



Enrollment for 2010-2011

Thank you for your interest in St. John Regional Catholic School. Please read over the registration packet carefully and contact Mrs. Jean Wright at 301 695-9358 or jwright@sjrcs.org with any questions. We hope that St. John Regional Catholic School will become your family's school of choice.

Please note that registration will be complete when we have received the registration fee of \$275 per child. Your check will be deposited and is non-refundable except as stated below in the section called "Waiting Lists and Refunds." Also, before the registration process is complete for new students in grades 1-8, we must test your child. Tests will be scheduled after March 1st. Students entering Kindergarten will be assessed during the first week of school.

Mission Statement

The St. John Regional Catholic School provides and supports quality education in the tradition of the Catholic Church for all who seek it. The faith community is dedicated to the development of the whole person – spiritually, academically, creatively, physically, emotionally, and socially – all through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Admissions Policy

St. John Regional Catholic School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policy, or other school administered programs.

In anticipation of all current students re-registering for the 2010-2011 school year, space will be reserved for our students first. During re-registration siblings of current students and siblings of alumnus may also register. The re-registration deadline is strictly followed and families who do not re-register by the deadline will be placed on a waiting list. Priority will be given to applicants in the following categories in the order listed.

1. Siblings of current students and siblings of alumnus.
2. Children and grandchildren of alumnus.
3. Catholic students whose families are registered parishioners in good standing from one of the regional parishes (St. John the Evangelist, St. Peter, St. Timothy, St. Ignatius, St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor, Holy Family, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Francis/St. Mary's, and Ft. Detrick Catholic Community).
4. Catholics from other parishes.
5. Non-Catholics

Pre-Kindergarten Admissions (in addition to above criteria)

1. Must be 4 years old by September 1, 2010.
2. Availability of space. Priority is given to students in the order summarized above.
3. Must be fully toilet trained and able to use the bathroom without adult assistance.

Include with your registration papers:

1. A current picture of your child (wallet/Polaroid)
2. The completed Parent Observation Form
3. Immunization record
4. Signed Pre-K/Kindergarten Release of Information Form

Kindergarten Admissions (in addition to above criteria)

1. Must be 5 years old by September 1, 2010.
2. Students with birthdays from September 2nd – October 15th may be tested for Kindergarten readiness. The Brigance Screening Assessment may be administered for a \$50 testing fee.
3. Availability of space. Priority is given to students in the order summarized above.

Include with your registration papers:

1. A current picture of your child (wallet/Polaroid)
2. The completed Parent Observation Form
3. Immunization record
4. Signed Pre-K/Kindergarten Release of Information Form

Grades 1-8 Admissions

1. Must have successfully completed the previous grade
2. Availability of space. Priority is given to students in the order summarized above.
3. Successful completion of the entrance test administered by SJRCS.
4. Personal interview may be scheduled if necessary.
5. Recommendation form from one current Language Arts or Math teacher, completed and mailed or faxed by the teacher, to SJRCS Admissions Office.

Admissions Information

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available through the regional parishes, Friends of Catholic Education Scholarships, James & Marian McSherry Endowed Scholarship, the St. John Endowment Fund, the Eliot Kelly Scholarship (for Kindergarten) and from the school. **A Tuition Aid Data Service (TADS) on-line application must be processed in order to receive tuition assistance.** All are welcome and encouraged to apply and information provided is confidential. For more information, contact Mrs. Nancy Motherway, the Business Manager, at 301-662-6722 or by email at nmotherway@sjrcs.org. TADS forms must be completed by April 30, 2010, and are available on-line at www.tads.com.

Food Certificates

Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE) supports a Food Certificate program to assist parents in reducing the cost of tuition at the Catholic schools in Frederick County. To learn more about the program, please contact FOCE at foce@att.net or at www.friendsofcatholic.org.

Transfer Students

A copy of your child's previous school year record, including report card(s), IEP if applicable, and any national testing results, must accompany your application along with a recommendation form that has been completed by a current teacher.

Waiting List and Refunds

If a grade is full, students with completed registration applications and paid registration fees are placed on a waiting list based on the admissions priority criteria (see Admissions Policy). If an opening becomes available before the beginning of school, or during the school year up to November 1, 2010, and the parent chooses not to enroll their child, the registration fee is non-refundable. If the child is not placed in a class by November 1, 2010, the fee is refunded.

Special Assistance

St. John Regional Catholic School offers quality education to all who seek it; however, some students may need special assistance. A conference with the principal will be held to determine the best solution for all students to succeed.