



The Wildcat Wire

St. John Regional Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter



September 3, 2021

Here's the Scoop



Dear Parents,

Convocation

During our Archdiocese of Baltimore (AOB) Convocation on Thursday, August 26, Archbishop Lori addressed all Catholic school educators, leaders, and staff about having the grace to lead, educate, support, and participate in Catholic education. He complimented the incredible amount of collaboration and flexibility that our Catholic schools embraced, and may continue to embrace, amidst COVID guidelines. In closing remarks, Archbishop Lori challenged us, "In God's grace, let's reach for the stars."

Indeed, at St. John Regional Catholic School, we are reaching for the stars! During the week of August 23, we enjoyed fabulous days with the teachers and staff as we collaborated about health and safety procedures, engaged in technology training, and prepared for the launch of the 2021-2022 school year. During our first week of school, we have been blessed with greeting 590 students and their families, extending a special welcome to our new families to SJRCS! We look forward to working with all students and parents during this school year.

Back-to-School Nights

Due to inclement weather, the Back-to-School Nights for grades 1-4 have been rescheduled to Thursday, September 9, 2021. Each session will convene in the gym.

- Grade 1: 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- Grade 2: 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- Grade 3: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Grade 4: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Personnel

- SJRCS has an opening for a cafeteria worker. What a great opportunity to help the students and see your child(ren) during the school day. Please contact Mrs. Hanner, assistant principal, khanner@sjrcs.org if you are interested in this position.
- After twelve years of dedicated service, Ms. Sheila Evers's last day as Advancement Director was on Thursday, August 26. We are grateful for her accomplishments at SJRCS and wish her all the best in her next adventure!

Calendar Updates

- Unfortunately, due to the high COVID positivity rates, the H.S.A. Movie Night has been cancelled on Friday, September 17. Also, Grandparents' Day has also been cancelled on Friday, September 24. We want everyone to stay healthy!

In God's grace,

Dr. Jones
Principal

Mrs. Hanner
Assistant Principal



Administrative Items

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.

Arrival and Dismissal procedures updated on September 2, 2021 - Just a reminder, we have updated the Arrival and Dismissal procedures. They can be found at the link below:

[PK](#)
[Grades K-4](#)
[Grade 5-8](#)

PowerSchool - PowerSchool is the student information system to manage student information including student progress and attendance. Families in Grades 3 - 8 who don't have *Parent Access* to PowerSchool need to watch the training video: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lqQ3HtmLPcHi2zHfFPRVemMa42WUOnhW> and complete the disclaimer either digitally <https://forms.gle/WGnFxay2gLpuKyda9> or on paper. The school will then send you the credentials to create your account. This information can be found on the parent page of the SJRCS website located under the PowerSchool tab in the technology section. <https://www.sjr.org/parents> The district code to download the mobile app is PJQM.

ScanTron Performance Series Assessment Grades 2-8 - Testing will be administered three times a year; concentrating on the content areas of reading, literature, math, and science, with social studies being administered mid year. The fall administration of the ScanTron Performance Series assessment for Math, Reading, Science, and Language Arts will start on September 14th and continue until September 23rd. This assessment is completed on the computer and is an adaptive assessment tool. It will be completed three times a year so we can make real-time data-driven decisions about our students' academic strengths and areas of improvement. The next round of testing will be January 2022 and April 2022. We will be completing one section of the testing each day, please note the test is adaptive, the testing duration will vary for each child.

Please see the attached information packet for more information about the ScanTron assessment program.

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Modified School Lunch Ordering Schedule as of Sunday September 5th - A new year brings new challenges, and to help improve our Café lunch-delivery service we need more time to process and package orders for delivery and some additional support in our kitchen. As we work to further tailor our processes to meet demand, for the first trimester we request SJRCS families preorder lunches for the week ahead instead of the day of beginning Sunday September 5th. During this time, we'll work to amend our Café' delivery process and reassess with a goal of returning to morning-of daily orders if possible.

Near term we also seek parent volunteers willing to assist with in-school delivery and continue our search for additional staff to assist with food preparation, packaging, and serving.

Please look for more details in the Friday folder.

