



# The Wildcat Wire

St. John Regional Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter



October 1, 2021



## Here's the Scoop

Dear Parents,

One blessing of having children enrolled at St. John Regional Catholic School is the collaboration between parents and the SJRCS team. We are writing to ask for your assistance with speaking with your child(ren) about the current social media craze, the TikTok challenges. Being much more than simple shenanigans, these TikTok challenges entice students to engage in extremely disrespectful and highly inappropriate behavior toward their peers, adults (mostly school staff), and school property.

As a Catholic elementary school, we expect the students to make good choices and exhibit Catholic values. In September, the TikTok challenge was to mess up a toilet or vandalize the restroom at school. SJRCS has experienced at least five incidences of this behavior in September. Please remind your children that there are serious consequences for highly inappropriate and disrespectful actions at our school.

In the attached School Safety Bulletin, the Maryland Center for School Safety outlines information about social media and upcoming challenges. Please take a moment to review this detailed communication at this link: <https://content.myconnectsuite.com/api/documents/911f4c21db194201a8c13c930e24cdd8.pdf>

We thank you for speaking with your children about social media, specifically TikTok, monitoring their social media, and limiting their time on social media platforms. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

In Christ,

*Dr. Annette Jones*  
Principal

*Mrs. Kimberly Hanner*  
Assistant Principal



## Key Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 29** Individual Photos: Grades 6-8
- Sept. 30 Noon Dismissal**
- Sept. 30** Parent Teacher Conferences (1-4 PM and 5-7 PM)
- Sept. 30 – Oct. 7:** H.S.A. Book Fair
- Oct. 1** **Winter Uniform Begins**
- Oct. 7** **Noon Dismissal**
- Oct. 7** Parent Teacher Conferences (1-4 PM and 5-7 PM)
- Oct. 8** **No School-AOB Professional Day**
- Oct. 13** H.S.A. Meeting; 7:00 PM
- Oct. 15** Golf Tournament



## Administrative Items

### Parking Lot Repairs

Our parking lot will be undergoing crack repair. It is scheduled for the week of October 4 – 8. The areas will need to be roped off from 8:30 AM to about 1:30 PM. No one can park in those areas during the scheduled days. If the weather cooperates, the repair can set up in 30 to 45 minutes allowing us to re-open the lots quicker.

Monday 4 October - southern half of the Main Lot (next to the field)

Tuesday 5 October – northern half of the Main Lot (next to church lot). This will impact midday pickups.

Wednesday 6 October – church lot and front of the church

Thursday 7 October – overflow day for driveway areas and buffer for any unexpected weather.

Friday 8 October – side lot and parking up against the building. No one can park up against the building this day until completed.

**Note:** This work will not impact the arrival and departure process. However, if you come to the school campus during the day you may see different traffic patterns.

### Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

### Race for Recreation and Technology -October 21st

SJRCS is hosting a “Race for Recreation and Technology” on October 21st and asking students to share this link [www.sjracs.myfunrun.com](http://www.sjracs.myfunrun.com) with family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances to sponsor each child in the race. THANK YOU to families who have already shared this link!! We have already raised \$1,150. Please remember the money raised will go to purchase and upgrade items for the playground/recreation equipment, basketball area, and support the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum, and classroom technology. The students will run or walk around a track at the school, doing as many ¼ laps as they can. Each lap will be counted and the top 3 of each class will get a prize. The class with the most fundraising will earn a special treat!

Share this link [www.sjracs.myfunrun.com](http://www.sjracs.myfunrun.com) with family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances to sponsor each child in the race.

## Cafeteria News

Please remember to order lunch for each week before Sunday evening for the following week. [We encourage families to use the online ordering system in My School Bucks store.](#) Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Consider helping to deliver lunches or monitor recess, sign up here for September and October. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549abaf28a1fc1-daily>

Thank you to all our volunteers for assisting with packing up lunches for our Wildcat students!



## HSPT for 8th Graders

**LAST CHANGE to register, registrations closes on October 6th!!** SJRCS is offering a HSPT Test Prep course taught by Mrs. Cody and Mrs. LaPier via Google Meet/Classroom to review math and language arts concepts as well as learn some test-taking strategies starting mid October lasting 6 weeks. Registration is currently open: <https://forms.gle/WchnaAXK5LCfamw58> the cost of the course is \$60 plus \$15 for the book.

