



St. John

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Dear SJRCS Parents,

We are living in unprecedented and uncertain times these days. It seems as though each day when I turn on the news, things have changed, numbers have changed, predictions have changed, and rules and regulations for us have changed. This can be upsetting for an adult. But, think about what kind of effect this is having on your children. This was not a planned summer vacation that they had been counting down too. Rather, it happened very suddenly and when they left school on March 13th, everything was so uncertain.

So, what is the silver lining to this era we are now living in? Well, I started noticing a week or so ago how many moms and/or dads are now working from home and are with their children all day long. I started noticing people out and about taking walks and neighborhood kids riding their bikes and skateboards. They were actually spending some time out in the fresh air. And if parents are home and all extracurricular activities have been canceled, families are able to spend more time together and eat meals together. Kind of the way it was when I was growing up back when we watched TV shows in black and white like *Leave it to Beaver* and *The Donna Reed Show*. It was definitely a "slower" time for everyone.

As I was thinking about this, I came across this quote on Facebook that was supposedly written by C.S. Lewis. In fact, it was written by a priest on March 17th, 2020, and definitely talks about how we are all being effected by this pandemic.

May we continue to reach out to our neighbors and provide support to those who need it. May we continue to pray for those on the front lines of this virus outbreak. And may we continue to pray for our friends, families, and loved ones until this crisis is over.

Peace and all good things,
Karen Smith

C.S. Lewis 1942

Satan: "I will cause anxiety, fear and panic. I will shutdown business, schools, places of worship and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil".

Jesus: "I will bring together neighbours, restore the family unit, I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world. I will teach my children to trust me and not their money and material resources."

SJRCS Super Virtual Family Fun Night & Auction Save the Date April 25th, 6-8p.m.

Tired of being cooped up and not being able to socialize? Well this is your chance to cure those "Corona Woes"! Get cleaned up, shave that 4-day stubble, put on your best, grab a couple of cocktails or bottles of wine and let's socialize while raising money for our beloved School!!! Please log in and join us on April 25th from 6p.m. – 8p.m. for some prize-winning family fun! The evening will include entertainment, games, and the HandBid Auction. Ajay Patil will be our host, and special guest appearances from SJRCS Families!

The Auction is now open at <https://handbid.app.link/SJRCS>. Please download the Handbid app from the app store, then search SJRCS to register as a bidder.

We are looking for family pictures of what you are doing during this quarantine. Please see the flyer in the Friday Folder for instructions!

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✚ APRIL ✚

6-15 Easter Break

16 Summer Uniforms begin

24 Interims T3

25 GALA! ON LINE!!!

**27 Planned School
Reopening**

MAY

TENTATIVE

1 10 am Mass & May Crowning

11 Story Time Tots

13 NJHS Dinner &

Induction Ceremony

15 Volunteer Luncheon

19 Music and Fine Arts Evening

20 22-25 NO SCHOOL—
Memorial Day Weekend

26 8th Grade Retreat

28 Graduation Celebration

29 NOON DISMISSAL,
Baccalaureate Mass &

Don't forget to complete the survey.

The Search Committee, tasked with gathering the necessary information needs your help. In partnership with the AOB, a survey has been developed. These confidential surveys will be used as a tool to craft the vision for the next leader of St. John Regional Catholic School. Your feedback is requested before **April 14, 2020**.

https://survey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_733g2fSi25XlqLP

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Ms. Bowman at ebowman@archbalt.org.

Thank you for being part of the St. John Regional Catholic School family and continuing to support Catholic education.

I Survived the Corona Virus of 2020

There have been so many times in my life when I have thought that I wished I had kept a journal to record the important milestones in my life - celebrations, vacations, graduations, etc. There are times when I have regretted not having notes and pictures on these special occasions.

Right now, your student is living through an historic pandemic. They are living history. We will be talking about this for years to come. Schools are closed, sports are canceled, people are quarantined. The best thing your children can do is to keep a journal over these coming weeks. Handwritten or typed, with photographs or drawings. They should be recording day to day events and how they are feeling. Let them keep a video journal. Let them interview you, their grandparents, their friends. When it's all over, save it in a safe place for them. This will be a keepsake they can share with their children and grandchildren.

Encourage them to create a tangible, primary source of the history they are living through. (as seen on Facebook)



Pledge of Allegiance

To help keep the students' schedules as normal as possible, we have been posting daily prayer, announcing birthdays, and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance each morning. If your family would like to volunteer to do the Pledge, all you need to do is to take a short video of your students saying the Pledge. Please email Mrs. Smith to let her know that you would like to participate after the break.

