



Best Private Elementary School

Best Private Middle School **St. John Regional Catholic School**

St. John Regional Catholic School, located on Opossumtown Pike, offers Pre-K 3 through eighth grade education. The School prides itself on a Christ-centered environment and seeks to provide an exemplary education to all students within the framework of the Gospel and the traditions of the Catholic Church. The goal of our faith community is to develop future leadership for the 21st century through academic excellence, faith in action, and a firm foundation with Christian virtues.

Founded in 1829, St. John was originally located on East Second Street in Downtown Frederick and moved to 8414 Opossumtown Pike in 2005. Its founding father, Father John McElroy, would go on to found Boston College, as well.

SJRCS is a state-of-the-art certified “Green School”. SJRCS has the ability to offer three classes at each grade level. As a designated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, SJRCS provides enhanced programs in



these fields. Our students thrive with a 1:1 iPad program, science lab, computer lab, Makerspace, art room with a kiln, 3-D printers, and Lego Robotics.

As a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, students follow a curriculum of math, language arts, science, social studies, religion, foreign language, technology, arts and physical education while maintaining a focus on their Catholic faith. Students regularly participate in service projects to help those less fortunate than themselves.

SJRCS’s QUEST Program provides additional enrichment to its students. Based on the Renzulli School-wide Enrichment model, QUEST recognizes that all students are gifted and talented in some area and addresses these talents through innovative activities and assignments.

SJRCS’s PRIDE Program is an innovative program designed for students in grades 3-8 to meet the needs of students who learn differently. Our PRIDE program is staffed by a highly qualified special education teacher who designs specific programs to meet the personal learning needs of each child. Small group sizes and a modified curriculum for Language Arts and Math are hallmarks of our program.

In addition to academics, SJRCS provides a number of clubs for its students, including: a student council, band, chorus and hand bell choir, National Junior Honor Society and the Silver Knights Chess Company. SJRCS Wildcats also compete in basketball, soccer, lacrosse, golf, and cheerleading.