FOCE - Grocery Store Certificates

The webcast will be posted here <https://www.sjrsc.org/parents#collapseac2be6483d6b496da0092c1daf917a18> on November 16 at 8:00 PM.

Blessings,

Dr. Annette Jones, Principal

Mrs. Christina Dabulskis, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kelly Weeks, Assistant Principal

New Items

Transcripts Request

All transcript requests should be directed to Mrs. Afable jafable@sjrsc.org. Please include the school name, email address, and "Attention to" on your request. Please note that we DO NOT release copies of transcripts to parents. Mrs. Afable will send it directly to the school. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call the school office.

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!

Reminders

Dismissal

Parents, please do not congregate on the sidewalks at dismissal as this impedes the students walking and the ability of teachers to identify student/parent connection for pickup. Please leave animals in your vehicle.

Lost and Found - The lost & found is overflowing! Please be sure to label your student's outer wear with their name so we can give items back when they come to the lost & found. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity on Nov. 18th.

PowerSchool

The end of the first trimester is quickly approaching. Please be sure to check PowerSchool to stay updated with your child's progress. Trimester 1 Progress Reports will be sent home electronically on December 2.

Raise Right - Reminder: the last day to order gift cards to ensure delivery before our Christmas break is on **Monday, Dec 12 by 8 am**. After this date, your gift cards may not arrive on time. There are special bonus points for some gift cards during the holidays so please check it out! www.raiseright.com

'TIS THE SEASON FOR EXTRA EARNINGS - Mark your calendar for these important dates. In addition to weekly and flash bonuses, take advantage of these large, multi-brand promotions to increase your holiday earnings.

- **November 17 - 18 | Raise Days (formerly ThankScripting Day)** - 2 days of big bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded cards only
- **Nov 26 - Dec 9 | Dazzle Days Holiday Bonuses** - Special 2-week bonuses and 1-day surprise bonuses on popular gifting brands, including eGift and physical gift cards
- **Dec 10 - 19 | eGift Card Bonuses** - Wrap up your holiday shopping with more bonuses on eGift cards—the perfect last-minute gift
- **Limited-time \$5 & \$10 gift cards | Now through Dec 31** (or while supplies last). Great stocking stuffers and small gifts for friends, teachers, bus drivers, mail carriers, and more.



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 featuring a few of our Administrative team members:

Mrs. Kira Froude, RN is our school nurse. This is her first year as full time staff; but she has been a part of SJRCS for over a decade as a parent to three Wildcats: Jimmy(15), Samantha(13), and Anne (10). She is a graduate of the United States Military Academy and served 5 years as an Army Officer. Her nursing background includes psychiatric, correctional, and adult/pediatric perioperative nursing. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering with St. Timothy's Catholic Church Youth Ministry.



Mrs. Kira Froude

Mr. Michael Fairley is our Technology Director here at SJRCS. This is his fourth year at St. John, but his second year as full time Technology Director. Mr. Fairley lives in Frederick with his wife Denise and their three-month-old son, Kace. Outside of work and family, Mr. Fairley also enjoys coaching lacrosse at Walkersville High School, and volunteers with the Key City Foundation here in Frederick.



Mr. Michael Fairley

Mrs. Karen Gawinske graduated from California University of Pennsylvania with a BS in Education, Speech Pathology and Audiology with a minor in Child Psychology. She has two daughters that graduated from St. Johns. Mrs. Gawinski has taught at SJRCS for 25 years and has been a member of the school community for 30 years. She says she is "blessed to have her family close by which allows her to spend lots of time with her two grandsons." In her free time she enjoys yoga, baking and gardening.



Mrs. Karen Gawinski

Mrs. Beth Kopta is a social worker and this is her first year working as the School Counselor at SJRCS and is the proud parent of an SJRCS alum. Her previous experience includes working with troubled youth and stabilizing placements for kids in foster care. She enjoys walking Chiquita, the family rescue dog from Puerto Rico, and spending time with her husband, son and family and friends.