Reminder to register for the Catholic High School Entrance Test before December 1st. The exam will be administered at SJRCS and registration is open until November 29th. Follow this link to register: <https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php> All AOB 8th grade students will be taking the exam at their home school. Frequently asked questions regarding the HSPT can be found here: <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-placement-test/>

## Golf Tournament

[Limited Space left for teams or individuals](#), register today for the 23rd Annual Monsignor Echle Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021, at **Musket Ridge Golf Club**. Registration will begin at 8 am, with a 9 am shot-gun start. Carts, Greens fees, Range Balls, Breakfast and Lunch provided by Chick-fil-a

Frederick, Dinner by PIGS BBQ catering, Beverages provided by Brewer's Alley, Contest, Raffles, and Prizes are included.

Register today at <https://www.sjrccs.org/golftournament>  
Questions? John Barrett [johnbarrettjr@gmail.com](mailto:johnbarrettjr@gmail.com)

### **Volunteers Needed! (Earn Bonus Hours)**

Please join us as a volunteer during this fun event! Volunteers will earn 2 credit hours for every hour volunteered during the event.

[Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#)

Questions? Kristin Dusablon [kmdusablon@gmail.com](mailto:kmdusablon@gmail.com)

### **Donations Wanted!**

Please consider donating items for our raffle baskets! You will receive 4 tuition credit hours for items donated towards the raffle baskets and prizes.

[Amazon](#) or via [Sign Up Genius](#)

Questions? Kristin Dusablon [kmdusablon@gmail.com](mailto:kmdusablon@gmail.com)



This week we would like you to get to know Mrs. Kaempfer, our School Nurse and Ms. Weber, our School Counselor. These two ladies may work behind the scenes, but they are key to our student health and welfare!

**Mrs. Lisa Kaempfer** is a Registered Nurse and is beginning her eighth year at SJRCS. She has been married for 27 years to her husband, Carl. They have three children, two have graduated from college, and the youngest is a senior in high school. Mrs. Kaempfer enjoys spending time with her family, and hiking with her 2 dogs Loki and Odin.

**Ms. Carley Weber** is originally from Philadelphia, PA and moved to Maryland last year. Prior to her current role as the school counselor at SJRCS, Ms. Weber was a behavioral specialist at a school specializing in Autism Spectrum Disorders. She has experience counseling students throughout their academic careers from Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade in both the public and private sectors of education.

This is Ms. Weber's second year at SJRCS, and she says, "the favorite part about her job is having the privilege to build relationships with each of our students. They truly are amazing!" In her free time, she enjoys watching football, cooking and baking, and visiting my family and friends.



**Mrs. Lisa Kaempfer, RN**  
**School Nurse**



**Ms. Carley Weber**  
**School Counselor**



## Home and School Associate (H.S.A.)

### HSA Meeting

Save the date! Our first general HSA meeting of the year is coming up on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in McElroy Hall. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is open! The fair runs from through 10/7. See the flyer from last week's electronic Friday Folder for more details. Please remember to send cash, check, or setup an E-wallet for your child to shop on their scheduled day.

We still need volunteers to help students shop throughout next week and take down the fair on the evening of 10/7. Please use the signup genius below if interested. All volunteers receive tuition credit. ***VIRTUS certification is required.***

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0549ABAF28A1FC1-scholastic>

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Derr (megan.derr@gmail.com) or Pauline Dahlin (thedahlinmob@comcast.net).

### Calling all Homeroom Teacher Volunteers!

Thank you so much to the parents who have already volunteered!!! We will be in contact soon, once we have enough volunteers for all classes.

We are still in need of **2** homeroom parent volunteers for the following classes:  
PK4B, 4A, 5C, 6B, 7B, 7C, 8B

We are still in need of **1** homeroom parent volunteer for the following classes:  
KA, 3C, 4C, 5A, 6A, 6C, 7A, 8C, Library/Technology, Music/Art and PE/Spanish

This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved, interact with the students and teachers, and have fun planning holiday parties. ***VIRTUS certification is required to volunteer.***

If you are interested in volunteering as a homeroom parent, please complete the google form at <https://forms.gle/KV3RPvsgHirLg4qr7>. If you have any questions, please contact Molly Gilbreth at mollygilbreth@gmail.com.

### Garden Committee

The Garden Committee is in need of donations and volunteers to help prepare the school grounds for the fall season on the weekend of October 16-17 from 8-noon. Donations need to be dropped off on October 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-noon since they are outdoor items. All volunteers and donations qualify for tuition hours.

Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0549ABAF28A1FC1-garden3>

Donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0549ABAF28A1FC1-garden4>



## Around the School

**Our school gets a facelift!**

**A very special thank you to one of our parents, Mr. John Andrews, owner of Andrews Landscaping Enterprises. He graciously donated his time, flowers and mulch and spruced up our gardens!**



**Our long-awaited school signage arrived!**

