



January 6, 2023

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!



### Here's the Scoop!

Dear Parents,

#### **Brendan Crow**

As you may know, Mrs. Cindy Crow, grade 7 & 8 Instructional assistant, lost her son, Brendan, in a car accident over Christmas break. A St. John Regional Catholic School alumnus, Brendan, his wife, and three children lived in New Hampshire. Here is the link to Brendan's obituary:

<https://www.stilloaks.com/obituary/Brendan-Crow>

The students and staff ensured a Mass intention and prayed for Brendan and his family. We will continue to support Mrs. Crow as she is planning to return to SJRCS next week.

As a school community, we will be collecting donations to the Education Fund for their children, Devin, Everett, and Levi. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to SJRCS, place the check in an envelope marked "Brendan Crow Fund", and send it to the school office. Donations will be accepted through the end of January. One heartfelt donation will be gifted to the family on behalf of the St. John Regional Catholic School Community.

We appreciate your consideration and generosity. Please continue to keep Mrs. Crow and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **Tuition for 2023-2024**

Currently, we are finalizing the budget and tuition rates for the 2023-2024 school year. We will share the new tuition rates as soon as possible.

#### Key Dates

January	Key Dates
06 (Fri)	Mass (10:00 AM)
09 (Mon)	Story Time for Tots (8:30 – 9:30 AM)
09-27	MapGROWTH Testing & Makeup
10 (Tue)	Wildcat Fellowship (Church)
11 (Wed)	H.S.A. Meeting - Cafeteria (6:00 PM)
13 (Fri)	7th/8th Grade Dance (Cafeteria: 7PM- 9PM)
16 (Mon)	<b>School Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No Wildcat Care)</b>
17 (Tue)	Wildcat Fellowship (Church)
19 (Thu)	Mass (10:00 AM)
19 (Wed)	North Bay Parent Meeting (Grade 6 parents: <b>virtual meeting</b> 6PM - 7PM)
21 (Fri)	Interims
24 (Tue)	Wildcat Fellowship (Church)
25 (Wed)	Spelling Bee (Cafeteria 10 AM - 11 AM)
29 – Feb. 3	Catholic Schools Week
31 (Tue)	Wildcat Fellowship (Church)

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

### **Current Students (Re-Enrollment)**

#### Early Bird Rate

- January 19, 2022 (estimated opening) - February 28, 2022
- 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 Tuesday, March 1, 2022
- 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

### **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**

### **Healthy Habits: A Message from Nurse Froude**

Please continue to remain vigilant and monitor the health of the members of your household. We have had cases of COVID, RSV, and Flu reported throughout the school. If a child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID, RSV, or Flu, they should remain home to avoid exposing the school community to illness. Students should also stay home for 24 hours after having a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, vomiting, and/or diarrhea. Please report any positive

COVID, RSV, or Flu tests to the school nurse at [kfroude@sjrcs.org](mailto:kfroude@sjrcs.org) or call the front office. Together we can reinforce hand washing and covering coughs to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Our school will continue to have high-touch surfaces cleaned and disinfected.

### **Snack Table**

We would like to have our Snack Table return, but we need your help! If you would like to volunteer to help staff this, please go to the sign up genius and sign up under Lunch table duties: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549abaf28a1fc1-january3#/> Thank you.

## **REMINDERS**

### **Spelling Bee**

We are very excited to announce that SJRCS students in grades 4-8 will be participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee on January 25th. We will start with Class Bees for each ELA class. The two top spellers in each ELA class will 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. Be on the lookout next week for more information!

### **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 a month. 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.

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### **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. If you plan on attending, please complete this [brief form](#).

### 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 leadership team:

**Mrs. Christina Dabulskis** is one of our assistant principals at SJRCS. An educator for 17 years, Mrs. Christina Dabulskis has been working at SJRCS for three years, two years as a teacher and now as an assistant principal. She has previously served as an elementary school teacher, in both the public and private school systems. Mrs. Dabulskis began her career at Towson University Childcare Center, immediately following her graduation from Towson University. There she mentored the student teachers as well as taught a class of her own.

