



Hawk Talk with Mr. D

March 18th – 25th



Updates

Good Afternoon,

First let me begin by saying that we are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring, patient and flexible community. As we embark on this journey, we do so together. Let us use this unfortunate situation to unite us as a group through prayer, reflection and shared experiences with family. Please know that the faculty and staff are here to help however we can during these trying times and will continue to try and provide some stability through support and academic instruction via our distance learning plan. With all that is going on in our society, we are going to make some changes to our Hawk Talk Newsletter for the time being. We will utilize this form of communication to share resources, guidelines and updates from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as they provide us with up to date information. One thing I would like to share is a prayer written by the Holy Father, Pope Francis to the Blessed Mother.

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Thank You,

Mr. D'Andrea

Advancement Corner

Welcome to SJR at Home

Even though we can't be physically together, let us share our "SJR at Home" spirit so we continue to feel our love for one another. We will stay together as we pray, work, and be creative each day! Please send your "SJR at Home" pictures and creative ideas to kwilliamson@stjstr.org. Don't forget to wear your SJR Spirit Wear! We will feel the love with daily posts to our school social media.

SJR continues to accept applications for Pre-K4 through 8th grade for the 2020 - 2021 academic year. Please spread the word with the attached flyer. Families can contact Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org for information.

EITC Information and Webinars

Attached is a flyer in regards to the EITC program and upcoming webinars. Any questions please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Williamson.

BLOCS Tuition Scholarships

Applications for BLOCS Tuition Scholarships for the 2020 - 2021 school year are now open. Please refer to the attached information as to the application requirements.

Don't Miss Your Children in Action!

If you have not done so already, please take a minute to Like and **Follow us on Facebook:** St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School and **Tweet with Us:** <https://twitter.com/SjrSchool>. In addition, you can follow us on Instagram: SJRSchool. You can also access the school social media pages from our SJR website: www.stjstr.org. **Please Like and share with family & friends!**



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Resources

FableVision Learning - FableVision Learning provides support for educators around the world to nurture the 4Cs (plus 1): creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking — and compassion — both in the classroom and out.

<https://mailchi.mp/fablevisionlearning.com/fableflash-when-the-going-gets-tough-the-creative-get-going?e=9226fe50be>

Scholastic at Home Resources

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnat-home.html>

Kennedy Center – Mo Willems Lunch Doodles on Facebook (happens every day live and is archived to be viewed later as well)

45+ Free Educational Sites for Kids

https://fromabcstoacts.com/45-free-educational-websites-for-kids/?fbclid=IwAR30aepIGmCiPNTtptF6zjw-tdB_aLS3QyINW3ddfr3B7jWILzKdR9cb7UU

Digital Field Trips

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvldgTx9djKO6SjyvPDsoGlgE3iExmi3qh2KRRku_w/preview?fbclid=IwAR3voS_QAEDuWii3fVncvrnzPZVhwSKJII9hbbBK2AtSm8zkBd7xAfNORaA

Home and School

During this stressful and unknown time, the HSA thought now is the best time to band together as a school community. We will be featuring SJR's "Ray of Light" posts throughout the weeks while we are away from one another. We will have prayer, ideas for the kids, and more to keep us uplifted and connected. #sjrfamily



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EITC 2020 Spring Webinars

**Wednesday, March 11th
at 10:00 am**



**Tuesday, March 24th
at 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, April 23rd
at 2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, May 7th
at 12:00 Noon**



Email jneeld@foundationforcatholiceducation.org for login information



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Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)

Your PA Personal and Business Taxes can be redirected to St. Joseph/St. Robert School for use as tuition assistance for our qualified students.

EITC is a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania program that has allowed PA businesses to make donations to financial aid programs at schools like St. Joseph/St. Robert School in exchange for tax credits of up to 90% of the donations. Now individuals can also take advantage of these tax incentives.

If you pay \$1,000 or more in PA taxes, please consider learning more and take advantage of the 30-minute EITC Webinars offered through the Foundation for Catholic Education. For additional information, please contact Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement at kwilliamson@stjstr.org.



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Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) Tuition Scholarships

Applications for the BLOCS Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year are open. It is recommended that you visit: www.Blocs.org and review the FAQ. It is very important that every SJR family review and apply even if you are over the annual income. Families can apply who have students enrolling in grades Pre-K through 12th.

Applications for tuition scholarships are completed through FACTS by visiting: <http://blocs.org/apply-scholarship/> The application fee is \$30.00 & all submissions are strictly confidential.

Applying for financial scholarship through FACTS has never been easier because **this year you can use your 2018 tax return**. In fact, if you applied for aid for the 2019 – 2020 school year, you can reapply without re-submitting your tax return, since FACTS already has your 2018 return on file. You may also wait until next year and upload your 2019 tax return.

New families applying for financial scholarship for the first time will need to complete the application and submit the necessary documentation to FACTS to be eligible for EITC scholarship. Once you complete an online application, you will need to send the following information to FACTS to finalize the application process:

* Copies of your 2018 or 2019 Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Williamson at Kwilliamson@stjstr.org or 215.343.5100, extension 209.