



The Wildcat Wire

St. John Regional Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter



October 15, 2021



Here's the Scoop

Dear Parents,

SJRCS Open House

St. John's will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, October 26th from 9 - 11 AM and 5 - 7:30 PM. Please encourage your family members and friends to go to our website, www.sjrscs.org to schedule a tour. There is a copy of the Open House flier in the Friday Folder should you like to pass it on to family and friends as well.

[Open House Flier](#) Thank you.

Interims

It is hard to believe we are now halfway through the marking period! If you have Parent Access to PowerSchool, please make ensure that you check your child's grades for this trimester. If you do not have Parent Access, a "hard copy" of your child's grades were sent home with them today.

Race for Technology and Recreation

Again, we would like to encourage all families to help us by participating in and encouraging friends and family to sponsor your child in the Race for Technology and Recreation fundraiser.

St. John Regional Catholic will be holding a fundraising campaign which will culminate with students participating in "Race for Technology and Recreation" Fundraiser on October 21, 2021, during our school day. Money raised will go to purchase and upgrade items for the playground/recreation equipment, basketball area, and support the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum, and classroom technology. Our school is growing and could use additional playground equipment for all students. As you know, technology evolves quickly and we need to secure funds so that our students have the necessary tools to be successful.

This is an important fundraiser for our school and we need your help to make this campaign a success!

This year we are asking families to share to share the link www.sjrscs.myfunrun.com with family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances to sponsor each child in the race in lieu of requesting each student write a letter to be sent to family, friends, and coworkers, to sponsor your children in the "Race for Technology" run/walk. Here's a [sample "Support Me Letter"](#) to share with sponsors.

Each child has been given their own personal fundraising webpage. If you aren't sure of the address (URL) of your child's personal fundraising webpage, go to the website sjrscs.myfunrun.com, click on *Donate*, then enter your child's first name. To raise money, share your child's personal fundraising webpage address with family and friends around the world by email, Facebook, Twitter, or any other method you prefer. You can also share your child's web page easily by clicking on one of the "Share" icons at the top right of your child's personal fundraising webpage.

The students are encouraged to ask family and friends to sponsor them for this fun event at school! To donate to a particular student so their student and class will receive credit, encourage your sponsors to click on the ["Donate to participant"](#) tab and enter in the student's name. If they would prefer to make a general donation, click the Donation tab and become a Sponsor! Sponsor names are advertised on our Sponsors page, in our newsletter, and will be announced during the event.

Every student that receives a donation in their name will earn an out of uniform day ticket on Tuesday, November 23rd. Every student that reaches the goal of \$100 will receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win a Nintendo Switch, Target Gift card, one lucky winner will receive a coupon to take his/her class outside for an extra recess and picnic lunch in the Mary Garden, or one of six chances to receive a coupon for one week out of uniform at a designated time. For example, if a student receives \$800 in sponsors they would receive 8 raffle tickets. We will draw the winner on race day.

On October 21st, the entire school will celebrate our success with a fun run/walk celebration. The object is to see how many laps on the predetermined track that your student can either run or walk. This will be a day of fun and fitness!

Share this link <https://sjrcs.myfunrun.com/> with family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances to sponsor each child in the race.

Encouraging our students to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. This will be a day of fun and fitness!

Thank you for your continued support.

Welcome

I would like to welcome Mrs. Katharine Galvas to SJRCS. Mrs. Galvas is the new Instructional Assistant for the PK4 class. We are glad to have you join our team!

In God's Grace,

Dr. Annette Jones
Principal

Mrs. Kimberly Hanner
Assistant Principal



New Administrative Items

Uniforms

Attached is the updated Uniform Policy. Please note the information regarding no PE shorts for the winter uniform and the boys section on when ties are appropriate. The full dress code can viewed at the following link [Uniform Policy](#).

Boxes of Joy

All of our students are invited to help their class prepare Christmas gifts through the Boxes of Joy program run through Cross Catholic Outreach. Each student is invited to sign-up with their homeroom's signup genius that is either in google homeroom classroom or in their religion class folder. We ask that you please consider donating the shipping fee as well with a \$9 check made out to Cross Catholic Outreach. Please learn more about this fantastic ministry at the attached link: <https://youtu.be/vB3jH-uA0v8>.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a number of ways to earn tuition credits by volunteering for SJRCS, and there are opportunities for donating both time and money, whatever is most convenient for you! Visit our website

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/6327edb01a6c8efc71-sjrscopportunities> and look at the top of the page to see tabbed sign up genius pages with items needed for:

- Daily Recess duty - volunteers for October and November currently available
- Garden Committee - volunteers and donations
- Race for Recreation and Technology - volunteers and donations
- 2021-2022 Parents in Partnership Volunteer
- Social Media Reviews

Administrative Reminders

Unity in Kindness Day



October is national bullying prevention month and we will celebrate on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 which is National Unity day. SJRCS students will wear orange with their gym pants to spread the message of unity, anti-bullying, kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Let's come together in kindness by wearing **orange** with gym shorts on October 20th. One kind act of kindness

Key Dates

Oct 15 (Fri)	Golf Tournament
Oct 20 (Weds)	Unity Day (wear orange with gym pants)
Oct 21 (Thurs)	Run for Recreation & Technology (gym uniforms)
Oct 28 (Thurs)	SOCKTOBER – contributing students may wear crazy socks to school today
Oct 29 (Fri)	Students wear orange or black shirts with jeans HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Halloween Festivities:

- PK3 & PK 4: 8:30 Parade in the Parking Lot; 10:15-11:15AM :
- Kindergarten - Grade 4: 1:30-2:30PM Classroom Party
- Grades 5-8: Special treat at lunch
- Trunk & Treats **Date Correction** (SJRCS Parking Lot 6:00-8:00P)

Nov 1 (Mon)	8th Grade Tribute Page Photo's due
Nov 12 (Fri)	Photo Make-up Day (Date Change)
Nov 23 (Tues)	Students who collected donations for the Race for Technology and Recreation may wear jeans and an appropriate shirt

SOCKTOBER!

