



# St. John Regional School

*Generation after Generation*

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*A newsletter for  
alumni, parents and  
friends of St. John  
Regional School*

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## Message to Graduates

Dear Graduates of the Class of 2017

We are sad to have you leave us but confident that you are well prepared for the next steps in your life. As a group, you were good at accepting each other, you were steady academically and brought an enthusiasm for life to SJRS. Even more importantly, you grew in your knowledge of God and your response to serve the Kingdom of God. Collectively, you practiced loving God and loving your neighbor.

We will miss your generosity, your commitment to learning, your compassion for those in need, your concert voices, and your care for your first grade "Buddies". We will miss your many quiet random acts of kindness. We will miss your leadership in our Liturgical celebrations and among Barry Hall students.

Our prayer for you is that with God's continued grace you might continue to grow academically, to enjoy athletics, and to support one another. More importantly we want you to continue to be open to the Presence of God in your life and respond with Faith and Love to God's call.

I ask you to remember us at SJRS as students and staff who have tried to be persons of Faith, committed to knowledge, and responsive to the needs of others. You are always welcome to visit us and witness the SJRS community which you have shaped with your belief in God, your academic pursuits and your kindness to others.

Sincerely,

Stephen Donohue, Principal



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## Most Christ-like Award recipients Class of 2017



Gold: Kathleen Galvin      Silver: Sarah Sponenberg  
Bronze: Sofia Fune

We welcome you as St. John Regional School Alumni!!!  
Always remember your fun growing-up years at SJRS. The Office of Advancement is always here to help you find a classmate or connect with the school community. Please keep us updated on your achievements. Check us out at [www.stjohnregional.org](http://www.stjohnregional.org), on Facebook and Instagram.

# Current Events

## Spirit of St. John Award

This annual award is given to students who exemplify the values of a Christian centered lifestyle. This award was inspired by the lives of our former principal Sr. Irene Turgeon, and former secretary Mrs. Shirlene Pelkey. Their kind, loving and caring spirits live within our school community and we recognize our students who demonstrate their values. The recipients of the 2017 Spirit of St. John Award are Hannah Pawlowski from grade four, and Nathaniel Muller from grade eight.



## DARE

We are very grateful to Officer Howe for providing our 5th graders with a most informative D.A.R.E. Program.



## First Communion

SJRS came together on June 2nd for a special mass and reception honoring those in grade two who had received First Communion. A special thank you to Father Rich Roberge, Mrs. Otterson (grade two teacher), Mrs. Denison (grade five teacher) and all the parents who made this a memorable day.



## May Crowning

On May 12th, SJRS honored our Blessed Mother with the May Crowning ceremony. The students process from the main building, down Thorndike Street to South Main Street saying the rosary. Students then enter the church and present Mary with flowers. Mary is then crowned by some of our eighth graders after a reflection of the reasons we are thankful for our Blessed Mother. We give special thanks to Catherine and Stella Martel who took part in the crowning of Mary.



## Kids Fair



Thank you to our SJRS 7th graders and their parent volunteers for hosting our annual Kids' Fair, an end-of-the-year tradition that is enjoyed by the whole student body.



# Current Events

## Consecration to Mary

Bishop Libasci consecrated our Catholic schools to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Northeast Delta Dental Stadium on May 16. It was a beautiful day for a special ceremony enjoyed by our staff and students.



## Spring Concert

The Spring Concert was held on May 24th. Thank you to Mrs. St. Cyr, our music teacher, for a lovely performance.



**Congratulations to Teresa Lavoie, grade three, on winning the Casella "Green" Art Calendar Contest.**



## Catholic Schools Week

SJRS took part in the celebration of Catholic Schools Week at the end of January. It started with a beautiful liturgy and was filled with fun activities such as ice skating, intercom bingo, a silly hat day, team sport shirt day, the SJRS talent show, and our annual spaghetti supper.



**Congratulations to Gracie Medeiros, grade seven, on receiving the Lions Club Peace Poster award.**



# SJRS Happenings

## Science Fair

With the help of Mrs. Collins, our Jr. High Science Teacher, SJRS held a Science Fair for students in grade five through grade eight. The projects included Rube Goldberg machines by grade eight, human skeleton by grade seven, changes over time by grade six, and various science experiments by grade five. This hands-on fair was on display in the Parish Activity Center for students and families to explore.



## Community Service

“Love God, Love Your Neighbor” Service Projects.

Throughout this past school year, our Junior High Theology teacher, Mrs. Mainusch, led our students to participate in various community service projects. The students collected donations such as canned goods, pie fillings, personal care items, soaps, shampoo, diapers, and toilet paper for Christ the King Food Pantry, CareNet Pregnancy Center, and the Friends Emergency Shelter. Students wrote and sent letters of thanks to a military service personnel for their sacrifice. Students in grade 4-8 participated in the King Arthur Kids Bake for Good Program. The King Arthur presenter demonstrated the bread making process and students were sent home with supplies to bake loaves of bread to be donated. Grade 6 prepared the supply bags and they brought the homemade bread to The Friendly Kitchen during Catholic Schools week. Grade 7 students visited with Harris Hill nursing home residents and listened as the residents share interesting stories of their lives. Representatives from the various organizations spoke of how they benefitted from the donations and extended their gratitude to our community. Thank you to parents and our school community for supporting our students as they learn how to make an impact in their community.



