Dear Parents and Guardians,

By now, everyone has gotten into the groove of the new school year. And our students are getting used to their teachers; as well as, their new classmates. Teachers have spelled out their expectations for the coming year. And after school activities are up and running. SJRCS has so much to offer as enrichment activities for our students. Chess lessons are provided by the Silver Knights Chess Club every Monday for students from K-8. The Science Explorers curriculum is taught after school by SJRCS teachers. If your child has musical talents and is in grades 4-8, he/she can join the band, the bell choir, or the chorus. There are scout troops and sports teams. Our Mother Mary Lange Junior Chapter will be starting up again soon. And, of course, students can develop their leadership skills in Student Council or the NJHS.

I would like to thank all of the families who have returned their Family Income Surveys. The results of these surveys help to provide funds that benefit all of our students. This state program provides SJRCS with a little over $30,000 each year to help us to purchase textbooks for all students. The money that is saved from this program allows us to be able to reduce tuition for all.

I am sorry to say that I once more need to remind families that they should NOT be picking up or dropping off students on the SKD side of the building. Pick up and drop off must occur in the large parking area. I know that everyone has busy lives and no one wants to have to wait in line. But it really is not fair for some people not to follow the rules. All of our policies and procedures have been adopted for the safety of all our students. If everyone followed the rules, it would help arrival and dismissal go more smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Smith

Coffee with the Principal
Our first coffee with the principal of the year will be held in the Media Center right after drop off on Monday, October 7th. Come and hear about what is happening here at school. This would be a great way for new parents to get to meet other members of our school community.

Notes from the Tech Office
Student login letters regarding electronic media used at SJRCS were sent home in the September 6th Friday folder. This keepsake document lists all online resources (Math, Google Classroom, Discovery Education, Seesaw, ThinkCentral). The usernames and passwords assigned to students, which depends on the grade level, are used consistently during the school day. Please note: Google Classroom is used by the student accounts. Parents have the option to receive email summaries (either daily or weekly). After Back to School night, guardians were sent via email an invitation to receive these notification about Google classroom postings. Invitations are valid for only 7 days; if you missed this email, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher, via email, to request an invitation.

Classroom teachers and students are using Seesaw to share what they are learning in the classroom. Instructions how to connect to your child’s account is in today (September 27th) Friday folder. If you created an account last year, your account remains connected to your child.

Conference time is around the corner! October 4th, in the Friday folder, a letter will have all the details of how to make appointments with your child’s teacher.
Development Notes

SJRCS Spirit Day
October 22nd, ALL DAY!

Wildcat Sideline Store
Check out the 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?fbclid=IwAR0qmSkgPCzoIKSbPEVcekQwEJZL0mnIKlwPCrBvDlxzrGktTYwQVhuuOL4Ms

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, 7pm, for a wine and cheese information event to see how you can help.

Don’t forget to “FRIEND” us on Facebook! We post student pictures and notices of exciting events!

Thank You
THANK YOU to all of our generous families who have sent in monetary donations and made dinners to help the Tchakounte Family. To date, we have collected over $5,500.00 including money that Lizzie Watkins and Kennedy Holler donated from holding a “Lemonade Stand” to benefit the family! Our prayers are with the family as they go through this heartbreaking time.

This past week, students and staff joined thousands of schools and youth organizations across the country by participating in Start With Hello Week. Start With Hello is a program to teach students how they can make a simple difference with their peers in a simple, fun, and impactful way. Students are encouraged to take small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion, and to identify and help lonely students who are showing signs of social isolation. The program was developed by the Sandy Hook Promise non-profit organization which was founded and is led by several family members of the victims at Sandy Hook Elementary School.
Throughout the week, students were given daily challenges and reminders for how they can reach out to one another such as, sitting with someone new at lunch, writing a thank you note to a friend, teacher, or family member, and giving at least 3 compliments. In conjunction with the daily challenges, the NJHS helped organize a “Positive Post-it Note Day,” wrote encouraging messages on the sidewalk, and greeted primary students throughout the week.

3rd Grade News!
The third grade met with their 6th grade prayer buddies on Monday. The children enjoyed getting to know one another and everyone is looking forward to their next meeting!