Mrs. Beth Kopta

Admissions News

Story Time for Tots

The SJRCS library was full of little turkeys on Monday for Story Time for Tots. Ms. Gawinkse read our visitors, along with a few of our PK3B students, a story about giving thanks and then it was time to shake our tail feathers through songs and dance. The craft of the day was turkey headbands and then we wrapped up Story Time with a fun snack and good conversation. We look forward to our next Story Time for Tots which will be held December 12th with a theme of Away in a Manger. Reserve your spot today!

<https://www.sjrscs.org/storytimetots>



Advancement Corner

Gala Planning Meeting

The Gala Committee will be holding its first meeting this Thursday, November 17th after drop-off in the conference room. Please join us if you would like to join the committee! Please contact the Chair, Mrs. Allison Dunn at Allison.Newhouse@gmail.com with any questions.

Seventh & Eighth Grade Dance

Each student that attends needs to have a permission slip returned to the office. Please send it back to the office by Wednesday, November 16th. It is going home with your students tomorrow in paper form and is available electronically here, [Dance Permission Slip](#).

There is a \$10 ticket fee to attend the dance. The link to pay through MySchoolBucks is here: [My School Bucks](#). Cash will not be collected at the door.

We need parent volunteers, must be Virtus trained, to help with setup and cleanup still. Please sign up through the Sign Up Genius; [Signup Genius](#).

Additionally, please review the rules pertaining to Middle School Dances in the handbook, listed here: [SJRCs Dress Code](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Lara Schumacher at LSchumacher@sjrcs.org.



SJRCs Golf Hat

Couldn't make the Golf Tournament? But would like the Sweet Callaway SJRCs hat in Navy? Purchase your own for \$35 here! [Purchase Golf Hats Link](#) **Thank you to our Sponsors!**

If you would like to become a sponsor of the school, please contact our Advancement Director, Lara Schumacher at LSchumacher@sjrcs.org.

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H.S.A. Happenings

HO, HO, HO - it's that time of year again when the Santa Workshop is ready for our children to come in and purchase gifts for their family members. Our elves have been hard at work to bring some new, exciting and great gifts for everyone on their nice list! Volunteers will be needed throughout the two weeks beginning on Monday, November 28th thru Friday, December 9th. The schedule this year will be the following:

- Monday - November 28th - set up on the stage (the more volunteers we have for this will greatly help)
- Tuesday - November 29 thru Wednesday, December 7th - the Secret Santa shop will be open to students (class schedule will be given before Thanksgiving Break. During this time, we need festive elves to help our students shop - please look out for the sign up genius to be sent out soon and remember these volunteer hours will help reduce your tuition costs.
- Thursday, December 8th thru Friday, December 9th - tear down, pack up and clean up. Again, volunteers are greatly appreciated during this time as well...

Thank you and we hope to see you during our Santa Workshop this year!

Link to sign up genius will be posted shortly to this site:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/6327EDB01A6C8EFC71-sjrcsopportunities>

Breakfast with Santa – December 3rd

The Breakfast with Santa event is almost sold out! Please fill out your forms and send it into the front office with payment as soon as possible. We are also looking for some Virtus trained volunteers as well, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549abaf28a1fc1-breakfast2>

Don't miss the opportunity to kick off the Holiday season with a delicious breakfast, crafts, games, and lots of Christmas fun! Doors open at 8am, breakfast starts at 8:30, and if the kids are good, Santa will stop by for a visit and pictures from 9-10:30. *Thank you to Whelan Photography and Knights of Columbus #14011 for supporting this event!* To volunteer or for questions please contact Lori Salvatore, loribsalvatore@gmail.com.

Father-Daughter Dance, Save the Date!

"Daddy and Me, Under the Sea!" Our father-daughter dance will be on Saturday, February, 11th from 6pm-9pm. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on this popular event.

An underwater-themed background with a light blue and white bokeh effect. It features various sea creatures: a pink jellyfish on the left, a purple starfish on the right, and several colorful fish (blue, pink, and purple) swimming. There are also purple and pink coral-like structures and green seaweed at the bottom. The title 'Save the Date' is written in a large, elegant, dark blue cursive font.

Save the Date

Daddy and Me, Under the Sea!
Father-Daughter Dance

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6:00-9:00 PM

St. John Regional Catholic School
McElroy Hall

formal invitation to follow