After two years, Mrs. Dabulskis had the opportunity to serve as an elementary school teacher at Little Flower Catholic School in southern Maryland and from there taught in Frederick County Public Schools for 11 years. She has been a kindergarten teacher, here at SJRCS, for the last 2 years. During her teaching career, Mrs. Dabulskis has served additional roles such as new teacher mentor, peer coaching, as well as being involved in a variety of committees.

Mrs. Dabulskis, a native of southern Maryland, has resided in the Frederick area for 12 years with her husband, Stephen and their daughter, Hannah, who is currently pursuing an early childhood education degree. Mrs. Dabulskis believes in enjoying life by being of service to others. She has served her community in a variety of ways, including CASA and the City of Frederick Food Bank. She is also a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and in her free time, she enjoys reading, journaling, traveling, baking, and spending time with family and friends. She also has a puppy, Lucy, that she loves walking around Baker Park. So, if you see Lucy and Mrs. Dabulskis, be sure to say hi!

Mrs. Dabulskis holds a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education from Towson University and is currently pursuing her certification in school administration from Marymount University.

**Dr. Annette Jones** has served in various roles in Catholic education for over 25 years. In Indianapolis, she worked as a principal for 17 years and also as an assistant principal and teacher. In 2015, Dr. Jones and her husband, Martin, moved to Maryland where Dr. Jones

worked as the Assistant Director of Leadership Development and School Leadership at the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

Dr. Jones continues to be engaged in national and international education by presenting at conferences and publishing articles and resources for professional organizations. As a two-time Fulbright awardee, she traveled to Finland in 2005 and Argentina in 2011. She presently serves as the elected President of the National Capital Area Chapter (NCAC) of the Fulbright Association and is a board member of Friends of Fulbright Alumni Council.

Dr. Jones holds a Doctor of Education degree in educational administration and supervision and a Specialist in Education degree in school superintendency from Ball State University. Her doctoral research centered on building teacher leadership capacity in National Blue Ribbon Catholic schools throughout the United States. She completed a Master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Butler University and a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and French education (minor) from Wittenberg University.

Dr. and Mr. Jones are the parents of two grown children, Matthew and Allison, who attended Catholic elementary and high schools in Indianapolis, then graduated from Purdue University. The Jones family enjoyed a wonderful fall of 2022! Allison and her husband, Zach, welcomed their daughter, Valerie, in October and Matthew married his sweetheart, Chelsea, in November. In her leisure time, Dr. Jones enjoys traveling, spending time with her family and friends, exercising, gardening, and baking.

**Mrs. Kelly Weeks** has served in various roles in Catholic schools for 15 years and began serving as Assistant Principal for St. John's this school year. After undergraduate graduation, Mrs. Weeks returned to her elementary Alma Mater at Saint Mary's School in Rockville, Maryland as a special educator. After two years, Mrs. Weeks began teaching first grade at Holy Cross Elementary School in Garrett Park, Maryland. In 2019, Mrs. Weeks and her family moved to Frederick and she continued her administrative career as the Director of Enrollment at Saint John's Catholic Prep in Buckeystown. In 2021, Mrs. Weeks came to SJRCS and taught first grade. Throughout Mrs. Weeks' career, she has been a peer coach and evaluator, mentor, and has served on school boards and committees.

Mrs. Weeks earned her Bachelor's Degree from Mount Saint Mary in Elementary and Special Education. She continued her education at the Mount and earned her Graduate Degree in education, with a concentration in reading. Soon after, she earned a post master's certification in Administration from Notre Dame in Maryland.

Mrs. Weeks has lived in Frederick for almost four years with her husband, Tanner, and their two sons, Tommy and Liam. Tommy is a kindergartener and thriving at SJRCS. Liam, a future Wildcat, is two and half years old.



