

St. Joseph/St. Robert School

Weekly Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN

November 16, 2022

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

Dear SJR Families,

It is always the perfect time to be grateful, but November is traditionally the time when we have gratitude and thankfulness more in mind. There is a quote by Blessed Solanus Casey that I meditate on quite frequently: "Thank God ahead of time." God has demonstrated His goodness and care for us time and time again. So, we don't have to wait for November or even for something extraordinary to happen. We can thank God in the midst of our ordinary days- and in times of difficulties - for the goodness of simple things and for the love that He assures us is ours forever.

I'm grateful for all that you do and thank God ahead of time for the blessings he will provide to the students, families, faculty, and staff of SJR!

*https://www.frmd.org/category/saints/





Parish News

St. Joe's is hosting their Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 4th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. They will have great food, fabulous raffle baskets, 50/50, vendors, crafters, music and of course Santa! Calling all Vendors and Crafters Contact Rita Roley if interested in a table: 215-872-0499 or rroley2325@comcast.net. Space is limited.\

Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning to St. Robert Bellarmine Parish on Sunday, November 27th at the 11:00 AM Mass Children ages 4 through Grade 3 are welcome to come join us to hear the readings on a level they can understand. Children will be called forward after the opening prayer and will return to the congregation after the Prayer of the Faithful. We hope many of our families will join us at the 11:00 Mass beginning the 1st Sunday in Advent and continuing at the 11:00 Mass each week



Apple of My Eye

We're happy to be able to celebrate the kind and helpful works of our Apple of My Eye winners this week: Nikolas, Caterina, Robert, McKenna, and Hannah (not pictured)

Their kind deeds help to make SJR a very special place – thank you!





News from the Advancement Director

Thank you to all the families who helped us spread the word about SJR at Valley Square's tree lighting event!

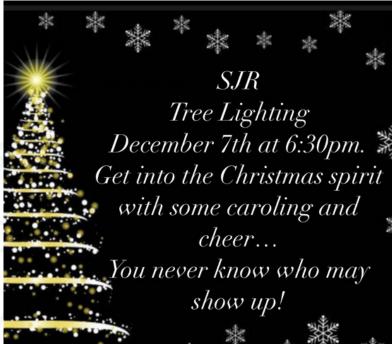
Another big "Thank you!" to all of our Hawk Hosts and Student Ambassadors who shared their Saturday with us touring prospective families through the school and answering their questions. It was wonderful to hear them share their personal experiences and enthusiasm about SJR!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

See the flyer for how you can support SJR just by your regular shopping!







Home and School News

Our annual SJR Walkathon will be held Friday, November 18 at 1:15p.m. All students should wear their gym uniforms on Friday for the Walkathon. Please join us for the walk (no dogs, please.) We will be gathering in front of the school at 1:15. If you walk with us, you will be able to take your child home with you when the event is over. There will be a sign out table in front of the school and students will have their backpacks ready to be picked up inside the building.

Great news - we have raised \$12,000 and so each dollar donated from now until the end of the month is eligible to be matched by our generous donor. They are willing to match up to \$25,000! Donations are accepted until the end of the month. This link https://grouprev.com/SJRHSA2022 is available to be shared on social media or email. Please copy and paste it into your browser. Checks are accepted as well. Please consider reaching out to friends and family.

Congratulations to Ms. Monaghan's kindergarten class for selling the most pies! They will enjoy a pizza party to celebrate! We sold, in total, over 300 pies! Thank you to everyone who bought or sold pies - we know you'll enjoy them. You can pick your pies up between 12:00-3:00p.m. on November 23rd.

Some fun events coming up this month:

November 18th: Walkathon. Families are welcome to come and walk with your children.

<u>December 5th and 13th:</u> Christmas ornament pictures taken. See flyer.

<u>December 6th:</u> Mobile Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A. All orders must be placed through the app. See flyer.

December 7th: Our First Annual Tree
Lighting! See information in the graphic.
December 12th: Little Elf Shop - See flyer.
December 23rd: Milk and Cookies during the half-day. Santa comes to school (Shhhh!)

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.

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!!



Thespian Club

Take the opportunity to wish your little cast member well by purchasing "Well Wishes" at https://www.stjstr.org/well-wishes/ This sale will offset the cost of creating the playbill.

Also, if you are looking for flowers for your little star, please consider Blue Violet who is working with us for our flower fundraiser for the show. See the Band App for details.



Young Rembrandts's Next Session Begins on December 1st!

It's time to register for the next session of Young Rembrandts. This is open for students who joined us for the first session or for those who want to join for the first time.

The sessions are after school on Thursdays. We hope your budding artist joins in the fun!



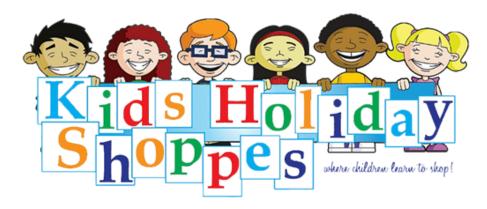
January 20th!

Part of the fun at the Bingo Night are the awesome baskets for the raffles. For the committee to begin selling tickets at all masses starting the weekend of January 7th and leading up to Bingo night, they need to begin making them soon. The committee is asking each family to donate \$20 which will enable them to start making the baskets prior to the Christmas holiday.

Each family who donates to the basket raffle will receive a Dress Down Pass for their child/children to be used on Friday, January 20th.

In addition, any classroom that has 100% participation will receive an additional Dress Down Pass to be used on Monday February 27th. Please use the form and envelope that was sent home this week.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM St. Joseph/St. Robert HSA!



A HOLIDAY SHOPPE IS WHERE THE CHILDREN CAN BUY GIFTS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND EVEN PETS!

