

Dear SJRCS Parents and Families,

... for unto us a Child is born; and to us a Son is given.

This always seems to be the time of year when we sometimes need a reminder about the true meaning of the season. It is so easy to get caught up in the planning and preparation for Christmas, that we forget the true reason for the season. Our students, especially the younger

ones, are caught up in Santa Claus, presents, and decorated trees. So, it is wonderful that we have had several opportunities this year to turn our thoughts to those who are less fortunate than we are. That helps to remind us of the tradition of giving during the holiday season. Whether you choose to donate items to the shoeboxes that will be donated to the Apostles of the Sea, or coats and food items to the drive sponsored by the girl scouts, or toys for Toys for Tots, we thank you for your generosity.

We are all looking ahead to next week's Christmas programs. The PK/K program is called *The First Christmas*. It tells the story of long ago in days of old, the life of our Savior Jesus began, and so did the greatest story ever told. The tale of the Nativity has been told and retold for generations through stories, songs, and presentations. Join our PK and Kinder-garteners as they retell this heart-warming version on Friday, December 20th, at 9:30 a.m.

Grades I - 8 will be presenting *Who Is He*? In this Christmas program, several people to whom God clearly revealed Christ's identity answer the question, "Who Is He?" Jesus was revealed to Isaiah as the prophesied Messiah; to the shepherds as the Savior, Christ the Lord; to the Wise Men as the King of the Jews; to John the Baptist as the Son of God; and to John the Apostle as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Join us for this sacred sharing of how these, and others, from the Old and New Testament explain how they received His revelation. This performance will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Of course, the evening will also be filled with Christmas music from our bands, bell choir, and our chorus. And we hope you will be filled with the Christmas spirit by the end of the evening.

Christmas Blessings of Peace, Mrs. Karen Smith



The Holiday season started off on a good "note " Saturday night! We lit our school tree, sang carols, drank hot chocolate, and visited with Santa!



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# DECEMBER

- 14 Breakfast w/St. Nicholas
- 17 Gr. 1-8 Christmas Concert, 7pm
- 18 2 Hour Delay
- 20 PK-K Christmas Program, 9:30am NOON DISMISSAL
- 23-1/1/20 Christmas Break

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- HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- 2 School resumes
- 10 Mass, 10am
- 13 StoryTime Tots, 8:30am
- 15 6th Grade NorthBay parent mtg
- 16 Financial Info Night, 7pm
- 17 Interms, T2 BoxTop dress down day Re-enroll for 2020-2021 begins
- 20 NO SCHOOL, MLK Day
- 22 H.S.A. Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Children's Bingo

For Sale – Youth Medium Polar Fleece Spirit Wear \$32.99. Contact the front office if interested.



Make sure to "friend" us on

Facebook to see pictures we'll post during our Christmas programs next week!



### CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Calis! Baby James Alexander was born on Monday, December 9th at 12:33pm, weighing in at 8lb, 13oz! Everyone is doing well!



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Mr. McGowen, with the Rotary Club, gave **3rd grade** classes dictionaries.



**Congratulations** to SJRCS students who performed in Dance Unlimited's performances of *Frozen Jr*. Erin Patton 6th grade "Oaken", Fran James 7th grade "Young Anna", Rose Scherer 7th grade "Middle Elsa", Alanna Vidal 8th grade as "Adult Elsa".



#### Secret Santa Shop!





**CONGRATULATIONS** to our 2019 Keep Christ in Christmas Winners! **Classroom Winners:** Seamus Guilday 1A, Zachary Brown 1B, Claire Browning 2A, Sadie Haley 2B, Rebecca Pawlik 3A, Zack Kolbay 3B, Victoria Amon-Kotey 4A, Sofia Evans 4B, Gianna Checchia 5A, Caden Dusablon 5B, Felicia Assurian 6A, Brian Casabar 6B, Any Smariga 7A, Marie Smith 7B, Nadyana Gray 7C, Sarah Roebuck 8A, Anna Sedlock 8B.

Honorable Mentions: Elizabeth Roy IB, Gia Youssef 2A, Kelsey Robertson 3A, Gabby Mathis 3B, Sienna Newman 3B, Reid Workman 4A, Miles Gregory 4B, Luana Fernandez 5A, Landon Oldham 6A, Kaitlyn Pawlik 6B, Ela Uzun 6B, Josep Hamrick 7A, Reed Warner 7C, Caroline Devine 8B.
Category Winner K-2: Claire Browning
Category Winner 3-5: Sofia Evans

Category Winner 6-8: Brian Casabar



**St. Francis Awards presented at Mass on December 6th** Eloise Fabel KA, Jenna Sprankle KB, Elliot Brigner IA, Alice Brunal IB, Alana Afari 2A, Francesca Chiaramonte 2B, Vanessa Zamora 3A, Madeline Muro 3B, Isabella Zamora 4A, Henry Brown 4B, Elizabeth Watkins 5A, Bailey Mummey 5B, Nicolas Arias 6A, Isabella Altamirano 6B, Anya Smariga 7A, Isaiah Mbamalu 7B, Alex Acerenza 7C, Leo-Shawn Nfor 8A, Meghan Hanley 8B.





The **Student Council** sorted the donated items, packaged, and wrapped **63 boxes** for the Christmas shoebox program for the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry. The boxes will be given to men and women whose ships come into the Port of Baltimore this Christmas.





# St. John Regional Catholic School Honor Roll – Trimester 1 2019-2020

# SIXTH GRADE

**Principal's List** Nicholas Arias Noah Benton Brian Casabar Benjamin Celeste Ella Grace Clifford Alexandra Deren Vaughn Ditching Melanie Etter Keira Farrell Trista Gaydos Erin Jackson Joy Lukama Isabelle Navarro Keira Passaro Katelyn Pawlik Wyatt Staiger Ela Uzan Sophia Vanderhuff Caroline Watkins Chloe West

## Second Honors

Lucas Acerenza Isabella Altamirano Jada Baker Cathy Donnelly Silas Eaton Jack Lauterbach Payton Miller Kellen O'Connell Nick Obasohan Samantha Oliva Erin Patton Lauren Richards McKenna Ryan Joseph Saccoia Sabrina Sandhu Angela Sedlock Marlee Thomas Amelia Trivers Maya Yartey

# SEVENTH GRADE

**Principal's List** Alex Acerenza Olivia Adams Galen Belmar Caroline Black Caroline Clark **Thomas Evans** Annabelle Guss Isabella Hallowitz Danika Hawryluk Clare James Adrian Naylin Anya Smariga Marie Smith Brandon Valente Reed Warner Joseph Workman

### Second Honors

Christian Browning Ian Demiray Jenncyn Eyler Olivia French Mary Gaynor Lukas Holler Francesca James Rose Scherer Anabelle Seeley Georgia Stahl

### EIGHTH GRADE

Principal's List Ernest Binfon Kyra Brockett Kate Delgrippo Grace Galanis Griffin Glover Ty Grieser Meghan Hanley Evelyn Murphy Jackson Platner Ethan Rebeiro Emily Stadter Caleb Staiger

#### Second Honors

Maya Graham Brody Kavanagh Ethan Madraymootoo Will Parsons Will Poole Addison Scanlon Anna Sedlock Thomas Simmons Gillian Tepe

