

St. John

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Message from the Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I know that I am ready to cry, "Uncle!" As I am sure many of you are too. But looking ahead in the weather forecasts shows that we might not be out of the woods yet where winter weather is concerned. With Ash Wednesday already behind us and knowing that Easter is only 40 days away, it's hard to believe that we are still experiencing such cold temperatures and winter precipitation.



As we begin the holy season of Lent, let us remember the importance of reaching out to those in need. Here, at SJRCS, this can be accomplished by using the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls that were sent home last week. Daily prayer is also a wonderful way to put ourselves in the correct mindset for the forty days of Lent.

Almost 100 students from PK to grade 8 have been working on projects for our Third Annual STEM Fair. Projects will be on display on Saturday, March 8th, from 9am to 12 noon. All SJRCS families are invited to come and visit the fair and view the projects.

Our sixth grade students will be away from school next week while they attend a week of environmental outdoor education at North Bay Adventure Camp in North East, Maryland. The camp is located at the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay. We hope that they have a wonderful camp experience.

We have several upcoming dress down days. On Monday, March 17th, all students are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by the wearin' of the green!! On March 20th, the first day of Spring, pay \$1.00 to dress down. Proceeds benefit the Garden Committee. And, on Friday March 21st, any student who played an SJRCS Wildcat sport, can wear their team jersey with jeans or sweatpants. Students will enjoy a "Test Prep Pep Rally" on Friday afternoon.

Peace!
Mrs. Karen Smith



Have You Signed Up for Twitter?

You can easily follow SJRCS happenings by "following" us on Twitter. Just scroll to the bottom of the www.sjrscs.org website and select the Twitter icon.

Deadline Approaching

Monday, March 17th, is the deadline for re-registration forms with payment. Remember that the re-registration fee is \$400 per student; but if we receive your re-registration by March 17th, it is discounted to \$325.00. Please contact Karen O'Boyle at koboyle@sjrscs.org if you have any questions.



Nancy Dotson, grandmother of the Dotson children, who was called by God.

Save the date! May 8th at 7pm, Faculty & Parents vs 8th Grade Basketball Game. A fun night for ALL!

March

- 8 Stem Fair
- 10 StoryTime Tots, 8:30am
- 11 Box Top Tuesday
- 10-14 Gr. 6 to North Bay
- 11 Box Top Tuesday
- 12 MaMa Lucia's Spirit Night
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
Wear GREEN
- 20 Dress down for the Garden Committee, \$1.00
- 21 Pep Rally
- 22 H.S.A. Lego Event
- 24-28 Stanford Testing
- 24 PK-1 Coffee Talk, 8:30am
- 28 Stations of the Cross, Gr. K-4
- 31 Spirituality Meeting, 8:30am



April

- 4 Operation Sandwich, K, 2, 3& 5
- Stations of the Cross, Gr.5-8
- 5 Swim Night!!! Health Unlimited
- 7 Spirituality Meeting, 8:30am
- 8 Box Top Tuesday
- 11 Mass, 10am
- 14-21 Easter Break
- 22 Classes resume
Summer Uniform begins

YEARBOOK orders are due March 17th. There will be NO yearbooks available for purchase without the pre-order!!!

Spring Soccer Registration



Now Open Until March 24th !! go to: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/stores/catalog/listproducts.do?ac-tion=getStoreCatalog&clientKey=ZZHN21AU9M05WZW&productCatKey=ZZHN225TJ105YVG&view=>

QUEST Corner

Representatives from the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge in Laurel, Maryland, recently visited SJRCS to help kick-off a STEM Unit on **Waterfowl and Conservation**. Students in Mrs. Cutchin's Thursday art classes conducted hands-on activities to learn about land conservation and the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program. 5th grade students will be learning about ecosystems and habitats. Pictured here are the Maryland Coordinator for the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program, Mrs. Susan Minter; and US Fish & Wildlife ranger, Mrs. Laurel Harrison. The Patuxent Wildlife Refuge lent several waterfowl mounts to SJRCS so that students could learn more about specific species of waterfowl.



