



# St. Joseph/St. Robert School

## Weekly Newsletter

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DURKIN

December 14, 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,

The third Sunday in Advent is marked by lighting a pink candle - the liturgical color that represents joy. I hope you and your family are having a joy-filled week! We at SJR are certainly experiencing all of the joy this special time of year has to offer. We are especially happy for the third graders who received their First Penance in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God loves us all the time and when we don't love Him as we should He is delighted to welcome us back into the fullness of His love. If you have not been to Confession recently - or in a long time - consider attending tomorrow evening at St. Joe's. It will increase your joy this Christmas. Details are in the "Parish News" section of this newsletter.

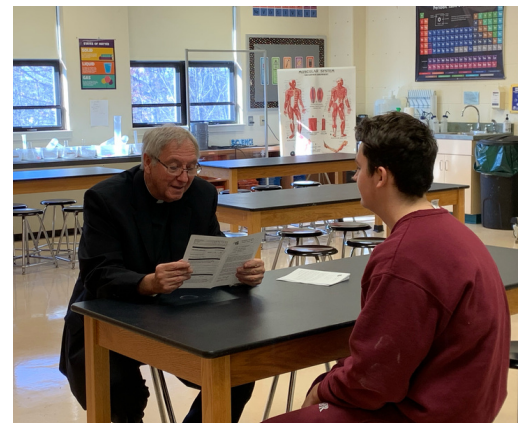
Thank you to all who came out to help Santa light our Christmas tree at the HSA's first ever tree lighting ceremony - I am still smiling! And thank you to Mrs. Rosenello and the vast number of volunteers who made our Little Elf Shop a wonderful Christmas experience for all of the students.

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

Mrs. Durkin



"Thank you" to  
Monsignor Beisel  
and Father Muka  
for distributing  
report cards to  
students this  
past Friday.





## Parish News

St. Robert had their Parish Penance opportunity for Advent on Monday. St. Joseph Parish Penance opportunity will be tomorrow, Dec. 15th at 7:00 p.m. Additional priests will be on hand to hear confessions. Remember, there will be no actual penance service, but rather confessions will start being heard at 7:00 p.m.



The Chosen, Season One, is now on FORMED! This is a drama series created, directed and cowritten by American filmmaker Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. "The series portrays Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him". Season one is now on FORMED. St. Robert's will be watching together as a parish, with discussion. Tuesdays, 1:15-2:45PM, January 3rd through February 14th OR Thursdays, 7:00-8:30PM, January 5th through February 16th.

Please see the parish bulleting to sign up.



## Apple of My Eye

I'd like to congratulate our "Apple of My Eye" winners for this past week: Sean, Sammy, Ben, Jake, and Colin P. Their kind and helpful acts are some of the things that make SJR such a special place!

## Hiring: PRE-K LEAD TEACHER



St. Joseph/St. Robert School is interviewing candidates for a Pre-K (4) position. The candidate, if hired, will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a warm, welcoming classroom environment that facilitates the spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development of the children.

Qualifications: Degree in education

Pennsylvania required clearances

Safe Environment Clearances required by the Archdiocese

Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal at [jdurkin@stjstr.org](mailto:jdurkin@stjstr.org) or 215-343-5100.

*Mrs. Katie McGettigan will be stepping down as the lead teacher to attend to some personal matters.*

*We are so grateful to her for all she has meant to the faculty, staff, and students over the past several years. Though we will miss her on the faculty, we'll see Mrs. McGettigan as she and her children will remain part of our SJR community. Best wishes, Mrs. McGettigan! You will remain in our prayers. We have begun the hiring process for the next teacher and are now considering resumes and setting up interviews. If someone you know is interested in joining our early childhood faculty, please contact me at [jdurkin@stjstr.org](mailto:jdurkin@stjstr.org) or 215-343-5100. We're grateful that Mrs. Whelihan will be continuing as the assistant in the classroom, providing consistent and comfortable continuity to the students during this time of transition.*



## Home and School News

What a fun week and a half we had!! Thank you to everyone for your participation in all of our events!

Congratulations to the 3rd grade for raising the most money for our walkathon. Enjoy your pizza party this Friday!

Coolers are being ordered at the end of this week to be distributed to those who raised \$150 or more for the Walkathon. Please look over the list that went out on Sunday to make sure we have you down if you made/raised a \$150 donation. If you notice any discrepancy please contact Debby Perks [debbynix23@gmail.com](mailto:debbynix23@gmail.com)

Ladies mark your calendars!  
Bingo tickets are now available on the school website! Buy Tickets!  
To ensure seats together, please order group tickets in one transaction.

