



July 2023

Dear SJRCS Families,

“Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence.” Pope John Paul II

As we reflect on the past with gratitude, giving thanks to Dr. Jones for her leadership and guidance, we embrace the present with enthusiasm, optimism, and confidence and look forward to new opportunities and experiences in the year ahead.

We hope you’re making some wonderful family memories during our summer break, and look forward to sharing your experiences when we return later next month.

Each year brings a new AOB theme, and this year we’ll focus on “Joy of the Lord is your Strength”, Nehemiah 8:10. This verse reminds us strength derives from joy and a close connection with the Lord, and finding joy involves recognizing His presence, trusting in His promises, having faith, and experiencing His love and grace.



While enjoying some "downtime" from the usual school year routine our administrative staff is working to ensure students receive a heartfelt welcome on August 28th. Mr. Burrier, Mr. Price, Mr. Assurian, and Mr. Fairley, along with his helpers Alumni Eve Schumacher and Erin Eichelberger are enthusiastically preparing our school for the student’s return, and their dedication and hard work painting, cleaning, and prepping new resources demonstrate their continued commitment to a welcoming and comfortable environment.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation for the Garden Committee’s dedication to enhancing the school’s environment, creating positive and inviting atmospheres our entire community can enjoy.

We’ve had a few staffing changes; Mrs. Ramirez, 7th Grade teacher, has decided to dedicate her time to her family, 5th-grade teacher Ms. Kunzman accepted a teaching position closer to her family in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Lofland is Assistant Principal at another archdiocesan school, Mrs. Skaare’s family will be relocating with her family, Ms. Sandhu has accepted to lead the Wildcat Care program, Ms. White will be teaching first grade, Mrs. Dzodzomenyo will be teaching third grade, Mrs. Boscan will be teaching Spanish/Computers, and Mr. Nachteggall has accepted a teaching position in Catonsville closer to home. The SJRCS community wishes them great continued success as they create new chapters in their story. Ms. Kathleen Eichelberger joined the front office administration as an Executive Assistant, Mrs. Barbieri will assist in the front office, and Mrs. Hayden accepted a position as an Instructional Assistant. We are still interviewing several candidates for open positions at the school. Please share the information on these positions at <https://archbalt.jobs.net/> with your family and friends.

We recognize and appreciate your patience with the finance department, please note our posting for School accountant; if you know of a good candidate, please ask them to reach out. Additionally, an extension has been given for all tuition payments in full will be allowed up to August 31st.

The Home School Association (H.S.A.) has been busy event planning some really fun activities; please take a moment and review all the flyers contained in our summer packet for more details (many of which need to be completed and returned to school.)

For those new to SJRCS, this summer packet also includes lots of important information including the school calendar and special events listings; we look forward to maximum participation!

Of note - Friday, August 25th will be our annual Meet the Teacher Day for grades K-8. Students and parents are invited to meet their teachers, and students are permitted to be out of uniform. Meet the Teacher Day is the perfect day to bring your supplies, and the school nurse, Mrs. Froude, will be here to accept student medications. New upper-grade students can practice opening their lockers!

As we plan for Meet the Teacher Day please adhere to the following schedule to avoid everyone arriving simultaneously!

The last name begins with Q-Z 8:30 AM-9:15 AM

The last name begins with I-P 9:30 -10:15 AM

The last name begins with A-H 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Accurate contact information is crucial for effective communication; in the year ahead, we will continue sending parents notices via the email alert system so please ensure your contact details are up-to-date in our School Admin program by August 11th.

One thing our students look forward to is learning which homeroom they'll join. A great deal of time, effort, and thought goes into the student placement process as we work to balance social dynamics and equitable class sizes and foster inclusive and supportive learning environments. We also want Homeroom environments to be positive places for all students, especially those new to our community looking to make friends. Homeroom assignments will be emailed on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

As your interim Principal I look forward to meeting our school community members throughout the year and encouraging our families to get to know each other and build new friendships, so please check the calendar and join us at various welcoming events beginning the week of August 7th and at our Back to School Baseball game on August 27th at Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium.

We are truly blessed with outstanding faculty, staff, supportive parents, and excited children, and look forward to greeting everyone on Meet the Teacher Day, and again on the first day of school, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

We believe with God's grace and blessings this will be a truly wonderful year.

In God's goodness and strength,



Mrs. Kim Hanner  
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