

*During this busy week, let’s remember****, “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength****.” Philippians 4:13*

*From the Desk of Mrs. Durkin September 28, 2022*

Dear Families,

The temperature is starting to feel like fall! This reminds me that October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, begins this weekend. The rosary can seem difficult to fit into our busy lives. However, it’s important to remember that this beautiful devotion need not be prayed all at once-you can pray one decade at a time. It can also be prayed anywhere. So, if you spend a lot of time in the car – make that your rosary time, too. Include your children in developmentally appropriate ways. In Pre-K we prayed one Hail Mary, One Glory Be, The Story/Mystery, and One Our Father at the beginning of the year and expanded that to saying a decade of the rosary each day by the end of the school year. Please take a moment to read the following article and consider making praying the rosary part of your family tradition and spiritual practice. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/why-pray-the-rosary> My friend’s mother died recently. She lived a wonderful and long life, dying at ninety-four years old. At her funeral, my friend told me the most lovely story. If someone were to wake her mother when she had dozed off she would pick up reciting the rosary right where she had left off – sometimes in the middle of a prayer! Her physical abilities diminished with age but she kept right on praying the rosary for her family, friends, and community. Prayer is powerful.

The changing weather also reminds me that Mrs. Bargerhuff has set up a used uniform sale for Tuesday, October 4th from 6:30 – 8:00p.m. in the school cafeteria. It’s a great opportunity to find winter uniform pieces at a reasonable price! Thank you, Mrs. Bargerhuff! Tuesday, November 2nd is the first day that winter uniforms are required to be worn.

Thank you for all you do for SJR!

Mrs. Durkin



Parish News

Sacrament Sunday was such an inspiring day for parents who are preparing to support their child’s spiritual growth as they prepare to make their sacraments this year. It was wonderful to be a part of it.

St. Robert’s is planning to bring back the Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sundays! This is a wonderful program for children in Kindergarten through Grade 3 to hear the Sunday readings on a level that will help them to understand them better and grow closer to our Lord. If we have enough volunteers, we could also include a group for children ages 3 and 4. Please see the attached flyer.

St. Joseph Parish is celebrating its’ 100th Anniversary with a banquet on Friday, October 21st at Spring Mill Manor. Join in the celebration! You can buy tickets at Saintjosephchurch.us or after weekend Masses at St. Joe’s.

St. Robert Parish is celebrating Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 9th, from 12:00-5:00p.m. There’s food and fun for the whole family. Please join in! Students in seventh or eighth grade have been invited to volunteer and help with the children’s activities. Thank you to those students who have already volunteered. If your 7th or 8th grader would like to assist, please email me at [jdurkin@stjstr.org](mailto:jdurkin@stjstr.org) by this Friday.



Apple of My Eye Winners



We’re happy to be able to celebrate the kind and helpful works of our Apple of My Eye winners this week: Bella G., Joey B., Paul K., Maddie M., and Emma R. We’re grateful for the large and small ways they contribute to the SJR community!

Home and School News

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their HSA volunteer and membership paperwork. The option of Sign-up genius for the volunteer forms is posted on the website and will be for the year. That way you will have the opportunity to sign up for things as they get closer to the event.**We are in need of more volunteers for most of the events.**Thank you in advance for your help**!!**

How Sweet it was to meet you! This year’s Covered Dish was wonderful! It was so nice to finally bring this event back!! Thank you to all the 2nd grade parents who made it spectacular.

Some other fun events coming up this months:

**October 8th:**Spirit day Dairy Queen 12-9pm

**October 15th:**Halloween dance for 4th 5th and 6th grade. See flyer for details.

**October 15th:** 7th and 8th grade Hayride. See flyer for details.

**October 21st:** Trunk or Treat. See flyer for details.

Kidstuff books went home. Please be sure to return the books by this **Friday** **the 30th**.Any question please reach out to Maryanne Outland at [Outland1027@gmail.com](mailto:Outland1027@gmail.com)

Box Tops for Education is now electronic!! Please download the app [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com/) or scan the QR code on the flyer attached and help raise money for St. Joseph/St. Robert School. Please contact Maryanne Outland at [Outland1027@gmail.com](mailto:Outland1027@gmail.com) with any questions. If you are not electronically savvy, please drop any food shopping receipts in the box labeled Box Tops in the vestibule at school or send them in with your child.

A great resource for any quick questions or to find out what’s going on is following us on Facebook. SJR Home and School Association or on SJR Parents.



News from the Advancement Director

A reminder that the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Scholarship family income levels for the current 2022-2023 school year has increase. Families who did not previously meet the income qualifications for tuition scholarships through the EITC/BLOCS program may now qualify with the higher income threshold. Families can apply who have students enrolling in grades Pre-K to 12th grade. These tuition scholarships can offset the cost of your child’s Catholic education. The paperwork to determine eligibility must be submitted by September 30th. Please see the attached flyer or call and speak to our Advancement Director, Mrs. Kathy Williamson.

For those who are attending the playgroup on Sundays a note that we have altered the schedule. The playgroup will not meet on Sunday, October 9th – the day of St. Robert’s Oktoberfest. Come join in Oktoberfest fun instead!

Health and Safety

A reminder from the nurse’s office:

Physical and Dental Exam forms are due by October 15th.  Any exam done since September 1, 2021 is acceptable.

Requirements by grade:

* ***Kindergarten and 6th grade-*PHYSICAL EXAM DUE**
* ***Kindergarten, 3RD grade and 7th grade***-**DENTAL EXAM DUE**

New students need both a physical exam and dental exam.

Thank you. Those forms are attached if you need them.

Thank you to all the families who are remembering to call the office when their child is absent! It is truly appreciated.

Opportunities and Reminders

A reminder that Friday, October 7th, is a noon dismissal. There are no Centennial buses nor is there CARES that afternoon.

Please return your payment or your Kid Stuff Book this Friday, September 30th.

A reminder that any time your child is not taking their usual transportation home that you need to please let your child’s teacher know. This includes Thespian Club rehearsals and Young Rembrandts.

We will have our first fire drill for the year tomorrow morning.  This will be announced to the students and practiced beforehand.  You might want to take this opportunity to share/create a fire safety plan at home and teach it to your child. Students in grades Pre-K – 2 will have a fire safety presentation on October 21st.

Mr. Ron Rolon, who gave an excellent presentation about bullying prevention at our first Home and School Association meeting, will be presenting on Friday to the following grades:

* Grades 3-5 Mr. Rolon will be speaking about “*Character Education and Supporting One Another.*”
* Grades 6-8 he will be speaking about “*What it means to be a Peer Leader and a Role Model.*”

Please take a moment to ask your child about what they learned during the presentation.

God bless you and have a wonderful rest of your week!

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin