



The Wildcat Wire

St. John Regional Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter

November 12, 2021



Here's the Scoop

Dear Parents,

Parent/Student Handbook

The Parent/Student Handbook has been updated. It can be accessed via the following link: [Handbook](#). Please take special note of the *Discipline* and *Uniform* sections.



The holidays are quickly approaching and we want to remind you that when you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases at no cost to you. Please sign up today to support our school. Thank you!

Masks

Please put a few extra masks in your child's book bag. Students are losing and/or forgetting their masks and we have gone through a large number of masks in the past few weeks.

Poinsettia and Wreath Sale Deadline is Monday!

This is your last chance to get yourself ready for Christmas with beautiful red, white, or pink poinsettias and noble fir wreaths. The HSA is selling poinsettias in four different sizes as well as 20in noble fir wreaths with cones. Orders will arrive the week of December 6th. See more info at [Poinsettia and Wreath Sale Flyer](#). You can order via [MySchoolBucks](#) or return the form with payment. Orders are due Monday.

Dr. Annette Jones
Principal

Mrs. Kimberly Hanner
Assistant Principal



Key Dates

Date	Event
Nov 12	Photo Make up Day
Nov 14 (2-4 PM)	St. Maria Goretti Open House
Nov 23	Students who collected donations for the Race for Technology and Recreation may wear jeans and an appropriate shirt.
Nov 23	Term 1 ends
Nov 24-26	No School – Thanksgiving Break

Reminders

COVID Vaccine Clinic Information

Following is a link for information regarding vaccines for children and booster shots. [COVID-19 Vaccine](#)



Thanksgiving Feast

Our 6th Annual Thanksgiving Feast can be pre-ordered for lunch on Tuesday, Nov 23. **The deadline to order is FRIDAY, NOV. 19TH.** Don't miss out on this tasty tradition! You can find the online order form in the My School Bucks School Store at <http://www.myschoolbucks.com> or follow the link on the SJRCS website.

New Administrative Items

St. Maria Goretti Catholic High School is proud to present The Yellow Boat, an incredible play based on the life of eight-year-old Benjamin Saar and his ability to overcome emotional and physical distress through art. The beauty that Benjamin created in the face of illness is re-imagined in this production through story-telling, creative movement, and physical theatre. This production is recommended for children ages eight and older, parents, families and adults. Sam Little, the Director says, "this show is very special. The style is unlike most productions seen in the Hagerstown area. It is intimate, thought-provoking, ensemble-based, and deeply moving. It examines the power of art and the strength of the human spirit."

Admission: \$10 General Admission at the door. Cash and Credit/Debit Accepted

Location: The Black Box Theatre at Barbara Ingram School for the Arts (BISFA), 7 S. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD

Dates & Time: November 12 & 13 at 7:00 PM

MEET OUR STAFF

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 for you to meet the other half of our 6th grade teaching team: Mrs. Karen Roskowinski, Mr. Michael Saiani and Mrs. Beth Celeste. We are blessed to have such an experienced and strong 6th grade team!

Mr. Mike Saiani - has been teaching for 24 years, with this being his 1st year at SJRCS. He has been married for 23 years to his wife, Erin; and they have two boys., Jayke 20 who is attending St. Vincent College, and the younger son, Owen, who is 16.

When not working, Mr. Saiani enjoys being with his family and going to baseball games. He has been a coach for 25 years, both baseball and football. He also enjoys umpiring and instructing players.

Welcome to SJRCS, Mr. Saiani!

Mrs. Beth Celeste – grew up in a large Italian family in Connecticut. She has been at SJRCS since 2010 when she moved here from the United Kingdom. She began as a parent, then as a volunteer, then as an instructional assistant, next as a substitute teacher, and now is our 6th grade teacher. What a wonderful progression!

She has twins – her son is a Marine, her daughter is studying to be a doctor, and her youngest, Benjamin, is an eighth-grade student here at SJRCS.

Mrs. Celeste and her husband, Jonathan, love to travel - especially Disney cruises and anywhere with turquoise water!

Mrs. Karen Roskowinski – has been teaching for 29 years at SJRCS - thank you for your dedication!

She is married and has 4 children, 3 dogs, 2 cats and 1 beautiful granddaughter. She and her family are parishioners at St Peter's in Libertytown, MD.

In her spare time, Mrs. Roskowinski enjoys spending time with her family, watching the Philadelphia Eagles, going to the beach, and enjoying the outdoors.



Mr. Mike Saiani
Grade 6B Teacher



Mrs. Beth Celeste
Grade 6C Teacher



Mrs. Karen Roskowinski
Grade 6A Teacher

Admissions Director's Corner



Wildcat Welcome! We welcomed Emma McCarthy (PK-4) and Ori Hailstone (5th) who joined our SJRCS school community this week.

Veterans Day Tribute – We encourage you to head to our Facebook page to see the tribute to veterans and active duty military members that are part of our community. We'd like to highlight U.S. Marine, Bill Flynn. He is the Grampy to Liam and Jocelyn Reising.



Refer a Friend – We are running a *Refer a Friend* campaign through the Parent Portal on our website, www.sjrscs.org/parents. On your top right column is a link to our Refer a Friend Campaign. Please fill out your contact information, as well as the contact information of 5 family members or friends who you think would make a wonderful addition to our Wildcat community! Those who participate will be entered into a raffle. The winner has a choice of a \$200 tuition credit or Wildcat Café credit.



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

SECRET SANTA HOLIDAY SHOP – HoHoHo - It's time to get in the Christmas Spirit! Coming to SJRCS in the weeks following the Thanksgiving Break, your child(ren) will have the opportunity to come and shop at our Secret Santa shop. This gives them the opportunity to find the perfect gift(s) for parents, siblings, aunts/uncles, grandparents, friends and guardians. Our volunteer elves help the younger children make sure they include everyone on their list. We will soon be sending out a preview of the items we will be selling (some come from our Holiday Shop that we team up with and other items are purchased by our volunteer elves). This is also a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours since we need lots of elves to help this event run smoothly. Look for a sign up link as the event gets closer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Nicole Holler via email: NicoleLaperaHoller@gmail.com or cell: 301-748-6393. We are so excited to offer our students the Holiday Shop once again.



Around the School

Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest

Congratulations to the following students:

- Victoria Amon-Kotey – 6th Grade
- Dan Cillia Appiah-Dankwah – 6th Grade winner
- Larissa Azane – 6th Grade Winner
- Florance Binfon – 6th Grade
- Clara Hays – 6th Grade
- Lindsay Mankatah – 6th Grade Winner
- Eddie Miller – 6th Grade
- Nyran Naylin – 6th Grade
- Olivia Palermo – 7th Grade Overall School Winner; will be going to the district level
- Felicia Assurian – 8th Grade Winner



Mrs. Sindall's class demonstrating their talents with their entries for the Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest.

**..... And the Overall Winner is Olivia Palermo (7th grade)!
Congratulations Olivia!**

