



St. John Regional School

Generation after Generation

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2018

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

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Exploring Tech Club

Mrs. Collins, our Jr. High Science teacher, meets with the Tech Club each week on Tuesday afternoon. The Tech Club allows students to explore different areas of technology, science and robotics. This year, Mrs. Collins received a \$500 grant which allowed the Tech Club to obtain a Vex IQ Challenge kit. Students helped to build the Vex IQ Challenge robot and is learning how to control and maneuver it to perform various tasks. The Tech Club members will use this robot in competitions to pick up specific rings and place them in a designated new location. When the students master the manual functions of the robot, they will learn to program the device to

perform multiple tasks in a specific order. Earlier in the school year, the Tech Club explored breadboards to light various items, as well as bristle boxes. These are small electrical motors, which the students used to move small items by adjusting the vibration and oscillations of the boxes. Last year the group built a sea perch and learned how to solder wires and

motors to it. They used this motorized sea perch to maneuver items in the water.

Mrs. Collins has also introduced technology into her classes. The sixth graders have used the Scratch program to design and print geometric coloring books for their younger buddies. The seventh graders have used the Scratch program to trace DNA mutations. Eighth graders have used Go-Go Boards and the Scratch program to make adjustments to model cars they built as they tried to measure and predict kinetic and potential energy. Mrs. Collins currently has ten students in the Tech Club, mostly sixth graders with two eighth graders.



SJRS Happenings

Bishop Libasci celebrated Mass with our students on October 13, 2018. After Mass, he visited with the students in their classrooms.



Grade 2 had a great visit with the fire department learning about fire safety and exploring the fire truck.

Congratulations to the winners of the SJRS Spelling Bee!



Champion and Top: Anna Gaby
 Second Place: Adem Aricanli
 Third Place: Nick Pagausan
 5th Grade Finalist: Meg Bohan
 6th Grade Finalist: Anna Beauchesne
 7th Grade Finalist: Kendall Harris
 8th Grade Finalist: Abigail Thresher

Congratulations to the winners of the SJRS Geography Bee!



Champion: Elisabeth Mainusch
 Second Place: Quinlan Caryl-Klika
 Third Place Tie: Fleur Caryl-Klika, Jack Beauchesne

The 2017 SJRS Christmas Concert was held in December at Christ the King Parish.



Kindergarten class performed a beautiful Nativity play.



Grade 6 presented a wonderful Thanksgiving Prayer Service.

SJRS Happenings

Grandparents' Day

It was a beautiful day on September 28, 2017 to celebrate Grandparents' day. Pre-K to Grade 5 students shared refreshments with the grandparents in their classrooms. Grade 6 through 8 spent time with their grandparents in the Christ the King Parish Activity Center. Great to see grandparents and student cherish this special occasion.



Back to School Picnic

Our Back to School Picnic welcomed students, parents and teachers to a new school year.

Maori Musicians

This past October, the Tūmanako group visited our school. This Maori Performance Group originate from Gisborne on New Zealand's North Island. The Maori are New Zealand's indigenous people and have retained their language and culture through the 200 years after the first British settlers first arrived in the country. One strong aspect is the performance which combines music, dance and action.

At St John's the group performed a variety of those traditions, including songs of welcome, and the Haka war dance. The members of Tūmanako group that came to the school consisted of Isaac Cotter, his daughter and his son-in-law, two younger sons, and two granddaughters (11 and 10). Thank you to Simon Leeming, former SJRS parent, for making this experience possible for our students.



Sports & Clubs

Clubs

Technology Club

Students meet once a week with Mrs. Collins, our Jr. High Science teacher, to do some computer programming, create and maneuver robotics, and perform some basic electrical tasks.



Math Club

Mrs. Henley, our Jr. High Math teacher, meets with the Math Club once a week to work on math concepts and strategies in preparation for the MathCounts competition.



Fan Club

Mr. Larochelle, our Jr. High Language Arts teacher, started a "Fan" Club. This club is all about the movies, TV shows, toys, and games such as Star Wars, Batman, DC Comics, Avengers, and Lego. Club members have fun meeting once a month to celebrate a specific theme.



