



The Wildcat Wire

St. John Regional Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter



September 10, 2021

Here's the Scoop



Dear Parents,

Golf Tournament

The 23rd Annual Monsignor Echle Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021, at Musket Ridge Golf Club. We are currently taking registrations for players and sponsors, to make this year's golf tournament a success. Cart and Greens fees, Range Balls, Breakfast, Lunch, Beverages, and Contest are included. Register today at <https://www.sjrsc.org/golftournament>

Patriot Day Prayer

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here - the heroic first responders: our firefighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope. We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

- Pope Benedict XVI
Found at: [Catholic World Report](#)

In God's grace,

Dr. Jones
Principal

Mrs. Hanner
Assistant Principal



Administrative Items

Reminder from the Archdiocese - Once again, we are asking for the support and partnership of our parents and caregivers. We need you to actively monitor the health of your children and all household members, as well as anyone your child has had contact with. PLEASE do not expose members of the school community to a child who has been exposed to someone who is positive or is being tested for COVID, or who is exhibiting COVID-19, RSV, or Influenza symptoms. You have a critical role to play in preventing exposure and community spread by keeping your child home when sick or if they have been in contact with a family member or someone else who is currently sick.

We must continue to remain vigilant and disciplined to maintain the progress that has been made to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other RSV infections. Our ability to continue providing in-person instruction to your children depends on your cooperation. Thank you for your support and partnership!

Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Archdiocese of Baltimore

Parent/Teacher Conferences - will be held Thursday, September 30th and October 7th (1-4PM; 5-7PM). Login instructions will be sent home in the Friday Folder on September 10th. Registration will open Monday September 20th at 9am and close on Friday September 24th at 4pm

Virtual Fairs - This fall, the AOB is offering both virtual and in-person fairs for middle school families who want to learn more about our Catholic high schools. The **Virtual Fairs** will take place on September 29, October 11, and November 2 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Please visit <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-admissions/virtual-admissions/> to register for the event, and to receive access details.

For families looking for **In-Person Fairs**, these will take place from 6:00pm to 8:05pm according to the following schedule:

- Monday, September 20: St. Mark in Catonsville
- Tuesday, September 21: Resurrection – St. Paul in Ellicott City
- Wednesday, September 22: Immaculate Conception in Towson
- Thursday, September 23: St. Joseph Fullerton in Perry Hall
- Monday, September 27: Cardinal Shehan in Baltimore
- Tuesday, September 28: Monsignor Slade in Glen Burnie
- Thursday, September 30: St. Margaret in Bel Air

The **Open Fair** takes from 6:00pm to 6:30pm, followed by three **Breakout Sessions**. Registration is not required, but masking is required of all participants. These fairs are open to students and families from any school who wish to attend. Flyers for our in-person fairs will be posted to Basecamp this week.

8th Grade Families Cafeteria News - A reminder of the modified School Lunch Ordering Schedule started on Sunday, September 5th. Online lunch orders are due on Sunday evening for the following week. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Considering Catholic High School? The AOB High School Guide can be found on their website at: <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-admissions/> Mark your calendars as the deadline for AOB High School Applications is December 17th.

Is your 8th grade planning on taking the Catholic High School Entrance Test on December 1st? Registration for the Catholic High School Entrance Test on December 1st at SJRCS 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. Please scroll down to the bottom of the page to select St John

Regional. Frequently asked questions regarding the HSPT can be found here: <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-placement-test/>

SJRCS will be offering a HSPT Test Prep course via Google Meet/Classroom to review math and language arts concepts and learn some test-taking strategies starting mid October lasting 6 weeks. Registration link will be provided shortly and cost of the course is \$60 + \$15 for the book. SJRCS has some books in stock and available for purchase \$15.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore is offering HSPT Test Prep courses to review math and language arts concepts and learn some test-taking strategies. Information about the course can be found here: <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/hspt-prep-course/>. Please be aware that registration is now open, and that the deadline to register is September 20th.

Scantron Testing - This year standardized testing will use [Scantron Testing](#) will be administered three times a year; concentrating on the content areas of reading, literature, and math, and science and social studies midyear. Our first round of testing will take place the week of September 13th during LA and Math class.

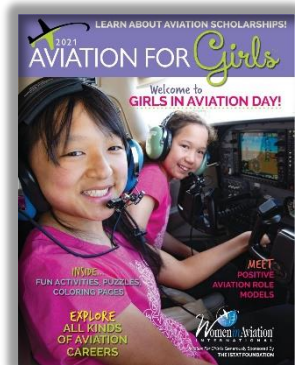
Face Mask Reminder - This is a reminder that Cloth face coverings should be:

- solid-colored or printed made with at least 2 layers of breathable material
- fit snugly and comfortably against the side of the face (cover nose, mouth, and secure under the chin)
- masks with inappropriate or political messages or innuendos are not permitted
- neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas, and containing valves, mesh material, or holes of any kind are not acceptable.

Outside food - Parents please refrain from delivering or ordering from food delivery services for student lunches.

Science Program/Aviation Day - This event held in September all over the world and gives girls (8-17) the opportunity to meet women pilots, flight surgeons, and others who've chosen careers in aviation. If you are interested in this program, you can find registration information here: [Girls in Aviation Day Flyer](#).

A few of our Wildcat Girls, Veronica and Sara Hinsley, made the cover of Aviation for Girls



Admissions Director's Corner



Searching for a Few Good Families!

