



St. John Regional Catholic School
Electronic Media and Online Resources
2023-2024 School Year

Dear Parents:

St. John Regional Catholic School will be participating in a suite of web-based online tools to enhance your child's learning. We will be using Google Workspace for Education and additional curriculum resources in our classrooms. These powerful, productive, and collaborative online resources, used by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, allow students and teachers to work together on projects via the web and in real-time. We are excited as this represents an important step in our digital learning plan towards teaching 21st-century skills to all students.

In the fall, all students will be provided with school assigned user IDs and passwords to complete class assignments. Please do not change your child's username and password, as it leads to confusion while using the resources during school. Students will have a Google Workspace for Education account that integrates with a site called Google Classroom. This is a secure learning network that allows students to interact with their teachers regarding classroom assignments, homework, and activities, all without access to email.

Your student's teachers will use the following electronic resources for lessons, assignments, and communication in a structured manner. Students will be instructed that their electronic media accounts are an extension of the classroom and the use of their account is subject to the same rules of appropriate classroom behavior expected at school. Teachers will be working with students to educate them around utilizing the online resource productively and responsibly. All students using the SJRCS Google Workspace for Education account and digital resources are bound by the policies and guidelines as outlined in the Technology Acceptable Use Policy. Students found to be misusing their accounts or violating policies will be referred to the school's administration.

Electronic Media and Online resources used at SJRCS for educational purposes include, but are not limited to:

- **Google Classroom** – SJRCS Teachers in Grades PreK-8 use this Google product to ***communicate homework***, in addition to creating paperless classrooms where students can upload assignments to their teachers. This program works in conjunction with Google Docs, Slides, Sheets, and Drawings. Google Classroom does have email notification options for parents. Details on how to receive email invitations will be sent home in the Friday Folder following back to school night. An app is available for use on mobile devices.
- **Google Drive** - Available anywhere from any device with Internet access, providing storage for documents and files. Students can develop an e-portfolio of work throughout their years at school.

- **IXL** – An online program that supports curriculum content with unlimited practice skills. Students in Grades 1-3 have access to Math and Reading exercises, and students in Grades 4-8 have access to activity practices in Math, Reading, and Spanish.
- **English/Language Arts**
 - SuperKids/Zaner-Bloser (K-4)
 - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2-6)
 - Voyages (6-8)
 - Collections (8)
- **Math**
 - Sadlier (K-5)
 - McGraw Hill Reveal Math (6-8)
- **Science**
 - Discovery Education (K-8)
 - Mystery Science (K-5)
 - Savvas Elevate Science (1-6)
- **Social Studies**
 - McGraw Hill IMPACT Social Studies (K-3)
 - Gibbs-Smith (4)
 - TCI (5&6)
 - Discovery Education (7&8)

Thank you for your support as we move forward with 21st-century teaching and learning at St. John Regional Catholic School. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Technology Director, Michael Fairley, at mfairley@sjrcs.org.

Further information about Google Workspace for Education can be found here:
<https://support.google.com/a/answer/139019?hl=en>