Sports

Thank you to all coaches who take time out of their busy schedules to make sure that our SJRS athletes have successful seasons. Parental support is also a big contributor to the success of all sports activities.

Cross Country Team



Outdoor Soccer Team



Grade 1 & 2

Indoor Soccer Team



Grade 5 & 6

CONGRATULATIONS to our SJRS 5th/6th grade boys indoor soccer team with an undefeated first soccer session and reaching 2nd place in the tournament!

Basketball Team



Grade 6, 7 & 8



Grade K, 1 & 2

Rock Climbing



Meg McDonough



Hi! My name is Meg McDonough and I'm the Art Teacher at St. John's Regional School. This is my second year teaching at St. John's, and my ninth year working in schools. Being an art teacher is my dream job and I feel so lucky to be working with St. John's amazing and creative students!

I was born, raised, and still live in Manchester, NH. I'm lucky to have a wildly supportive, loving and funny family; my parents, brother and many Aunts, Uncles and cousins. For as long as I can remember, I've always loved to draw. Whether it was filling up sketchbooks with drawings of superheroes, or taking classes at the Currier Art Center, I've always been up to my eyeballs in the arts growing up. I graduated in 2008 from Alfred University's School of Art & Design with my Bachelor's in Fine Arts, with a focus on Graphic Design and Printmaking, along with a minor in Art History. I had the good fortune to work in the Manchester School District for seven years before finding my way to St. John's. When I'm not teaching, I love to hang out and spend time with my boyfriend, friends and family! I love to sketch, run, listen to music, cook, play video games, go to movies/concerts, find excuses to go to Boston and even occasionally catch some sleep! I'm game for pretty much anything!

I love being a part of the St. John's community! Everyone has been so warm and welcoming to me! So much that I feel like a part of the family now! Thank you! I look forward to the rest of the school year and many more to come!

Donna Collins



This is Mrs. Donna Collins' fourth year teaching Science to our sixth, seventh and eighth graders. She came to SJRS after a number of years at Crotched Mountain School and a short stint at the Villa Augustina in Goffstown. Mrs. Collins has a degree from New Hampshire College and several from UNH. She loves the small size of our classes which allows her to be creative in approaching Science topics with SJRS

students. She claims that our students are really curious about science, which makes teaching at SJRS so much fun. Mrs. Collins has an appreciation for the great community in which she works at SJRS.

Mrs. Collins is married and has two greyhounds. She also likes to dabble with art.



On May 5th, 2017, Officer Stephen Sullivan II (St. John Regional School, Class of 2007, Bishop Brady High School, Class of 2011, St. Anselm College, Class of 2015), graduated from the Western Massachusetts Police Academy's 55th Recruit Officer Class.

He then began ten weeks field training with specially trained veteran officers. He was trained and tested on the department's mission and values, policy & procedures, streets and geographic familiarization, town government operations, familiarization with school locations and layouts, problem traffic areas and many, many other topics. He was a standout in his academy class. He excelled academically and was awarded a leadership role by the academy staff.

Officer Sullivan was selected by the staff as the class leader. In this role he was the liaison between all student officers and the academy staff in all matters. In addition to preparing for his own classes and duties, Officer Sullivan had to work with his fellow students and academy staff to address issues and concerns. Officer Sullivan's achievement was recognized with an award from the Academy Director. Officer Sullivan also spoke on behalf of his academy classmates at the graduation ceremony.

The accomplishments of officers and their performance at the academy speaks well of the selection and vetting process used in selecting officers. After six months away at the academy, Officer Sullivan began his role with the Northborough Massachusetts Police Department.

Alumni Engagement



Congratulations! Elizabeth Swain '08 of Pittsburg, NH, is engaged to Kyle Rempfer of Tucson, AZ. The wedding is planned for Christmas 2018 in Kauai, HI. Lizzy is currently a second year medical student at West Virginia University School of Medicine

where she intends to pursue Obstetrics and Gynecology, and her fiancé, Kyle, is attending the University of Maryland on the GI Bill where he studies Russian and Political Science.