ZOOM Meetings Safety

Parents, we know that ZOOM meetings have recently been in the news due to ZOOM bombing from outside people. In order to avoid this, SJRCS is following the recommendations of the Department of Catholic Schools. First of all, we will not publicly announce any ZOOM meetings on social media. Additionally, all meetings moving forward will have a specific password associated with them. Once students get to the Zoom site, they will wait in a virtual "waiting room" until the teacher admits them to the meeting. This way, if someone is trying to get into the meeting that a teacher did not invite, they will not be admitted to the meeting.

H.S.A. News

This is the time of year when we start to look for parents who might be interested in taking on positions on the Executive Committee of the H.S.A. We are pleased to be able to present the following slate of officers for the 2020-2021 school year:

President - Marcie Sprinkle

Vice Presidents - Abby Sievers and Lauren Ausherman

Secretary - Jaqueline Messner

We are still in need of someone for the position of Treasurer. Anyone who is interested in being considered for this position should contact the current H.S.A. board at hsa@sjrcs.org.

How to Help Your Child During Remote Learning

Students thrive on routines and schedules. Try to help your child maintain a daily schedule at home. Have them take a short break in between subjects. Encourage them to go outside for a little while every day to run off some of their energy.



We know this is new to you. We know this is not what you signed up for. But, at this time, your student has joined students from across the state and in many other states who are experiencing the same thing that they are. They are not the only ones who are learning at home and you are not the only parents who are now trying to handle this at home. We understand that this is a new experience for everyone. We appreciate your support as we try to move forward with our curriculum. And we also know that your support at home will make a huge world of difference for your student.

WE KEEP LEARNING!

7th Grade Religion students met with Br. Thomas on Zoom one morning to talk with him about the Vocation to the Priesthood, and they also met with Sr. Marie Genevieve on Zoom to talk with her about the Vocation to Religious Life. Middle school religion students also joined Mr. Nachtgall to pray the Rosary.

Zoom Show and Tell Meeting with Mrs. Garbowski. The kids had a great time and even Mrs. Crissman, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Hellem were able to join them.

The first graders wrote letters to people who they thought might be lonely to cheer them up. Attached are pictures of AJ Studlo, who sent a letter to a neighbor who lives alone, and Jack Piraino, who sent a letter to an Italian soccer player with the virus.





St. John Regional Catholic School Honor Roll – Trimester 2 2019-2020

SIXTH GRADE

Principal's List

Brian Casabar
Melanie Etter
Keira Farrell
Trista Gaydos
Isabella Navarro
Keira Passaro
Kaitlyn Pawlik
Wyatt Staiger

Second Honors

Lucas Acerenza
Isabella Altamirano
Nicolas Arias
Jada Baker
Noah Benton
Benjamin Celeste
Ella Clifford
Vaughn Ditching
Catherine Donnelly
Silas Eaton
Erin Jackson
Joy Lukama
Payton Miller
Samantha Oliva
Erin Patton
Joseph Saccoia
Angela Sedlock
Amelia Trivers
Ela Uzun
Sophia Vanderhuff
Caroline Watkins
Chloe West

SEVENTH GRADE

Principal's List

Alex Acerenza
Olivia Adams
Galen Belmar
Caroline Black
Regan Burns
Caroline Clark
Thomas Evans
Jenncynn Eyler
Annabelle Guss
Isabella Hallowitz
Danika Hawryluk
Lukas Holler
Clare James
Adrian Naylin
Anyia Smariga
Marie Smith
Brandon Valente
Reed Warner
Joseph Workman

Second Honors

Ian Demiray
Allison Fernandez
Olivia French
Mary Gaynor
Sam Heiland
Matthew Lyons
Michael Rypka
Rose Scherer
Anabelle Seeley
Georgia Stahl

EIGHTH GRADE

Principal's List

Ernest Binfon
Kyra Brockett
Kate DelGripio
Grace Galanis
Tag Grieser
Meghan Hanley
Heidi Michaels
Evelyn Murphy
Jackson Platner
Ethan Rebeiro
Anna Sedlock
Thomas Simmons
Emily Stadter
Caleb Staiger

Second Honors

Davida Agykoo-Wiredu
AJ Corsetty
Griffin Glover
Maya Graham
Katelyn Jinseo
Will Parsons
Will Poole
Addison Scanlon
Gillian Tepe