# SJRS Happenings

## Big Map

Thank you to Mrs. Samuel for giving the students of SJRS the opportunity to explore the Giant Map of NH. Students in our lower grade had a wonderful time exploring, walking on, and doing fun activities on the giant map. The borrowing of this map was made possible by the National Geographic Society and to the NH Geographic Alliance.



## Buddy Brunch

Every year the first graders honor their graduating buddies by hosting a brunch. Students in grade one and grade eight along with their parents enjoy breakfast in the Parish Activity Center after the end of year Mass.



## Father Daughter Dance

Our annual Father Daughter Dance took place on Saturday, April 1st. Thank you, Father Ray, for lending your DJ magic.



## Walkathon

On May 26 our sixth, seventh and eighth graders participated in the Walk-a-thon, which was both a "fund raiser" and a "fun-raiser". Students earned pledges and donations for the four-mile walk to Rollins Park where they spent the day playing games and having lunch. All had a good time.



# Advancement Update

Change of Address - Graduations – Weddings – Births – Promotions - Reunions – Etc. Please help to keep your St. John Family in touch by forwarding information to SJRS to [adv@stjohnregional.org](mailto:adv@stjohnregional.org) or phone at 603-228-1789. It's always a pleasure to hear from former classmates.

## SJRS Honors Mr. Gagne

Mr. Frederick Gagne retired at the end of this past school year. Mr. G. has taught eighth graders, math, computers and technology during the 29 years he served at SJRS. His hosting of the Chess club and the Talent Show will be remembered. More importantly, the school recognized Mr. G. on June 12 with his students portraying the 29 different plays he directed over the years. His steady presence in the classroom, his enthusiasm for SJRS drama productions, and his provocative classroom discussions will be greatly missed.



## Auction 2017

Please save the date and join us on November 11th, 2017 for a fun and exciting evening. Hart's Turkey Farm will be catering the event this year and many wonderful "live" and "silent" auction items will be available.

## Ways to Give...

You can make a significant gift, with little financial sacrifice, and great personal benefit through:

- Appreciated securities; income tax deductions for stocks full value and not tax gain
- Real estate; a residence, vacation home or commercial property

Gifts of appreciated securities to SJRS are doubly good:

1. They support the school.
2. They provide tax benefits.

For more information, please call 603-228-1789.

## Annual Fund Thank You

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the SJRS Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is the foundation of our school. For anyone who wishes to make a tax-deductible donation for this year's Annual Fund, please contact [adv@stjohnregional.org](mailto:adv@stjohnregional.org). Your donation received by December 31st will be included in the recognition society for 2017.

## Welcome!

SJRS has hired Mr. Simon Parsons to teach Social Studies. He is a graduate of Bowdoin College and the University of Virginia. He comes to SJRS with experience teaching both middle and high school students. Welcome to SJRS!

# Alumni Update

## Alumni Wedding

Brianna Frost '03 married Nicholas Nelsen on March 15, 2017 in Concord, New Hampshire. They live in Thornton, NH with their dog, Moxie. Brianna is a Montessori teacher in Plymouth, NH. Her husband, Nick, is a school substance councilor and a rock & ice climbing guide in the White Mountains.

## Class of 2004-2013

SJRS is in the process of collecting information about college and work after high school. We would ask that anyone who graduated from 2004-2013 merely send a brief email to [graduates@stjohnregional.org](mailto:graduates@stjohnregional.org) stating what college you attended or are attending after high school. If you joined the military you can list which branch of service. If you joined the workforce full time, please indicate the type of position. Our purpose is to develop a list of successes for our graduates. We will not use your name in any such list. Thank you for your help.

## Alumni Senior Breakfast

Each year SJRS calls back the graduating high school seniors to enjoy breakfast and to share memories of St. John's during their most formative years. On May 23rd, the SJRS Class of 2013 gathered at the Parish Activity Center for breakfast, took a tour of the campus, and visited with their buddies (now in grade 5). The seniors enjoyed visiting with teachers, and various classrooms. It was a heartwarming reunion for all.



### In Memory

#### Recently Deceased Alumni

Pauline Mary "Polly"  
(Marquis) Bell '38

Maurice Dupuis '45

Albert Laramie '61

James T. Lyons '59

Carmella Alosa Nameche '53

Beverly Clark Newell '51

Elaine B. (Barrett) Nichols  
(SJHS Attendee)

Ronald L. Patoine '58

John (Herbie) Quinn '49

Thomas Skivington '47

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## Upcoming Events

### **Back to School Cookout: August 27th, 2017**

Our Back-to-School Cookout will take place on Sunday August 27th, 2017 at SJRS. Mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of fun and food. This will be a great opportunity to meet new families and catch up with old friends.

### **Grandparents' Day: September 28th, 2017**

Grandparents' Day will take place on Thursday September 28th, 2017 here at SJRS. Mark your calendars and let grandparents know when and how they can be a part of this memorable event..

### **SJRS Annual Auction: November 11th, 2017**

Our 25th Annual Auction will be held at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord on Saturday November 11th, 2017. Mark your calendar for this fun filled evening. Hart's Turkey Farm will be catering the event this year and many wonderful "live" and "silent" auction items will be available. For more information or to make a donation, please contact the Advancement Office at 603-228-1789 or [adv@stjohnregional.org](mailto:adv@stjohnregional.org).

*Congratulations to Meg and Conley Bohan on winning the Cursive is Cool International Cursive Writing Contest. Meg won in the fourth-grade level cursive creative category for girls. Conley Bohan won in the sixth-grade level cursive creative category for boys.*



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