Maroon and Gold Recognition Society 2018

Angels	Up to \$99
Archangels	\$100 to \$249
Friends	\$250 to \$499
Patrons	\$500 to \$999
Scholars	\$1,000 to \$2,499
Principal's List	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Mother McAuley	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Msgr. J.S. Buckley	Over \$10,000

Angels

Sister Thomas Aquinas
Sister Joanne Bibeau, RSM '57
George F. Carroll, Jr '49
Central Street Laundromat
John Chroniak, '61 '65
Charles Cogen
Edward and Madelyn Constant
Patricia Nyhan Cotton '57
Nancy Thompson DeStefano '50
Jose and Ann Dominguez
Daniel J. and Terry Donovan '48
John F. Donovan, '60
Brian and Ellen Fitts
Eleanor Faretra Fortier '43
Martin Foy '55
Jordan Gallagher '56
Anthony Giacalone
Janet Grabnar
Thomas M. Hardiman '47
Nancy Neveux Hayes '59
George Heath '43
M. Melinda Hill, RSM '63
Stephen and Geri Holdsworth
Russell Peter Holmes '58
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Dr. Mark and Joyce Kelly
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Nancy Cross Lugg '50
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Lynn and Susan Muller
Jon Nugent
Danny Paquette
Richard Parkinson, Jr '58
Nicole Patenaude
Maureen Petro
Janice Jordan Phillips '57
Jane Smith Pineo '53
James T. Plumb
C. Robert Pope '61
Premier Dental Care
Jacqueline Preve
William Quinn
Madeleine Roy
Patricia Sheehy
Susan Lister Smilikis '58
Beverly Crutchfield Sweet '52
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Edna Pineo C. Welch '50

Archangels

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Joel Berman
Deacon George and Denise Borkush
Mary MacInnis Chin, '61
Sheila Cimis

Anthony Cipriano, Jr
Bernard E. Colgan
Reverend Edmund G. Crowley
Bruce and Nancee Donovan
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Dr. Patricia M. Edwards
Richard and Celia Goyette
David Hans
James and Kathleen Henley
Craig and Carolyn Itt
Kenneth P. Jordan '59
Ms Pat Karpen
Geoffrey and Eileen Kennedy
Albert B. LaPierre '61
Raymond J. LeBrun '51
Richard Malfait '46
E. Irene Muir
Joseph C. Musumeci
William Norton
Steven R. Painchaud '66
Michael Pawlowski
Marguerite Champney Robertson '56
Paula Rogers
Terrell and Cathy Swain
Richard Sweeney
Michael and Mary Thomas
Mary Martel Towle '61
Hannah Lacy West

Friends

Raymond Boissaneau
Joanne Bokum
Joseph Bonochhi
Kevin and Jo Brooks
Ceslaus King Carvalho '47
Shane Decato
John Fraser
John and Sarah Fraser
Charles A. King '44
Walter and Dorothy Kirsch
John and Donna Kristek
Michael and Meghan Licata
Richard and Carmen Osgood
Joanne Neveux Spaulding '57
Richard St. Hilaire '82
Frederick Taylor '57
Colby Thresher
Mark and Lisa Tierney

Patrons

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Donald R. Brochu
Dr. Robert Cimis
Pauline Ouellette Conley '38
Rev. George Desjardins
Dr. Michael and Maria Gilbert
Bridget Collins Grappone '59
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Dr. Douglas J. Moran
Scott and Candace Sloane

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Chester Titus
Jeffrey and Marian Towle
Dan and Laurel Will

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Dr. Roger and Renee Achong
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Richard and Sue Dearborn
Dr. Alan Gaby
Dr. Stephen Gunther
Dr. Thomas J. Halligan, Jr '55
Lee and Joan Herrington, III
Reverend Richard Roberge
Drs. Gerard and Catherine Holub-Smith
Ryan and Beth Towle