The National Junior Honor Society will be collecting new men's, women's and children's socks for the Frederick Rescue Mission. Send socks to your child's homeroom from October 18-21. Students who bring in at least one pair of socks will be allowed to wear crazy socks to school on Thursday, October 28. Please contact Mrs. Cody or Mrs. Gawinske with any questions.

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 you to meet Ms. Kathy Crosby, Executive Assistant, Mr. Michael Fairley, our Technology Coordinator and Mrs. Lara Schumacher, our Admissions Director. We are fortunate to have these dedicated staff members.

Ms. Kathy Crosby – joined SJRCS this past July as the Executive Assistant to Dr. Annette Jones. Prior to coming to SJRCS, she was the Executive Assistant at Saint John's Catholic Prep., and prior to that worked for a government subcontractor in various management and staff positions.

Ms. Crosby has 2 fantastic sons, a grandson who has stolen her heart, and a hairy Golden Retriever. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, biking, traveling and spending time with her family.

Mr. Michael Fairley – this is Mr. Fairley's third year at SJRCS, with this his second year as the Technology Coordinator. Mr. Fairley is a newlywed - married just this past summer to his wife, Denise. The two have a cat named Betsy.

Outside of school Mr. Fairley coached varsity lacrosse at Walkersville High School, and was also a member of the board of directors for the Key City Foundation, a local non-profit.

Mrs. Lara Schumacher - has been a Wildcat Mom since 2013. She is married to her husband, Andrew, and they have 3 wonderful children who all attend SJRCS. They are members of the St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish where Mrs. Schumacher teaches faith formation to Kindergarteners.

While originally from the New York area, she relocated to Washington, D.C. to attend The Catholic University of America. After graduation, she worked in the political arena. She is currently working on her master's degree through the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Last April Mrs. Schumacher began working at St. John Regional Catholic School as the Admission Director. She says "the greatest inheritance I will ever receive from my parents is the Catholic education that they gave me". That belief shines through when she takes new families on school tours.

She says, "there are so many wonderful memories that I have through the last eight years. Her favorite memory is helping to coordinate the first Father-Daughter Dance in 2015 with Mrs. Alyssa Eichelberger".



Ms. Kathy Crosby
Executive Assistant



Mr. Michael Fairley
Technology Coordinator



Mrs. Lara Schumacher
Admissions Director



Admissions Director's Corner

Welcome – We welcome Christian Osei-Sarpong who joined our PK4 program on Thursday, October 14th. He joined Mrs. Doughty's class and had a great first day. Welcome Christian!

Media Release Form – We are asking that families please log into their School Admin account and fill out the new Media Release Form that has been added to every student’s checklist. You will need to fill out one form per student. While you are in School Admin, please check to make sure your checklist is complete.

Chromebook Insurance – If you selected to add Chromebook insurance while filling out your enrollment paperwork but have not sent in the payment through My School Bucks or via check, we ask that you do so immediately.

Calling All Wildcat Recruits – Please recommend St. John’s to your family members and friends. We still have some availability in most classes and we would love to welcome your family and friends into our Wildcat Community. Please have them reach to me, Lara Schumacher, at LSchumacher@sjrcs.org. I would be happy to take them on a tour of our wonderful school. **Help us spread the word** about our Open House on Tuesday, October 26th from 9 AM – 11 AM and 5 PM – 7:30 PM.

Social Media – We encourage you to like our Facebook page St. John Regional Catholic School where we post glimpses into our school day. You can also find us



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

Trunks and Treats Halloween Event 🎃 – On Friday, October 29th from 6-8 in the school parking lot we will be hosting a TRUNKS and TREATS event. Walk through our trail of decorated trunks, vote for your favorite trunks, take pictures at our photo booth, play games, and more. Please note that NO treats will be distributed by individual cars in an effort to be COVID friendly and minimize germ spreading. Children will instead receive a goodie bag with treats at the end of the Trail of Trunks. Please see the flyer in the Friday folder for more information. RSVPs are REQUIRED.

We hope you can join us for some spooky fun!!!

[Trunk and Treats Flier](#)

Trunk Decorating Context – Have fun decorating your trunk for the TRUNK AND TREATS Halloween event and earn awesome prizes! We need families to volunteer to decorate their trunks, dress up, and greet trick or treaters for our event. Please signup by **Monday, October 18th** so we can have an idea if there are enough volunteers to hold this event. See the flyer in last Friday’s electronic Friday folder for more info. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/cfAMMPTpSFjoKia57>.



Feed Frankenstein– We are in need of nut-free candy and/or non-edible donations for Halloween goodie bags that will be given out as part of the TRUNK AND TREATS event. Look for the Frankenstein in the lobby so you can feed him your donations.

Garden Committee – The Garden Committee is in need of donations and volunteers to help prepare the school grounds for the fall season this weekend from 8-noon. Donations need to be dropped off this Saturday or Sunday from 8-noon since they are outdoor items. All volunteers and donations qualify for tuition hours.

Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0549ABAF28A1FC1-garden3>

Donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0549ABAF28A1FC1-garden4>



Around the School



Check out our new playground permanent Polypropylene mat – made possible through the GOCCP



Father John Williams praying the rosary with our students in the Mary Garden