Representatives from the Frederick News Post visited Mrs. Cutchin's 6th grade art classes to introduce the **Design An Ad** competition. Students get to design an ad for a local company or service. Winning ads are published in a special supplement to the newspaper in early May. This is the 2nd year that Dorman Builders has requested a class from SJRCS design an ad for their business. Students will also be designing ads for Drees Homes and Shipley's TV Sales & Service. We look forward to seeing the finished ads in the newspaper!

Students from Mrs. O'Neel's 2nd grade learned about **Chinese New Year** during art class and made Chinese lanterns to celebrate the lunar New Year's festival. Caroline DeVine leads the group wearing a Lion mask made by former SJRCS parent Deb Wasserbach, as the class parades back to their classroom. The lion was made with recycled materials and was featured in a recent article in the Frederick News Post.



Congratulations to Alanna Vidal - 2nd grade, Michel Bedard - 4th grade, and Sophia Motta - 1st grade, pictured here with representatives from the Frederick Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The students were each Chapter winners, in their respective grade levels, for the DAR Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Honoring Our Heritage".



In celebration of Pope Francis' one-year anniversary, the Archdiocese of Baltimore will host **The Francis Factor** on March 18 at 7 p.m. at Loyola University Maryland's Reitz Arena. Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston and member of the Pope's Advisory Council of Cardinals, will share his personal experience of how Pope Francis is using the culture and media to reach people directly with a message of joy and mercy. Other speakers include Fr. Thomas Rosica, Fr. Matt Malone, and Mrs. Helen Alvaré. The event is part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore's celebration of the 225th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Baltimore. Tickets are free and are available by request at www.archbalt.org.



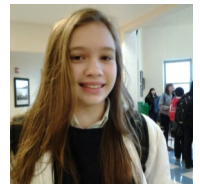
STORY TIME TOTS Our next Story Time Tots will be held on March 10th, starting at 8:30a.m. February's theme is "Over the Rainbow." Story Time is for 2, 3, & 4 year olds with a STEM activity from 8:30-9:30 a.m. once a month during the school year. Refreshments follow! Program is free & open to the community. Children must be accompanied by a parent. For more information, contact Sheila Evers at 301-662-6722 or email severs@sjrcs.org. Friends are always welcome!

Spirit Night at Mamma Lucia's on March 12th, from 4p.m. to 10p.m. SJRCS receives credit for dine in or carry out! 10% of all sales that evening are donated to SJRCS so make sure you spread the word!



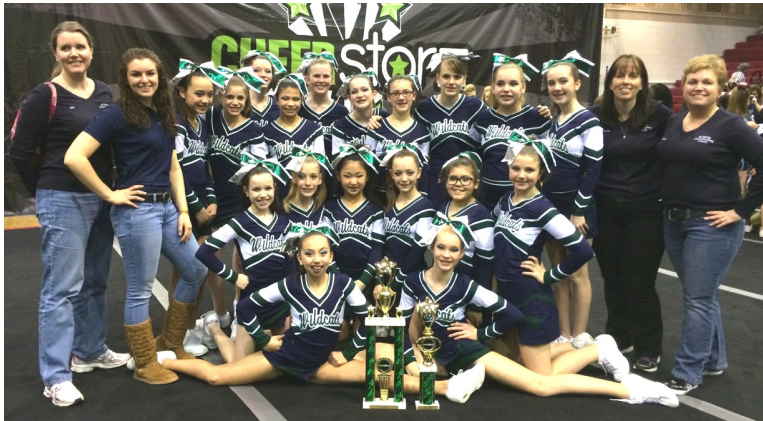
Congratulations to Taylor Thomas! She finished in second place in her age group at the Knights of Columbus State level Free Throw Championship.

Congratulations to 8th grade student, Alyssa Roskowinski, for receiving a Golden Counsel Scholarship from Mount de Sales Academy. Students selected for this award score in the top level of the high School Placement test.



The **Dar Essay contest winners** were recognized at the February 24, 2014 meeting in Walkersville. Eighth grade winner Curtis Nishimoto read his essay and received his award from the officers of the DAR. Mrs. Brauer read the seventh grade winner's essay as James Chapin was unable to attend. She received his award for the local contest as well as his award for placing first in the State Contest. Mrs. Brauer also received sixth grade winner, Luciano Iocco's, first place award.





