





January 10, 2023

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothgrbut binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, thec@uscbious way.



Dear Parents,

### 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.

#### **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

#### **Key Dates**

January	
06 (Fri)	Mass (10:00 AM)
09 (Mon)	Story Time for Tots (8:30 – 9:30 AM)
09-27	MapGROWTH Testing
10 (Tue)	Wildcat Fellowship (Church)
11 (Wed)	H.S.A. Meeting - Cafeteria (6:00 PM)
13 (Fri)	7th/8th Grade Dance (Cafeteria:
	7 PM- 9PM)
16 (Mon)	School Closed
	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
	(No Wildcat Care)
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)

# **NEW ITEMS**

## **Parking Lot**

Please remember to slow down in the parking lot and follow the directions of the parking coordinators.

# **REMINDERS**

# 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 <u>SignUp</u> <u>Genius</u> for details.



# 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!

### 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 fantastic front office staff!

**Mrs. Joy Afable** immigrated from the Philippines in 1987. She now lives in Frederick with her husband, Lawrence. They have 2 children who were both SJRCS alums, Jessica (2012) and Lucas (2015).

Mrs. Afable joined the SJRCS team in 2006 as an Art aide. During her time at St. Johns, she worked as an Instructional Assistant for 2nd, 3rd, and 7th grades. She transitioned to the front office in March 2020.

In her spare time, Mrs. Afable enjoys her weekend hanging out with her family and trying different places to eat. She is a huge fan of all things soccer, especially USWNT, college basketball (Villanova) and college football (Penn State)-she is also a fan of the Washington Commanders and is convinced that every year, "could be the year!" ©

**Ms. Kathy Crosby** – has been an Executive Assistant to Dr. Annette Jones for the past one and half years. Prior to coming to SJRCS, she was the Executive Assistant at Saint John's Catholic Prep, and worked for a government subcontractor in various management and staff positions.

Ms. Crosby has 2 fantastic sons, Ryan and Connor, a grandson, Crosby, who has stolen her heart, and a granddaughter due any day! She has a very hairy Golden Retriever named Maddie. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, biking, traveling and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Jennifer Eash is the Office Manager at SJRCS. She worked as a Middle School Assistant and then moved to the front office where she has been for the last 18 years.

She has two grown children who graduated from SJRCS. She lives in Monrovia with her husband Darren, where they love to host lots of family parties and have their two grandchildren over for sleepovers.

Mrs. Eash says, "working at St. Johns has been such a blessing. Most of my very best friendships were made here at SJRCS!"

# Admissions News

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 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 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@sircs.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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Allison.Newhouse@gmail.com with any questions.



Mrs. Joy Afable



Ms. Kathy Crosby



Mrs. Jen Eash

# **Auction Committee Meeting**

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

The Auction Committee will be meeting again on Friday, January 20th 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 <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 12<sup>th</sup>. Any parents interested in participating in the event, should please email Mrs. Schumacher at <u>Lschumacher@sjrcs.org</u>. 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.)

#### **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#/

#### **H.S.A Meeting**

The next HSA meeting will be tomorrow night, 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 <a href="mailto:mollygilbreth@gmail.com">mollygilbreth@gmail.com</a> or Katie Crunkilton at <a href="mailto:k.crunkilton@gmail.com">k.crunkilton@gmail.com</a>.

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