SJRCS Emergency Management Plan

St. John Regional Catholic School has a comprehensive emergency management plan in place to address a wide range of crises that may arise on the school's campus. It was developed after consultation with local emergency and law enforcement officials, and has been approved by the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Key September Dates

Sept. 6 School Closed
Sept. 9 Back to School Night (Grades 1-4)
Sept. 13 Story Time Tots (8:30am)
Sept. 23 Fall Scranton Testing
Sept. 24 Noon Dismissal
Sept. 27 Individual Photos; PK3, PK4; Kindergarten; Grade 1
Sept. 28 Individual Photos: Grades 2-5
Sept. 29 Individual Photos: Grades 6-8
Sept. 30 Thursday: Noon Dismissal
Sept. 30 Parent Teacher Conferences (1-4 PM and 5-7 PM)
Sept. 30 – Oct. 7: H.S.A. Book Fair

All SJRCS staff members are informed of procedures for emergency situations, and specific drills are practiced throughout the school year. In the event of an emergency, the SJRCS Crisis Team consists of the School Principal, Assistant Principal, School Counselor, School Nurse, and Facilities Manager.

For more specific information on our emergency management plan, please review an updated "Emergency Management Plan: A Parent Guide" brochure found on the school website.

Admissions Director's Corner

Ambassador Families - We want to thank everyone who has agreed to be an Ambassador Family and to our Chair Lori Etter for organizing it the program.

Referral Credits - Did you know that we offer a \$350 referral credit to our families that suggest St. John Regional Catholic School to their families and friends? That credit is provided after the new family has completed the enrollment process and has listed you as their referring family.

Interested in SJRCS? - We still have some room in our classrooms! Please have interested families contact Mrs. Lara Schumacher, Admissions Director, at LSchumacher@sjrcs.org.

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 front office team, Mrs. Jen Eash, Office Manager and Mrs. Joy Afable, Office Coordinator. These are the first two friendly faces you meet as you enter our school and most likely the first voices you hear when you call the school.

Mrs. Jen Eash is our school Office Manager. She has been working at SJRCS for the past 21 years. She was a SJRCS parent for 7 years prior to joining the SJRCS team.

Mrs. Eash has been married for 36 years, has 2 children who are alum, and has 2 wonderful grandchildren. Mrs. Eash enjoys gardening, going to the beach and boating.

Mrs. Eash shared, *"SJRCS is a wonderful place to work. Our students leave the school so prepared for high school. It definitely takes a village to support our students; and I am honored to be part of this village."*

Mrs. Joy Afable has been with SJRCS since 2005. She started out as an Instructional Assistant for the Art Department, then moved to 2nd, 3rd, and finally 7th grade. Then in 2020 Mrs. Afable joined the Administrative team.

Mrs. Afable is married to Lawrence and has 2 children who are both SJRCS alums, Jessica class of 2012, and Lucas class of 2015. She and her family are huge soccer fans, (they enjoy both the US Women's and US Men's National team); and they also enjoy eating out, and spending time with family.

Mrs. Afable says she *"enjoys working at SJRCS because of the close knit community we have both with our parents and faculty and staff. I am blessed to be a part of a wonderful team!"*

If have not already met Mrs. Afable or Mrs. Eash, please stop by the front office and introduce yourself.

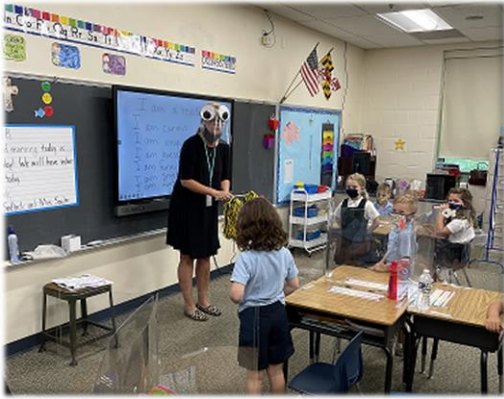


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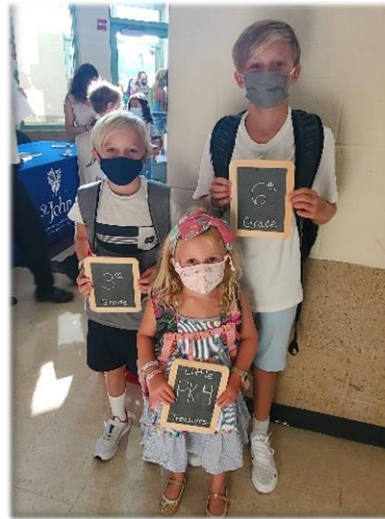


Mrs Joy Afable

Around the School



Mrs. Sedlock greeting her class



Benna Family at "Meet the Teachers" Night



Lockers were colored-coded for social distancing. Students are called by "color" to their lockers