



WILDCAT WIRE



November 2, 2022

The Scoop



Dear Parents,



An amazing picture of the rainbow over our school yesterday morning and wanted to share! Thank you Korrie DeLaney Miller for the awesome picture.

Socktober

We would like to thank everyone who donated to our Socktober Drive. We collected a record number of 1,325 pairs of socks! These will be donated to the Frederick Rescue Mission, right here in the Frederick area. Thank you so much!

As a way of thanking our students for their wonderful efforts, tomorrow is **Crazy Sock Day!** Please show your spirit by wearing your craziest socks!

Safety

Keeping our school safe is everyone's responsibility. SJRCS is currently working towards becoming a Safe Schools Maryland School. Safe Schools Maryland exists to ensure that our schools and our students remain safe and secure. With Safe Schools Maryland, all interested members of our communities are able to report their school and student safety concerns anonymously and securely. Please see the attached flyer with Safe Schools Maryland reporting information.

Key Dates

(Note: dates are subject to change)

November

- 01 (Tue) All Saints' Day
- 01 (Tue) Mass (10:00)
- 02 (Wed) **Crazy Sock Day**
- 11 (Fri) Veteran's Day
- 14 (Mon) Story Time for Tots (8:30 - 9:30 AM)
- 17 (Thurs) Mass (10:00 AM)
- 18 (Fri) Reconciliation; grades 3-8
- 18 (Fri) 7th & 8th Grade Dance (7 - 9 PM)
- 22 (Wed) T1 Ends
- 23-25 (W-F) **School Closed**

Thanksgiving Break
No Wildcat Care

28-Dec 9 Secret Santa Shop

December

- 03 (Sat) Breakfast with St. Nick Cafeteria (8:00 AM)
- 05 (Mon) Christmas Program Grades 1-3 (7:00-8:00)
- 06 (Tue) Christmas Program Grades 4-8
- Band, Bells and Chorus (7:00 -8:00 PM)
- 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)
- 16 (Fri) Race for Recreation Out of Uniform Day (only for those who raised money)
- 19 (Mon) Christmas Parties PK3 & PK4 (10:15 -11:15 AM); K & Grades 1-8 (1:30 - 2:30)
- 20 (Tue) **Noon Dismissal** (No Wildcat Care)
- 21-Jan 2 **School Closed**
Christmas Break
No Wildcat Care

New Prayer

Below is a new prayer which is being taught to our students through our morning prayer. It will be used between now and Advent.

Prayer to St. John the Apostle

O God, who through the blessed Apostle John
have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word,
grant, we pray,
that we may grasp with proper understanding
what he has so marvelously brought to our ears.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Blessings,

Dr. Annette Jones, Principal

Mrs. Christina Dabulskis, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kelly Weeks, Assistant Principal

New Items

Groundhog Relocation

There are several groundhogs that have made their home in the grassy area where the cemetery is located near the parking lot. On Wednesday a professional company will be here to relocate the groundhogs to another location away from the public. Cages will be placed in that area. Please do not walk in that area or touch the cages as the human scent will discourage the animals from entering the cage.

Please note: The groundhogs will be relocated, not eliminated.

Reminders

- **Dismissal** - Please remember early dismissal ends at 2:20 PM. **If you would like to sign your student out early, you must do it by 2:20 PM.**
- **Lost and Found** - The lost & found is overflowing! Please be sure to label your student's outer wear with their name so we can give items back when they come to the lost & found. **All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity on Nov. 18th.**



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 8th grade team:

Mrs. Amanda Cody has been teaching middle school in a Catholic school for twenty-two years. She is originally from Alabama, and she has lived in Maryland for 8 years. When not teaching, she enjoys reading, traveling, kayaking, and playing trivia.

Mrs. Julie Pessagno has been married to her husband, Chuck, for 30 years and are the proud parents of Lucie and Mimi who attended both SJRCS and SJCP. Mrs. Pessagno says teaching is a huge part of her life and that she has been blessed to be part of SJRCS for almost 15 years. It does take a lot of her time, so when she is not designing lessons or grading papers, she likes to walk Fred and Ginger, their two goldendoodles. In the summer, she enjoys reading books about important historical Americans and books about how geography has shaped human civilization. A favorite fun read is: "Fifty Dresses that Changed the World".

Mrs. Marlene Seifert is the 7th & 8th grade science teacher. She is happy to say that this is her third year teaching middle school at St. John's. Mrs. Seifert is married and has three children. Her son will be graduating from Tufts this year, her daughter is in her second year of medical school in Baltimore, and her oldest son is in Boston working in the tech industry. When not teaching, she likes to be outside riding my bike, hiking with my family, or running.

Mrs. Cindy Crow was born in Pittsburgh, PA and raised in Olde Towne, Alexandria where she attended St. Mary's Elementary School. She has three adult children, all of whom attended St. John's on Second Street.

She is the proud grandmother of 4 grandchildren with number five due in April!! This is her fifteenth year with St. John's!