St. John Regional Catholic School still has small amounts of availability for incoming students. Please recommend our school to your family and friends. We are currently offering tours to new families after the school day is over. If you know of a family interested in our school, please have them contact Lara Schumacher at LSchumacher@sjrcs.org. Remember referring families are gifted with a \$350 tuition credit.

Carpools

Many families have reached out to the school about trying to arrange carpools in the hopes of cutting down on drop-off and pick-up time. I would like to thank Mrs. Rosemary Piraino for organizing carpools on behalf of those families that want to participate. If you would like more information, please contact her at Rosemary.Piraino@gmail.com.

Story Time for Tots

Please join us for a virtual story time with Mrs. Karen Gawinske on Monday, September 13th at 8:30am streamed live from one of our Pre-K classes. Story time is geared towards children ages 1-5. Please join us virtually at www.sjrcs.org/storytimetots.

Meet Our Team

Over the course of the next few months we hope to give you an overview of our teachers and staff. It's always nice to put a name with a face.

This week we would like you to meet our Pre-K 3 team Mrs. Monica Crone, Mrs. Denise Price, Mrs. Caroline Pefley and Mrs. Sharon Connell.

Mrs. Crone has been teaching for 20 years and is her 2nd year teaching at SJRCS. She has been married to her husband, Mike, for 18 years and has three children; Jacob, Ethan, and Haley.

In her free time Mrs. Crone enjoys reading and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Price has worked at SJRCS for over 25 years, starting at our old location in downtown Frederick.

She is married to her husband Rick and has two sons (Jonathan and Andrew Price) graduated from SJRCS. She has two grandchildren, Felix and Evie Price who attend SJRCS.

Mrs. Price's passion has always been her love for the author JRR Tolkien, who wrote the internationally popular, *The Lord of The Rings Trilogy* and many other classics. Her favorite sports team is the Washington Capitals and she is looking forward to the upcoming season to begin.

Ms. Pefley is enjoying her first year SJRCS. She is a mother of three young men who are married and have families of their own now. Some of her favorite subjects are Math, English, History and Religion. Mrs. Pefley enjoys reading with her favorite book, the *Bible*.

Welcome to the St. John Regional Catholic School community, Ms. Pefley



**Mrs. Monica Crone, Teacher,
Pre-K 3A**



**Mrs. Denise Price
Assistant, Pre-K 3A**



**Ms. Caroline Pefley
Teacher, Pre-K 3B**



Mrs. Sharon Connell
Instructional Assistant, Pre-K3B

Mrs. Sharon Connell is an Instructional Assistant in Pre-K3B, and has worked at Saint John Regional Catholic School for 16 years. Prior to moving to Frederick, she taught Pre-school at Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 in Pennsylvania.

Married to George for 40 years, Mrs. Connell and her husband are members of St. John the Evangelist parish where she is a member of the choir. They have 4 grown children and a dog, Belle. Mrs. Connell loves to swim and garden.

Uniform Sale

There will be another uniform sale on September 30, from 11:00 am – 3:00 p.m. in the gym area. Please enter through the main office and check in. If you have any gently used uniforms that you would like to donate, you can drop them off at the main office starting on Monday, September 13

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



JOIN the H.S.A. – We NEED your support! Our support for the students, families, and school and our many community building activities and events are funded through your membership donation. It is your contribution to the H.S.A. which makes possible all of our efforts. You can sign up for only \$30.00 per family on-line at MySchoolBucks.com or you can complete the membership form and submit it along with a check to the school office. Please see the Friday folder for more details. If you have any questions, please email us at HSA@sjrcs.org.

Back to School Photos – Share your Back-to-School smile with SJRCS HSA! Please submit a photo of your children from their first day or week of school to kick off our 2021-2022 year! We will be compiling the pictures and putting together a video to share with all as a kickoff to school. All photos must be submitted to HSA@sjrcs.org by Friday, September 17th. See the flyer in the Friday folder for more details.

Garden Committee – The garden committee is meeting at school this weekend on both Saturday and Sunday from 8am-noon. We need your help with weeding, planting, and grooming of the school grounds. Any time you can give is a huge help. All those who help will earn double tuition credit. No green thumb required! Signup now using this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549abaf28a1fc1-garden2>.

Scholastic Book Fair – The in-person Scholastic Book Fair is returning this year! The fair will run from 9/27 through 10/7. We will be looking for volunteers to help. Look for a signup link and more details to come in the following weeks.

Spring Fair – The H.S.A. is taking over the Spring Fair this year and while the fair isn't until June the planning starts now. This is the 30th Anniversary of the fair and we need to make plans to celebrate it! We are in need of a couple of volunteers to chair the event and additional volunteers to be on the committee. This is a great way to earn your tuition credit for the year! Please email us at HSA@sjrcs.org if you're interested.

Volunteers – We will be asking for volunteers to help throughout the year so please check the newsletter and Friday Folder for opportunities to sign up. All volunteers are required to be VIRTUS certified so if you haven't

already and are interested in volunteering, please start the process of getting [VIRTUS](#) certified. If you have questions or problems getting setup, please contact Mrs. Price at dprice@sjrcs.org.

Note: The H.S.A. Welcome Packet, Membership Form and Parent Letter are in the Virtual Friday Folder found on our Website.

Around the School



It's not just the students who are back in school!

