Dear Parents and Guardians,

In 2010, the Department of Catholic Schools gathered a group of key stakeholders to develop a strategic plan that would guide our schools for the next ten years. As we approach 2020, it is time to take a look at that strategic plan and update it to align with our current mission and vision as Catholic Schools. Once again, input from stakeholders, specifically administrators, teachers, parents, and students will help to guide this process by having them participate in a School Climate Survey.

To meet that end, today, parents of students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are receiving letters regarding the survey. Students will be completing the survey next week. Please read this letter because it contains very important information for you, as parents.

Additionally, in about a week, parents and teachers will be receiving distinct links so that they can also complete on-line surveys specifically for them. We appreciate your input as the Department of Schools collects the necessary information to be able to develop a viable strategic plan for the coming years.

Peace and all good things!
Mrs. Karen Smith

This Monday, November 11th, is Veterans’ Day. It is a day for SJRCS to step back and add our thanks to all veterans for their sacrifice. All veterans and active duty military, from our SJRCS families, are invited to join us at 9:00 a.m. on Monday at St. Katharine Drexel Church for a prayer service. The prayer service will be followed by refreshments in the narthex. We look forward to having you with us on Monday.

From Summer to Winter! Just a reminder of SJRCS Inclement Weather procedures.

We usually follow the decisions of FCPS regarding school closings and delays. Unfortunately, that means that we need to wait for them to make a decision before we can alert our parents. It is an Archdiocesan policy that Catholic schools follow their local school districts regarding closures and delays.

When FCPS calls for a two-hour delay, SJRCS expects students to arrive at school between 9:45 and 10:00am. Prayers are at 10:10am. Students who arrive after 10:10am will be marked “tardy”. Pre-K students who attend half-day program will have the option to attend school from 10:00-11:30 on a two-hour delay.

School closing: FCPS (make sure it’s Frederick County, Maryland, NOT Frederick County, Virginia) usually will make a decision by 5:30am and we will send out an (1) email alert as soon as we hear. We also post to the (2) local radio stations so you may hear our name mentioned on WFMD 930AM, WFEF 99.9, Key 103.1 and The Eagle, 106.9. There will be an announcement on the schools (3) answering machine. There will also be a posting on (4) SJRCS Facebook page.

IF we have a noon dismissal already scheduled and FCPS calls a 2 hour delay, WE WILL have a 2 hour delay with a full regular day of school. We will notify you with an email and text alert.

IF FCPS already has a half day scheduled and they announce that schools are closed, we may choose to only have a delayed arrival. We will notify you with an email and text alert.

Early dismissal. We will notify you by email and text if this event occurs. The county will usually make a decision by 11am for a 1 or 2 hour early dismissal. If the weatherman is calling for a situation where there is a possibility of an early closing, please be alert to notices from school and if you cannot get here on time to pick up early, have a friend or family member on standby to pick up your children. Please make sure you send a note or call the office to let us know who will be picking up.
Development Notes

The SJRCS WILDCAT OFFICIAL STORE is now on sale! Receive 15% off $85 or more with Code: NOV19, deal ends November 30th! No matter what your Wildcat loves, there are spirit items for everyone including: band, chorus, basketball, lacrosse, coaches, parents, students, and employees gear. The best part is you get to choose from hundreds of logos, colors, and styles, shipped directly to your front door. Purchase at https://sideline.bsnspor ts.com/schools/maryland/frederick/st.-john-regional-catholic-school.

Basketball starts on Monday. The teams will be sent to coaches this week so you will hear from them soon. If you do not hear from your coach by Monday, please email Sheila Evers at severs@sjrcs.org. Monday and Tuesday Jen Staiger will be at all practices finalizing the uniform orders. Please make sure you see her at the beginning of practice to confirm sizes. A link will be sent out to all parents for uniform payment next week. The 1st and 2nd grade in house league will start when we return from Christmas break and will be held on Saturdays. Practice schedule is as follows:

**Girls Practice**
- Monday and Wednesday 3&4 Team 6-7pm.
- 5&6 Team 7-8pm.
- 7&8 Team 8-9

**Boys Practice**
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 3&4 Team 6-7pm.
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A big THANK YOU to all the students who came in to school to help at the Open House. NJHS student were wonderful tour guides! Many parents were here sharing their experiences with prospective parents. We had 12 families tour the school and we hope to see many new faces next year!

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Saint John Regional Catholic School Spirit Event

Join us for food and fun at either location. Come support SJRCS and 15% of sales will be donated accordingly.

Friday, November 22, 2019 - after noon dismissal
12:00pm - 3:00pm

Frederick North
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Frederick
5501 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704
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facebook.com/ChickFilAFrederick

Please join us as we launch our first 2020 Silent Auction and Gala Planning Committee Meeting of the year!
Thursday, November 14, at 7pm, in Media Center.

“Friend” us on Facebook for updated pictures of school activities!!!

FOUND: Pandora bracelet. Claim in front office.