Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. I hope your student is enjoying their new grade level and their teachers. I know that everyone is getting used to the arrival and dismissal procedures. Here are a few reminders:

• Please do not drop off or pick up on the St. Katharine Drexel side of the building.
• Please remember that dismissal time is not a time for conferences with teachers. Teachers need to be able to supervise their students during dismissal.
• Please travel at a safe speed during arrival and dismissal.
• Please refrain from using your cell phones during arrival and dismissal.
• If you or your child walk from the parking lot to the drop off areas at arrival, please make sure you are walking on the sidewalk and not cutting across the cemetery area.
• For the safety of all students, NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. Additionally, since we use student safety patrols to assist with arrival at the Primary Wing, parents may not have dogs and/or other pets in their vehicles during arrival. If you have a dog in your car during arrival, you will need to park in the lot and walk your child over to the arrival area.
• DROP OFF: if you drop your child off in the parking lot to walk down by themselves, they MUST walk on the sidewalks and cross at the crosswalk.

All of these policies are in place for the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Smith

Box Tops is Going Digital!
At the present time, Box Tops for Education is still accepting clipped box tops. However, they are in the process of changing over to a digital platform using a new Box Tops app on your Smartphone. Once you download the app, all you need to do is scan your receipt with the app within 14 days of purchase. You will automatically earn cash for our school.

We hope you like the new SJRCS website!
The new website should be easier to use and is more responsive to mobile devices.

There is less information in the Parent Portal (behind the password) than the old site. Most of the important links can be found under “Parents” in the blue box on the top right hand corner. As you will see there is also a “Student” tab that has links to Google Classroom, text books, etc.

Under the Parent Portal you will find secure information only, including: the Friday Folder and The Parent Directory (which will be released soon). Most of the information from the old Parent Portal is no longer behind the password. Only those who register will see the Parent Portal. In order to create a Parent Portal sign in, click this link to register: https://stjohn.schoolinsites.com/sys/account/register?ru=/

Step One: Fill out the information * You will create your own user name
Step Two: You will receive an email from DONOTREPLY SCHOOLinSITES to create a password
Step Three: When you log into the site using the User Name and Password you selected you can find the Parent Portal blue menu bar. Parent Portal gives you access to the private site.

There is no longer an absentee form or change of information; this is a feature SchoolinSites is working on.

Please email jeash@sjrcs.org with either of these requests.
**Fore!** The 21st Annual Monsignor Echle Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 30th, at Holly Hills Country Club. We are currently taking registrations for players and sponsors, to make this year’s golf tournament a success. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cart and Greens fees, Range Balls, Breakfast, Lunch, Beverages, Contests, Raffle, and Prizes are included. Win a chance to "Eat Mor Chikin" by hitting this giant cow on the green, and win Chick-Fil-A for a year! [www.sjrcs.org/golf](http://www.sjrcs.org/golf)

**Honor The Game**
Thank you to all who joined us for the Positive Coaching Alliance Parent and Coach training last Wednesday. This is a Mandatory Parent/Coaches training seminar to participate in SJRCS Athletics! If you missed it, we are going to repeat the training on Wednesday, September 18th, at 6 p.m. at next week's Back to School night. Last year, SJRCS partnered with Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). At least one parent of students who plan to participate in sports, must be PCA trained; as well as all coaches; no exceptions.

The new mission of the SJRCS Sports Committee and Program is to help guide student athletes to develop positive character and values that will help them succeed throughout their lives. SJRCS aspires to be an outstanding educational-athletic organization that provides a high-quality experience to every student athlete.

**Wildcat Sideline Store**
Check out the new Wildcat School Store! Order anytime and your gear will be shipped directly to your home. Use this code now and receive 25% off your first order! [https://sideline.bsnSports.com/schools/maryland/frederick/st.-john-regional-catholic-school/](https://sideline.bsnSports.com/schools/maryland/frederick/st.-john-regional-catholic-school/)

**Save the Date for Gala & Auction Planning**
Want to earn 30 or more volunteer hours in a fun and easy way? Join the auction committee! There is plenty of work that can be done from home if you can’t make it to the school. Join us at the school on October 10th for a wine and cheese information event to see how you can help.

If you take pictures of SJRCS activities, please share with us! Upload your photos at: [https://tinyurl.com/yyyedn98](https://tinyurl.com/yyyedn98)

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**VIRTUS—Child and Youth Protection Policy**
All new volunteers at SJRCS need to register on our management compliance website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and follow the necessary steps to become certified. This involves a background screening, providing 3 references and completing the online training. If any steps are not completed, then I cannot certify the volunteer. Only when I have all the results/letters returned will I contact the potential volunteer and they will be able to sign up for an event. When registering in VIRTUS, it is best to complete in one sitting rather than try to log out then get back into the program—there has been some issues for those that have done this. Right now background screenings are running up to 2 weeks; it can also take that long for references, especially if those given do not respond quickly/or at all.

5 year renewal notices were mailed out late August, if you received one and have not renewed, then your VIRTUS status will be inactive until the necessary background screening/updated training has been completed.

AS always, if there is ever a question of volunteer status an email would be best as I am between two locations in the school.

Thank you! Denise Price/Screening Coordinator dprice@sjrcs.org

**Grandparents’ Day Schedule on September 20th**
8:30-9:00am - SJRCS Choir Performance & Video Presentation
9:00-11:15am – Classroom visitation/Grandparents will be escorted to their oldest grandchild’s grade first.
11:15am – Grandparents’ Day program ends.

Schedule for Family Photos opportunity with grandchildren in the *Media Center*
8:30-9:15am A - F
9:30-10:15am G - O
10:30-11:15am P - Z

Please share with Grandparents: **Parking:** If you plan on leaving the school before 12pm, please park on the grass. If you park on the asphalt, you may be stuck in the parking lot due to afternoon dismissal. If you plan to leave with your grandchild(ren) before noon, they must be signed out at the table in the front foyer. Otherwise, students will be picked up at noon dismissal.

**SAVE THE DATES: HSA’s Upcoming Events**

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