

**Parent Newsletter**  
**Friday, September 11, 2020**

**Prayer for September 11**

O God of love, compassion, and healing,  
look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions,  
who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace  
to all who died here—the heroic first-responders:  
our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and  
Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women  
who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service  
brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those  
who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness.  
Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy.  
Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss  
on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.  
Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:  
peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.

Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds  
are consumed with hatred. God of understanding,  
overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,  
we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.  
Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here  
may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope,  
and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world  
where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Amen.

—Pope Benedict XVI  
Prayer at Ground Zero  
New York  
20 April 2008

## **Here's the Scoop**

### **Virtual High School Fairs**

On September 28, October 6, and October 19, Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will host a Virtual High School Fair for all prospective families. From 5:00pm to 7:00pm, families will have the opportunity to engage with representatives from Catholic high schools throughout the diocese. The sessions will provide a glimpse into the admissions process, highlight signature programs, and share information regarding scholarships, financial aid, transportation, and much more! Participating schools will rotate live video sessions and families may register for up to three sessions. Please visit <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-admissions/virtual-admissions/> to register for the event, and to receive access details.

### **Power Outage**

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the power outage on Wednesday, September 9. The communication via Swift (email, text, call) seemed to go well. Please let Mrs. Eash [jeash@sjrcs.org](mailto:jeash@sjrcs.org) know if you did not receive an early morning communication.

### **First School Liturgy**

Fr. Keith Boisvert, pastor at St. Katherine Drexel Church, celebrated the first school liturgy today. The eighth grade students attended Mass in church while the other students participated via "live-streaming". All students and staff members had the opportunity to receive the Eucharist or a blessing today.

### **Back-to-School Videos**

We are in the process of creating of dynamic Back-to-School videos for you. We will let you know when the videos are posted to the SJRCS website. We hope you enjoy "meeting" our teachers and staff members! For information or questions, please contact Ms. Sheila Evers [severs@sjrcs.org](mailto:severs@sjrcs.org)

### **Morning Arrival**

We are all becoming quite flexible these days! Due to the long lines on Opossumtown Pike and the wait time for arrival, we will do stadium parking for Prek3-Grade 4. SJRCS staff will do temp checks in the stadium line, then release each line of cars for drop off. For the morning, the lines will be released farthest from the school first, so we can backfill as more cars enter the parking lot. Let's try this plan and see how it works!

### **Technology**

The SJRCS middle school teachers met to discuss Google Classroom and indicated that the current layout of a single Google Classroom is not working as effectively as planned. Therefore,

your child will receive invites from individual subject area classes as we create separate Google classrooms for each subject area. This new format will start on Monday, September 14.

Please note that many teachers will start using the Zoom program to broadcast their lessons, which provides more control of the chat feature and offers additional features that are not available within Google Meet. Teachers have noted that some students are not using their digital etiquette when utilizing the chat feature.

Please remind students to have cameras on during lessons for interaction with teachers. The teachers' engagement with our digital learners is effective when the students are visible participants. Please remind students to refrain from watching TV, and chatting with friends, and playing video games during lessons.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be conducted virtually on Thursday, October 8 and Friday, October 9. We will be communicating detailed information in the upcoming weeks.

### **Lunch Menu**

Please see the attached lunch menu for the week of September 21-25.

In the light of Christ,

Dr. Annette Jones

Principal

Mrs. Kim Hanner

Assistant Principal