



WILDCAT WIRE



December 6, 2022

Advent Prayer

*We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.*



Here's the Scoop!

Dear Parents,

Music Program

Congratulations to the first, second, and third grade students who performed in the music program last night. You did an amazing job! We are so grateful for Mrs. Frazier's talent and leadership with the SJRCS music program!

Christmas Festivities

Just a reminder, the Christmas program for Grades 4-8 will be held this evening at 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program will be held on Friday from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. We hope to see you there!

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.

Spelling Bee

We are very excited to announce that SJRCS students in grades 4-8 will be participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee this school year! 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 this week for more information!

St. Nicholas Day

Today, the students and staff celebrated the Feast of St. Nicholas. The students received small candy canes as a special treat. St. Nicholas even visited some of the classrooms!



Blessings,

Dr. Annette Jones, Principal

Mrs. Christina Dabulskis, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kelly Weeks, Assistant Principal

Key Dates

December

Thru Dec 9	Secret Santa Workshop
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 AM)
16 (Fri)	Race for Recreation <i>Out of Uniform Day</i> for Students
19 (Mon)	Christmas Parties PK3 & PK4 (10:15 -11:15 AM); Kindergarten & Grades 1-8 (1:30 - 2:30)
20 (Tue)	Half-day Dismissal
21–Jan. 2	School Closed – Christmas Break

Reminders

Secret Santa Workshop



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 the entire family. The workshop will be open through December 9th.

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.

School Folders Advertisers

J.M. Gaske, Inc. prints our school folders for free, but we cannot do it without your help. They are looking for advertisers for these folders. Please see the attached flier for information about becoming a sponsor. Thank you.

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!

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.

- **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 our Pre-K3 team:

Mrs. Sharon Connell – Sharon Connell has worked in a variety of positions at Saint John Regional Catholic School since 2005; but, her favorite moments include interacting with preschoolers and greeting parents and students in the morning car line. Sharon is active in her parish choir at St. John the Evangelist Church. Besides singing, she enjoys gardening, cooking, swimming, and walking throughout downtown Frederick. Sharon grew up in Pennsylvania where she attended Catholic Elementary and High School and College (Immaculata University). She earned her master’s degree at Hood College. She and her husband George have been married for 41 years and are the parents of 4 grown children, 4 grand pups, and their dog, Belle.

Mrs. Gisela Guedez-Marrero is a proud Wildcat’s mom of a four-year-old girl (Victoria). Last year she enjoyed volunteering at the school so much that she became an Instructional Aide this year. She lives in Frederick with her husband (Cesar) and her daughter. Outside of work, Mrs. Marrero loves to spend time with family and friends. She likes to travel, explore new places, and watch Ballet and Flamenco performances.

Mrs. Crystal Jones is a wife and a mother of five children. She has been teaching Pre-K for over 20 years, with this being her first year at SJRCS. She says, “she is enjoying her PreK-3 class this year at SJRCS”. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Mrs. Michele Thomas is a member of St. Katharine Drexel church. She and her husband have three children who attend SJRCS. They enjoy traveling and outdoor living in their Winnebago, with the Outer Banks being their favorite destination. A few things you may not know about Mrs. Thomas is a big Orioles and Ravens fan, her favorite color is blue, her favorite holiday is Easter and she has a 1-year old, red, standard poodle named Madden.

Advancement Corner

Gala Planning Meeting

The Gala Committee will be holding a meeting this Friday, December 16th 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.

Pop-Up Shop

We are anticipating all orders from the pop-up shop shortly. Anyone who chose to have their items delivered to the school will receive an email alerting them when the items arrive. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schumacher at LSchumacher@sjrcs.org



Mrs. Sharon Connell



Mrs. Gisela Guedez-Marrero



Mrs. Crystal Jones



SJRCS Golf Hat

Hats will be available for pick up on Monday, November 7th at Pick-Up starting at 2 PM. Mrs. Schumacher will have a table in the lower parking lot for those that wish to pick up their hats. If you would like to make other arrangements, please contact her at LSchumacher@sjrcs.org.

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](#)

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

Garden Committee

The Garden Committee has rescheduled its winter clean-up and decoration of the school grounds for December 10, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Any helping hands would be greatly appreciated. Please see the Sign-Up Genius link below to volunteer your time with the Garden Committee. Additionally, if you are cleaning out your boxes of Christmas decorations and have any gently used outdoor decorations that you would like to donate to the school, donations are appreciated. Please drop off any donations on December 10, 2022 between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. or contact Cindy Guilday at cmguilday@gmail.com to make donation arrangements. We hope to see you on December 10th and thank you in advance for your support!

Please sign up here to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549abaf28a1fc1-fall>

Secret Santa Shop-Beginning November 29th!

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:

- Tuesday - November 29 thru Wednesday, December 7th - the Secret Santa shop will be open to students;
- Thursday, December 8th thru Friday, December 9th - tear down, pack up and clean up. 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 to Volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549abaf28a1fc1-secret3>

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