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 Kindergarteners as they retell this heart-warming version on Friday, December 20th, at 9:30 a.m.

Grades 1 – 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

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

JANUARY
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 Interns, 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!
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”.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2019 Keep Christ in Christmas Winners!


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

Secret Santa Shop!

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.
### 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 Oli
- 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
- Jenn cyn 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

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**Congratulations!**