### Upcoming Events:

**December 23rd:** Milk and cookies.

**January 16th:** MLK service project. More details to come.

**January 20th:** Bingo. See flier attached.

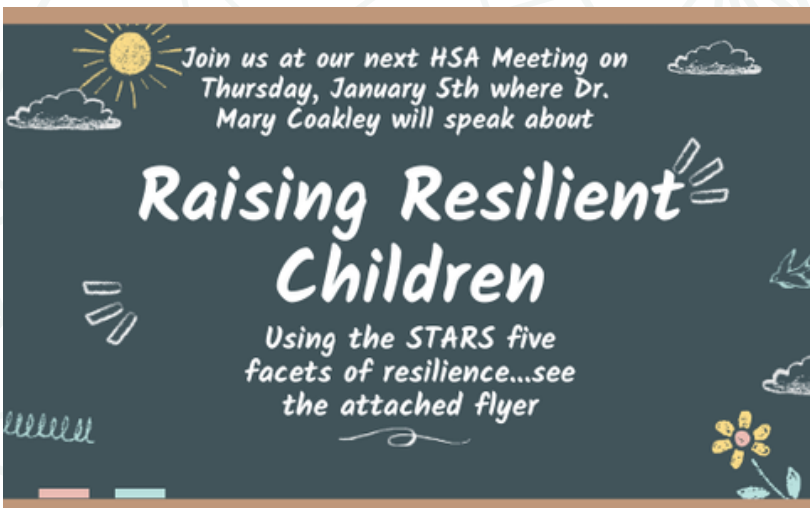
**February 1st:** Pizza lunch for Catholic School's Week

**February 4th:** Brain show assembly for students

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!!


Calling all Amazon shoppers. A quick and simple way to earn money for school is by shopping AmazonSmile. See attached flier to set it up.

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.





# After School Club Opportunities




## SJR Science Club

Mr. Tom Molz, a recently retired engineer and member of St. Joseph's parish, will be leading a group in science exploration activities!

Who: 3rd - 5th Grade Students  
When: 3:15 - 4:15p.m on Mondays from January 9th - February 13th  
Where: The Science Lab at SJR

Look for a sign up link that will be sent out on Saturday morning. There will be a maximum number of participants so sign up right away!



## American Sign Language Club

Mrs. Durkin, who is a nationally certified American Sign Language Interpreter, will be working with students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades who would like to have fun learning a visual language!

Dates	Wednesdays Jan. 11th - Feb. 15th
Time	3:15-4:15
Place	SJR Library

**A Registration Link Will Be Sent Out on Saturday  
Please sign up quickly if you're interested as there will be a maximum number of participants in each group.**

## News from the Director of Advancement

### December Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Webinars - Please Register & Learn More!

EITC is an amazing program that provides a significant tax credit to businesses and individuals that redirect a portion of their tax dollars to qualified SJR students for tuition scholarships. Remember that this is a win-win for everyone: the school receives 100% of the donor's contribution while the donor benefits from a 90% tax credit from the State of PA! Thus, the donor has the advantage of redirecting their PA tax dollars to SJR students that qualify for tuition scholarships.

There are 30 minute EITC Webinars offered throughout December and the sign up link: <https://forms.gle/EZAqGzWo7ommnkjc9>. Please share with relatives and friends that might be interested as well. For additional questions, please contact: Kathy Williamson, SJR Director of Advancement at 215.343.5100, ext. 209

### DO YOU KNOW?

- YOU CAN REDIRECT YOUR PA STATE TAX DOLLARS TO SJR???



### Informational Webinar Dates:

Friday, December 9 at 11:00 AM  
Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 PM  
Monday, December 19 at 2:00 PM



Sign up for a webinar here!





PICTURE IT!

# Bingo Night

TICKETS  
**\$35**  
PER PERSON IN ADVANCE

*\$40 AT THE DOOR*

Groups should purchase tickets in one transaction to guarantee seating together.

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**ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL**

850 Euclid Avenue  
Warrington, PA 18976  
Doors Open: 6 PM  
Game Starts: 7 PM

**11 rounds of bingo +  
an optional \$10  
bonus round,  
featuring designer  
bags & luxury items!**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Bring your own snacks and drinks

Purchase tickets online at:  
[stjstr.org/bingo](http://stjstr.org/bingo)

*All proceeds will benefit the students of SJR*



**ST. JOSEPH /ST. ROBERT SCHOOL  
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**LETS HAVE A GREAT BEGINNING TO 2023!  
COME JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND HOME & SCHOOL MEETING IN THE SJR CAFETERIA  
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:**

**MARY COAKLEY, PH.D.**

**Clinical/Developmental Psychologist**

**Mary Coakley is a child and family therapist who works in private practice in  
Huntingdon  
Valley PA.**

**She received her Ph.D. in Clinical-Developmental Psychology from Bryn Mawr College  
in 1997. She specializes in working with children with neurodiverse conditions and  
anxiety  
disorders. She enjoys teaching parents positive, effective strategies to help their  
children become  
more resilient and competent.**