18 middle school girls competed in the CheerStarz Competition and won 1st place for the Intermediate Jr. High Division, as well as the Sportsmanship Award amongst all the other teams. Congratulations to coaches Mary Coajou, Michelle Ennis, Jill Lagana, and Celeste Coajou, for all their work with the girls.

News from the Cafeteria.....



It's that time of year again when I need to remind everyone that the season of Lent is upon us. With that, come changes to the menu. The following changes will be made to the Friday menu: "B" side: a fish sandwich will be served instead of hot dogs. A tuna fish sandwich will replace the ham and turkey sandwiches. There will be no meat with the Ultimate Nachos, but we will serve extra cheese.

These changes will continue every Friday throughout Lent. The other Friday menu change will be on the "A" side, we will only be serving cheese pizza. Please take the time to explain these changes to your children so they can make the correct choices. Thank you!

As always, we enjoy seeing your children everyday!



PK3 celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday AND MardiGras together!



KA and KB celebrate 100 days of school!



OK, Show of hands... Who's tired of snow?

Community News

From the City of Frederick:

There have been numerous inquiries regarding the new signal timing/phasing at the Opossumtown Pike/Thomas Johnson Drive intersection. The change consists of the following signal phasing - first, Opossumtown Pike left-turns receive a green arrow; followed by Opossumtown Pike through movement (right-turns allowed); then the Thomas Johnson Drive sidestreet left-turns receive green arrows as well as the mainline Opossumtown Pike right-turn lanes; finally, Thomas Johnson Drive through movement (sidestreet right-turns allowed). At no time does a left-turn movement operate concurrently (at the same time) as the opposing through movement.

The intersection has been striped with skips to help left-turn vehicles track their movement/stay in their lane throughout the maneuver.

As with any change in traveling patterns, it may take drivers some time to adjust to the new signal timing & phasing.



The Knights of Columbus, Saint John's Council No. 1622, are sponsoring **Lenten Fish Dinners** on Friday evenings during Lent. These will begin on March 7th and run for five more consecutive Friday evenings through April 11th. The dinners will be held at the Saint John's Parish Community Center cafeteria, located at 114 E. 2nd Street in downtown Frederick. Dinners will be served from 5:00 pm till 7:30 pm and will precede the Stations of the Cross services held in church.



Suggested donations are \$11.00 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors and teens, \$5.00 for children between the ages of 12 and 6; children 5 or under eat for free. Dinner includes *fried white fish or baked Flounder* with complimentary bread roll, soft drink and a choice of two sides: French fries, mac and cheese, steamed vegetables or coleslaw. Breading for fried white fish is prepared fresh in the hour before serving. Ala-carte items are: fish sandwich, fish sticks and single servings of cheese pizza.

Proceeds will benefit the Knights and their many service activities in the parish and Frederick Community. So come enjoy dinner with the prayerful, warm and welcoming community of Saint John's parishioners. For parties of 8 or more, discounts and reservations are available.

For more information, contact:

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HSA News!

LEGO FEST 2014



We're getting ready for our fun-filled LEGO fest! It will be a great way to spend a Saturday morning, complete with games, prizes and snacks!

Don't forget to enter your awesome LEGO build in our LEGO contest!!

[Please click here for more information and to register!](#)



LEGO's Wanted!! Do you have bins of unwanted LEGO's taking space in your home? Start your spring cleaning early by donating your LEGO's to us! We will be holding our second annual Lego event on Saturday, March 22 and we need LOTS of LEGO's! If you have any unwanted LEGO's please bring them to the office in a box or bag labeled: HSA Lego Event by March 14th! Thank you! *(Lego's building blocks only, no Duplo's)*
Questions? Contact Veronica James: veronicaqornikjames@yahoo.com



Don't Forget !! Next year, the Executive Committee of the HSA will have several openings! If you have ever considered becoming more involved with SJRCs through the HSA, now is the time to start planning! Over the next few weeks, we will be looking for volunteers to serve on the EC! If you are interested,

please contact anyone on the Executive Committee or Mrs. Smith. Candidates will be announced by early April and the election will be held May 2 at the HSA General Membership meeting. Also, don't forget considering being a chair for one of our many events!!! *Thanks!!!*

Donna Dorman, Betsy Gage, Mary Staley, Christine Hallowitz, Nicole Lapera-Holler