EACH CHILD WILL BRING HOME A MONEY ENVELOPE.

PARENTS MAY FILL IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY

THEIR CHILD CAN SPEND PER CATEGORY.

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. OUR SHOPPE WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY:
SISTERS, BROTHERS, GRANDPARENTS,
MOM, DAD & EVEN THE PETS

REMEMBER- NO PEEKING
WHEN YOUR CHILD COMES HOME WITH THE PRESENTS!

GIFT PRICES RANGE FROM \$0.50 TO \$15.00

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING TO MAKE
THIS AN EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING PROJECT
FOR ALL OF US.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM KIDS HOLIDAY SHOPPES

AND

SJR'S HOLIDAY HELPERS



AmazonSmile

Dear SJR Families & Friends,

Amazon has an amazing program called "AmazonSmile" whereby they will donate 0.5% of your purchases to a charity of your choice!

While that does not sound like a lot of money, it really adds up!

The next time you shop on Amazon, would you please consider using AmazonSmile and listing our school as your designated charity? It's quick, it's easy and it's free money for SJR!

Would you please share this with your families and friends?

Thank you very much for all that you do to support our school!

Best wishes,

SJR HSA



About AmazonSmile

What is Amazon5mile?

Amazor/Smile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization overy time you shop, at no cost to you. Amazor/Smile is available at Smile amazor.com or your web browser and can'be activated in the Amazor Shopping app for IDS and Andreid phones. When you shop with Amazor/Smile, you'll find the exact same low prices, yout selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazor.com, with the added benefit that Amazor/Smile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from organizations to support.

What is the AmazonSmile Charity Lists program?

AmazonSmile Charity Lists is a meaningful and easy way for you to shop and donate items directly to charities in need. Simply find the charities you'd like to support, add items from their lists to your cart, and check out – I'ts that easy, To learn more, visit smile amazon.com/charitylists or tap Charity Lists on the "Programs & Festures" menu in the Amazon Shopping app on your mobile phone.

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Do I need to renew AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile renewals happen twice a year to help keep AmazonSmile on mobile app. AmazonSmile will notify you of these renewals via pash notifications and through in-sep notifications. If you miss a nenewal you can reactivate at any time by repeating the steps to "turn on" AmazonSmile on your mobile device. There is no mnewal period for browser shopping on AmazonSmile, which you can use anytime by typing "smile amazon.com" into your browser.

Which products on AmezonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile denetioe" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently aligible.

How to use AmazonSmile

- Step 1: Log into your Amazon account.
- Step 2: Go to the "Account & Lists" dropdown and select "AmazonSmile Charity Lists"



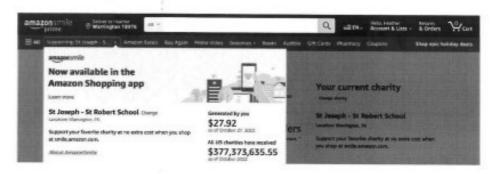
Step 3: Search for "St Joseph - St Robert School" and set as your charity



Step 4: Scroll down to bottom of page and set AmazonSmile as a bookmark



Step 5: Whenever you shop, be sure to use the bookmark and check to ensure "AmazonSmile" is in the upper left-hand corner of the screen - and below that "Supporting St Joseph - St Robert School"















2022 Christmas Ornaments

It's time to place your orders for this year's SJR CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT!

Every year before Christmas, volunteers from our HSA come together to make Christmas ornaments for your family. These are photo ornaments and will fill your Christmas tree with the most beautiful memories of your children, so please order as many as you'd like to gift to your friends and family!

If you'd like to order an ornament, we will be taking a picture of your child on the days listed below. You may request an individual picture of your child, a family photo of your children (for those with siblings who attend SJR), or both an individual and family photo. The ornaments will be delivered to your children to bring home with them before they begin Christmas break.

Pictures will be taken on **Monday, December 5th**. Ideally ALL pictures will be completed on that day. If your child is absent that day for their individual picture, or if a child in your family is absent for the family photo, there will an additional picture day on **Tuesday**December 13th.

Please return the order form ASAP to Kristi Brennan c/o Brynn Brennan, grade 5. Order forms will also be included in the Weekly Newsletter.













CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

Family Name:							
Child/Children's Names and Grade #:							
	Family and/or Individual Ornament Please Mark "F" or "I"	Child's name (for individual photos only)	Grade#	Quantity	Sub Total at \$5.00 each		

Total # of Ornaments:				
Total Amount Enclosed:				
Payment can be made in cash or check to "SJR HSA"				
Please contact Kristi Brennan at kris1481@aol.com w	ith any questions.			
Return order forms by Friday Dec 2nd to Kristi Brenno	an c/o Brynn, grade 5			

Mobile
Spirit Night
for St. Joseph/
St. Robert
School

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:30-7:00pm





<u>Instructions for placing a mobile order</u>

- Download the Chick-fil-A App and create an account or sign into your account if you have one.
- Please make sure you select Warrington as your location. Choose your pick-up method (Carry-out, Drive-thru or Dine-in).
- 3. Start your mobile order and redeem any rewards.
- 4. When you are finished adding items to your order click "My Order" and under the "Have a Special Request?" please type in SJR. Review your order details and then complete your order.
- 5. When you arrive at Chick-fil-A click the "I'm here" and follow any additional prompts.

St. Joseph/St. Robert School will earn 10% of Total Sales from all Mobile Orders placed during the allotted time that have entered "SJR" in the Special Request section before placing the order. This does not include app scans at the register or orders placed through our delivery partners:

DoorDash/Uber Eats/Grubhub.