**You do not want to miss this very informative presentation regarding...**

**Parenting Your Child to Reach for the STARS**

**Every parent wants to raise a successful child. To effectively meet the inevitable  
challenges that life brings, children must develop resiliency at home, school, and  
with peers. In this workshop, Dr. Mary Coakley, Child and Family Psychologist,  
discusses how parents can promote resilience in their children and guide them  
towards personal and academic success. Using the acronym STARS, Dr. Coakley  
shares five facets of resilience: self-control; gifts and talents; healthy attachments;  
rejection of negativity; and spirituality. Parents will leave this presentation with  
new tools and ideas that can be implemented immediately.**

**REMINDER: Active Members who attend ALL three SJR HSA meetings are eligible for a  
\$500**

**Grand Prize drawing at the last meeting!**



# 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!

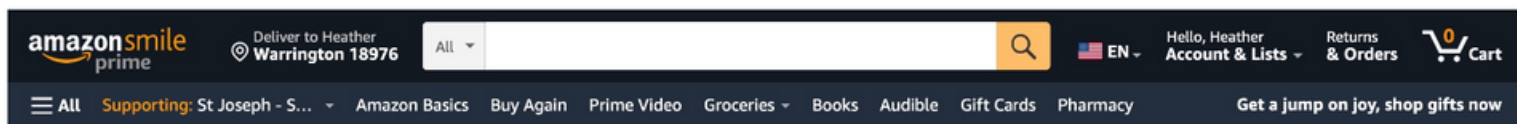
The next time you shop on Amazon, would you please consider using AmazonSmile and listing our school as your designated charity? It’s quick, it’s easy and it’s free money for SJR!

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



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## About AmazonSmile

### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million 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 – it's that easy. To learn more, visit [smile.amazon.com/charitylists](https://smile.amazon.com/charitylists) or tap Charity Lists on the "Programs & Features" menu in the Amazon Shopping app on your mobile phone.

### How do I shop with AmazonSmile?

To use AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone within the Settings or Programs & Features menu. On your web browser, you can add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping with AmazonSmile.

### How do I activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app?

AmazonSmile is available for Amazon customers with the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on their mobile phone, including Android devices with version 7.0+ or iOS devices with version 12+. To activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app, simply tap on "AmazonSmile" within the Programs & Features menu or Settings and follow the on-screen instructions.

### 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 push notifications and through in-app notifications. If you miss a renewal you can reactivate at any time by repeating the steps to "turn on" AmazonSmile on your mobile device. There is no renewal period for browser shopping on AmazonSmile, which you can use anytime by typing '[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)' into your browser.

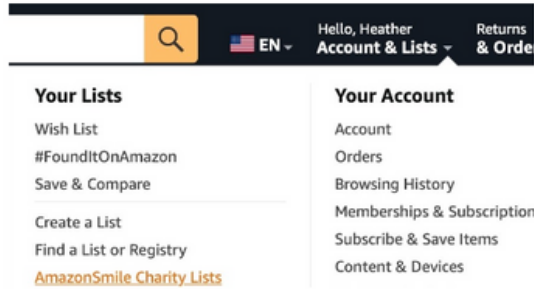
### Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

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

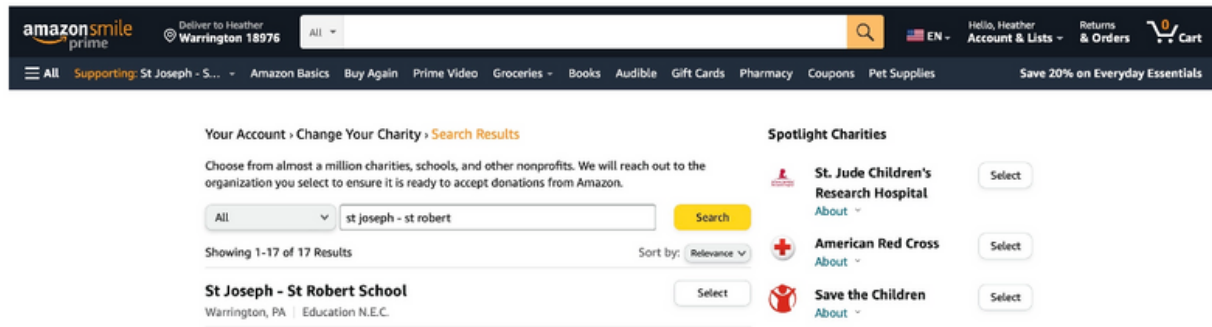
# How to use AmazonSmile

Step 1: Log into your Amazon account.

Step 2: Go to the “Account & Lists” dropdown and select “AmazonSmile Charity Lists”



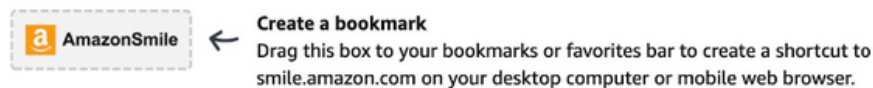
Step 3: Search for “St Joseph - St Robert School” and set as your charity



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

## To support charity, always shop at smile.amazon.com

Try this easy way to start with a smile. [Learn about AmazonSmile](#)



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”