**Mrs. Christina Dabulskis**



**Dr. Annette Jones**



**Mrs. Kelly Weeks**

## Admissions News

### Story Time for Tots

Join us for our next Story Time for Tots which will be held January 9th with a theme of Snowflakes Falling All Around! Kids will be able to enjoy a story, dancing, craft, and snack! Reserve your spot today! <https://www.sjracs.org/storytimetots>

### New Students

We would like to welcome seven new Wildcats and their families to SJRCS!!! Daniel Alvarez (4), Javier Alvarez (3), Paden Cheniba (PK4), Ava Corke-Malik (2), Angela Dube (1), Evelyn Kline (PK3), and Rayna Whitman (PK3)- Welcome to St. John Regional Catholic School!

### Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer Hours Opportunity! We are currently planning our Spring 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@sjracs.org](mailto:kgalvas@sjracs.org). **The Open House is scheduled for February 2nd 9AM - 11AM and 4PM - 6:30PM.** Thank you for considering. Go Wildcats!

## Advancement Corner

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

The next dance would be on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 7PM - 9 PM. If interested, please complete the permission slip and return to school by Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, and head to [MySchoolBucks](#) to purchase your ticket. Please consider supporting the 7th and 8th Grade Dance by volunteering. Please see [SignUp Genius](#) for details.





## **NCEA Day of Giving to Catholic Schools**

On Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will kick off our Annual Fund Day of Giving to SJRC'S. 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 [Allison.Newhouse@gmail.com](mailto:Allison.Newhouse@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **Auction Committee Meeting**

The Auction Committee needs volunteers to help on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30 PM. We will be organizing a mailing for the Auction to be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>! Your time will count towards volunteer hours.

The Auction Committee will be meeting again on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Please join us as we organize the 2023 Auction. The work that this committee does can take place outside of school hours. This is the ultimate committee for those that can't really attend meetings due to work constraints or having smaller children.

If you have any questions, please contact Auction Co-Chairs Emily Long and Allison Giampapa at [auction@sjrcs.org](mailto:auction@sjrcs.org).

## **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 12<sup>th</sup>. Any parents interested in participating in the

event, should please email Mrs. Schumacher at [Lschumacher@sjrcs.org](mailto:Lschumacher@sjrcs.org). The committee will host a planning meeting in the next few weeks – stay tuned for more information.

### **SJRCS Golf Hats**



We still have Golf Hats available: [Purchase Golf Hats Link](#)

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

### **The Next H.S.A Meeting**

The next HSA meeting will be Wednesday, January 11th at 6:00 PM in McElroy Hall. Please join us as we welcome guest speaker Michael Veilleux. Michael is a Network & Systems Engineer with the following specialties. MCTS, MCP, Net+, Sec+, Information Assurance Security Officer, Information Assurance Manager and Information Systems Security Manager.

He is an IT professional with a well versed background in computer systems, servers and networks - from home computers and end user support all the way up to nationwide networks and data centers.

Michael states: *“I do what I do because I love technology and I love people. Computers do exactly and explicitly what we tell them to do, without deciphering if what we’re telling them what to do is right or wrong. I think if more people understood how and why the computer does what it does, a lot of problems would disappear. Seeing people become more engaged and knowledgeable in properly using and maintaining their systems is a reward both to the end user and to myself.”*

Join us as he discusses online safety precautions we as parents can take to protect our children. Learn more about parental controls and securities that we should be taking to ensure responsible and proactive actions online and at home.

We are excited to have Michael share his expertise!

### **“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](mailto:mollygilbreth@gmail.com) or Katie Crunkilton at [k.crunkilton@gmail.com](mailto:k.crunkilton@gmail.com).

The Father Daughter Dance committee needs 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! If you would like to become a sponsor of the school, please contact our Advancement Director, Lara Schumacher at [LSchumacher@sjrcs.org](mailto:LSchumacher@sjrcs.org).

## *Thank you to our sponsors!*

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