Principal's List

Scott and Kara Sweeney Atwell
Mary L. Goumillout
Gordon Humphrey

Anonymous (14)

Matching Gifts

Aetna Foundation, Inc.
The Plymouth Rock Foundation

In Memoriam

Spouses and friends of deceased members of St. John's community graciously make gifts to the school in their name. The following is a list of deceased in whose memory gifts were made in 2017:

Yvonne (Longchamps) Chapman '51
by Raymond J. LeBrun '51

Josephine (Sansone) French '57
by Mrs. Nancy Neveux Hayes '59, Joanne Neveux Spaulding '57

Albert Laramie '61
by Mr. C. Robert Pope '61

Beverly (Clark) Newell '5
by Raymond LeBrun '51

Gerry O'Connell
by Anonymous

Margaret Anita (Freel) Titus '38
by Chester Titus

Evelyn (King) Welch '51
by Raymond LeBrun '51

Bequest

The Stio Trust - Eileen Judge Stio '44

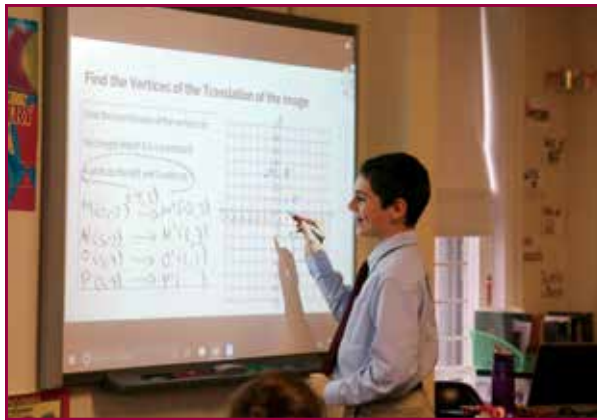
Thank You!!!

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Advancement Update

Fall Appeal Results

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! To our faithful donors who made it possible to reach our goal. The proceeds from this appeal allows the school to purchase interactive instructional boards for older students and computers to supplement instruction on basic skills with our younger students.



In Memory

Recently Deceased Alumni

Donald R. Addario '54
Norman J. Boisvert '56
Sandra (Jordan) Dallaire '62
Josephine (Sansone) French '57
Jane (Laduke) Harbin '56
Teresa (Spain) Hooper '43
Lucille Lecours '40
Lionel Mailhot "attende" '45
Mary Cecelia Mayhew '45
Wilfred "Bill" Mayo '62
Joseph Merrill '51
Al ("Mr. Al") Morency
Elissa "Lisa" (Cannistraro) Sullivan '49
Beverly (Crutchfield) Sweet '52
Margaret Anita (Freel) Titus '38
William Veroneau '47

SJRS 25th Annual Auction 2017 Highlights



SJRS held its Annual Auction on November 11, 2017. With the superb efforts of our Auction Committee the event was a success. We thank and appreciate the many volunteers who helped organize the auction and make it a memorable event for our community. Most impressive was the larger number attending this year. We look forward to another great event November 10th, 2018.



Annual Fund Appeal

Please look for the SJRS Annual Fund Appeal 2018, which will arrive in your mailbox within a few weeks. Your support is essential to our efforts in providing quality Catholic education to our students.

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Upcoming Events

**Alumni Senior Breakfast
"Class of 2014"**
May 22, 2018

Grandparents' Day:
Fall 2018

SJRS Annual Auction:
November 10th, 2018

**Follow us on Instagram and
"Like" us on Facebook to see
what's happening at SJRS
and what photos are posted
every week. You might just
recognize yourself!**

The Giving Tree



We have been blessed over the years with generous financial support from parents, grandparents, alumni and friends. The Giving Tree which hangs in the front hallway of the main building, next to the Sr. Irene Learning Center, bears many names. If your name is not yet engraved on a leaf, all donors who make a collective donation of \$250 or more to the school within a calendar year, will have their name added to the tree.