Admissions Office

Intent to Re-Enroll

Please remember to log into your school admin account to complete your intent to re-enroll form which was due October 26th. This information helps the school get a grasp of numbers for budgeting purposes and will help us plan for the 23-24 school year. If you have a current 8th grader, please choose "graduating" from the drop down menu on the form. To log into your account, please use the link provided: https://sjrcs.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in If you need any assistance logging into your account, please reach out to our Admissions Director, Katharine Galvas at kgalvas@sjrcs.org.



Advancement Corner

Race for Recreation

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!! As a community, We raised over \$50,000 towards the upgrade of our playground! Did you know that the average playground costs roughly \$100,000?! The Advancement Office is busy writing grants to try and raise the remaining costs.

All of our students who received donations will be able to participate in our dress down day on December 16th! You can still donate until Friday, November 4th at <https://wwSJRCs.MyFunRun.Com>.

Seventh & Eighth Grade Dance

The School is hosting a 7th & 8th Grade dance on Friday, November 18th from 7 PM – 9PM. Students need to submit a permission slip and pay the \$10 entrance fee if they would like to participate. The MySchoolBucks payment link is here:

https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZHN21AU9M05WZW_ZZ5WRLAPMBWWKYZ

Wildcat Pop-up Shop

Pop-Up Shop will close on Friday, 11/4/22. Please don't miss out on these fun limited-edition items!

<https://modernspiritwear.com/collections/sjrCs>

SJRCS Golf Hat

Couldn't make the Golf Tournament? But would like the Sweet Callaway SJRCS hat in Navy? Purchase your own for \$35 here!

https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZHN21AU9M05WZW_ZZ5WJ7O5RW4T5OG



Become a Sponsor

Please consider becoming a School Sponsor! Sponsors receive many recognitions and tickets to our many events throughout the year. All of these donations are put directly into The Fund for St. John. It is our annual fund that bridges the gap between our tuition and the actual cost of educating our students! Learn more about your sponsorship opportunities here: <https://www.sjrCs.org/makeagifttoday>.

For any additional questions, please contact our Advancement Director, Lara Schumacher at LSchumacher@sjrCs.org.

Always a Wildcat Print

The Advancement Office has only 3 copies of Always a Wildcat by Yemi available for sale. The cost is \$150. Please contact Mrs. Schumacher to arrange the purchase, LSchumacher@sjrCs.org.

Thank You to Our Benefactor



- **The Evangelist Circle \$25,000+**
 - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Louden
- **Diamond Elite Level \$20,000+**
 - Chick-Fil-A Frederick
- **Diamond Level \$15,000+**
 - A Southern Affair, P.I.G.S. BBQ Catering
 - Andrews Landscaping Enterprises

Finance Corner

On November 9th at 8 PM, St. John will broadcast the 2023-2024 Financial Aid Information Night Webcast. The Financial Aid information is for everyone interested in applying for Tuition assistance and receiving more information about the parents in partnership volunteer program. The Financial Aid Information Night 2023-2024 will discuss the following topics:

- FACTS Grant & Aid
- Archdiocesan Financial Assistance (AOB)
- Parish Assistance - Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund (FCPTAF)
- Friends of Catholic Education
- SJRCS Tuition Assistance
- Welcome Grant
- Active Military and 100% disabled veteran discount
- Knott Scholarship
- BOOST Scholarship Program
- Parents in Partnership Volunteer Program
- New Student Referral Program
- Raise Right (Formerly SCRIP)
- FOCE - Grocery Store Certificates

The Webcast link will get posted on the SJRCS website under section Admission – Grant & Aid.

H.S.A. Happenings

Christmas Poinsettias & Greenery



Time to deck the halls! Make your home extra festive and support our school this year by purchasing some beautiful holiday greenery! Please see the following link for order form:

<https://content.myconnectsuite.com/api/documents/008da6604d7b4783ab6cc09e83c9aea3.pdf>

Breakfast with Santa – December 3rd

Tickets are on sale now for Breakfast with Santa, December 3rd. Don't miss the opportunity to kick off the Holiday season with a delicious breakfast, crafts, games, and lots of Christmas fun! Doors open at 8am, breakfast starts at 8:30, and if the kids are good, Santa will stop by for a visit and pictures from 9-10:30. *Thank you to Whelan Photography and Knights of Columbus #14011 for supporting this event!* Order forms will be sent in the Friday Folder and posted online. Please return your form and check payable to "SJRCS HSA" to the front office or student's teacher by November 22nd. Space is limited so get your ticket ASAP! We have many volunteer opportunities for this magical event (volunteers earn tuition credit). To volunteer or for questions please contact Lori Salvatore, loribsalvatore@gmail.com.

Father-Daughter Dance, Save the Date!

“Daddy and Me, Under the Sea!” Our father-daughter dance will be on Saturday, February, 11th from 6pm-9pm. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on this popular event. More information to come later. Please see the attached Save the Date flyer.



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Local School Officials



Mental Health Support

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Why is school safety important?



Allows students to feel happy, comfortable, and safe.



Safe schools = safer communities

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Save the Date

Daddy and Me, Under the Sea!
Father-Daughter Dance

SAT | 11 | FEB

6:00-9:00 PM

St. John Regional Catholic School
McElroy Hall

formal invitation to follow