



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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Mission Statement

St. John Regional School is a Catholic community where students grow in faith, are challenged to achieve academic excellence, develop individual responsibility and imitate Jesus in their service to others.

Message to Graduates

Dear Members of the Class of 2022,

As you leave SJRS I would like to congratulate you once again on your Graduation. As a group, most of you endured three years of Covid restrictions to both your classroom activities and your social interactions within your class and with others. You have emerged from these unforeseen challenges strong and resilient. The pandemic has not hindered your academic growth. As a group you have met and surpassed your teachers' expectations. Masking and other restrictions have not prevented your connections with your classmates. You have shared classes, lunches

and even recess activities. You have supported one another.

I personally can attest to your willingness to help others. Whenever I sought volunteers to do some work, you would jump to assist in the project regardless of how much hard work might have been involved.

My picture of you, the Class of 2022, is one of a group which is academically strong, with a generous heart and a resilience to withstand a once-in-a-century global health challenge. Just as important, you have widened your view of God and God's Church. Your life in Faith has grown.



My prayer for you is that you continue to be successful in school and in life. May you remain generous with your time and talents. May you remember to Love God and Love Your Neighbor.

Remember you are always welcome here.

Sincerely,

Stephen Donohue, Principal

Class of 2022

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, on Facebook and Instagram.

Most Christ-like Award recipients



Gold: John Judd; Silver: Casey Shea; Bronze: Travis Lisofsky

SJRS Happenings

Thank you, Mr. Donohue!

On the last day of school, we celebrated Mr. Donohue for his 12 years of service as Principal of SJRS. Students, parents, alumni, and friends gathered for the tribute. Our SJRS PTO presented him with a bench which will be placed in the hallway in the main school building. This bench represents the positive impact he had when he would meet each student one-on-one to review their report cards each term. Our faculty presented him with a framed and signed picture of the school community. Fr. Rich Roberge presented Mr. Donohue with a special certificate of appreciation for his service to SJRS and to Christ the King parish. We wish Mr. Donohue a wonderful retirement!



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 2022 Spirit of St. John Award are Parker Brochu from Grade 4, and John Judd from Grade 8.



8th Grade Social

On June 7th, the graduating Class of 2022 gathered in the Parish Activity Center for a social. The students had a memorable night reflecting on their years here at St. John's and enjoyed time together as a united class before their graduation. Congratulations Class of 2022!



SJRS Happenings

May Crowning

On May 13th, SJRS honored our Blessed Mother with the May Crowning ceremony led by Grade 4 class. Our students processed from the school yard to Christ the King parish. Students from each class presented flowers to Mary, and our 4th graders led the prayer service. After the crowning of Mary, our school community formed a "rosary" inside the church and recited the rosary. We give special thanks to Casey Shea and Regan Dionne who crowned Mary.



Principal for the Day

Agnes Capozzi (Grade 4) and Nora Dunn (Grade 3) were the "Principal for the Day" winners from our 2022 Annual Auction. They experienced being the Principal on separate days, visited classrooms, performed fire drills, had lunch with their family and Mr. Donohue, and completed other various daily tasks.



D.A.R.E.

Congratulations to our 5th grade class!

Thank you, Officer Howe, for providing our 5th graders with a most informative D.A.R.E. Program.



SJRS Happenings

SJRS Math Team



Congratulations to Ryan Casey for placing 1st in the individual competition at MATHCOUNTS NH State Competition. He represented the State of NH at the MATHCOUNTS National Competition held in Washington DC. Congratulations to Mrs. Henley, Jr High Math Teacher, on being selected as the coach of the NH National Team at the MATHCOUNTS National Competition.

Twelve students competed in the MATHCOUNT Chapter competition, and six students competed in the MATHCOUNTS State competition. We had 15 students compete in the AMC 8 competition and our Video Math Challenge group made it to the quarterfinals of the competition. Thank you to Mrs. Henley for leading our SJRS Math Team once again to the Gold Level Club!



SJRS Robotics Team

"Legoman Dan" aka Mr. Dan Hughes led our Robotics club this year. Our students from grade 5th to 8th, competed in the Rize Robotics Lego League in the Fall and the Spring. Congratulations to our Season 1 and 2 State Champions, and to our Season 2 Tournament Champions!



SJRS Happenings

Community Service

During Catholic Schools' Week, our students made many blessing bags that were delivered to different organizations in the Concord area. Kindergarten and Grade 1 made "Welcome Activity" bags and snack bags for the Friends Emergency Family Homeless Shelter. Grades 2 and 3 made Blessing bags filled with various items for the Harris Hill Healthcare Center. Grades 4 and 5 made Activity bags for children and parents to enjoy during their visit at the Shea Farm Community Corrections. Grade 6 created condolence cards for those in our SJRS community who have experienced a loss. Grade 7 made Blessing

bags filled with personal hygiene items for the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness Resource Center. Grade 8 helped organize the Christ the King Food Pantry. Thank you to parents and our school community for supporting our students as they learn how to make an impact in their community.



Annual Spaghetti Supper Highlights

Thank you to those who came to support our 8th graders for our annual Spaghetti Dinner on May 21st, 2022. Our 8th grade students hosted this event and had an enjoyable time serving the patrons. This event helped raise funds to support the year-end trip for our 8th grade class.



Advancement Update

29th Annual Auction

Thank you to all those who supported our 29th Annual Auction, in-person and virtually. We are grateful to our sponsors, and those who donated goods and services to our largest fundraiser. Proceeds from this event will help in our efforts to keep tuition affordable and to meet our operating budget. We extend a sincere thank you and deep appreciation to the many volunteers, especially Mrs. Sharon Borkush, who worked tirelessly to make our auction a success.

A special thank you to our major sponsors for your continued support – Christ the King Parish, Concord Pediatric Dentistry, Concord Orthodontics, Roan Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Vermette Orthodontics, Davis & Towle Insurance Group, and Northwood Family Dental Center.

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. Your donation received by December 31st will be included in the recognition society for 2022.



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 are doubly good:

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

For more information, please call 603-228-1789, check our website for more Ways to Support our school at stjohnregional.org.

Alumni Update

Alumni Senior Breakfast Class of 2018

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 18th, the SJRS Class of 2018 gathered at the Parish Activity Center for breakfast, took a tour of Barry Hall, and visited various classrooms. The seniors enjoyed visiting with former teachers and seeing their buddies (now in grade 5). It was a heartwarming reunion for all. We wish our Class of 2018 many blessings as you continue your journey. Congratulations and please stay in touch!



Class of 2004-2022

SJRS is in the process of collecting information about college and work after high school. We would ask that anyone who graduated from 2004-2021 merely send a brief email to 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.

In Memory

Recently Deceased Alumni

Nancy Prendergast Desjardins '61

Eleanor Faretra Fortier '43

Shirley Pope Robillard '63

Harvey L. Smith Jr. '57

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every week. You might just
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