



# St. Joseph/St. Robert School

## Weekly Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.  
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December 23, 2022

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

Merry Christmas! There is no better way to begin the Christmas holidays than with our Christmas pageant. I wanted to review the details.

- The Pageant begins at 7:00p.m. Children should not arrive before 6:30p.m.
- Parents will send their child into the narthex where their teachers will be waiting but parents will enter the side door of the church to find your seats. Parents may not enter the narthex with your child, as we will be lining students up in this area for our procession into church.

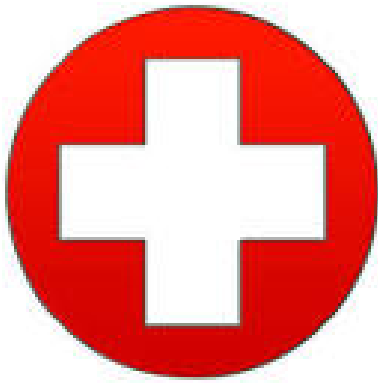
Pageant Attire:

- **Pre-K and Kindergarten** wear their gym uniform pants and white pageant heart t-shirt. Sweatshirt is optional.
- **Grades 1 and 2** wear their gym uniform pants and gym t-shirt under their angel costume - sweatshirt is optional. Angels should be wearing a longer white t-shirt or white robe or covering over their uniforms. No raised halos and no wings, please. Halos can be garland and must lay flat on the head. No glitter please. Angels should arrive in their costume.
- **Grades 3-8** wear their full winter uniform with sweater, vest, or quarter zip. Regulation shirt/blouse or turtleneck and school tie for boys.

**Please NO Christmas ties, Christmas socks, or Christmas headbands the night of the pageant.**



Thank you to Mr. Rumpf, our band director, and the awesome band for our wonderful Christmas concert!



# Parish News

St. Joe's will be hosting a RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on Thursday, January 5, in the Church Hall. Please consider donating. For information and to schedule a donation time call Mary (215-674-4612).

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD has returned to St. Robert's on Sundays 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.



## 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!



## Home and School News

Some wonderful news! Because of your generous contributions and excellent fundraising efforts for our Walkathon, the anonymous donor decided to increase their matching donation from the agreed upon \$6,800 to \$10,000! So, in total, the SJR Walkathon brought in \$28,000 to the school! Thank you for your hard work and generosity!

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:** The Home and School will be providing milk and cookies to the students!

**January 16th:** MLK service project. MLK service project. We will be asking for families to come and put together boxes for children at Doylestown Hospital.

A sign-up genius will go out in early January. More details to come.

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

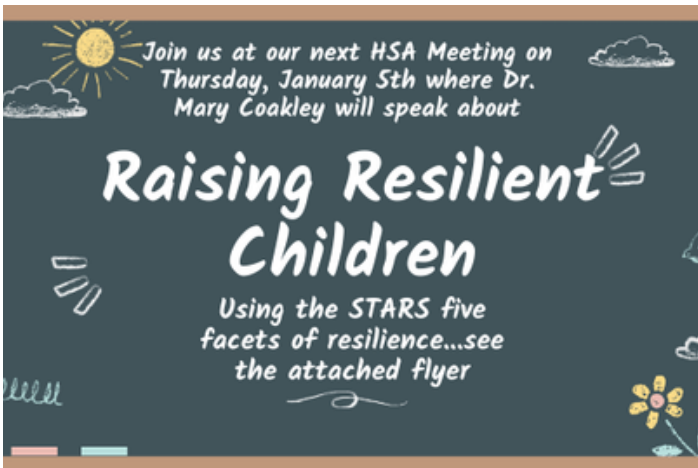
**February 1st:** Pizza lunch for families during Catholic School's Week. Plan to join us for lunch!

**February 3rd:** 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.

2023

**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.**

**LET'S 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

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the AmazonSmile website. On the left is the AmazonSmile Prime logo. Next to it is the delivery location: "Deliver to Heather Warrington 18976". A search bar with a magnifying glass icon is positioned to the right. Further right are links for "EN", "Hello, Heather Account & Lists", and "Returns & Orders". On the far right is a shopping cart icon with a "0" inside. Below the main navigation bar is a secondary bar with a hamburger menu icon, "Supporting: St Joseph - S...", and various category links: "Amazon Basics", "Buy Again", "Prime Video", "Groceries", "Books", "Audible", "Gift Cards", and "Pharmacy". On the right side of this secondary bar is the text "Get a jump on joy, shop gifts now".

## 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.

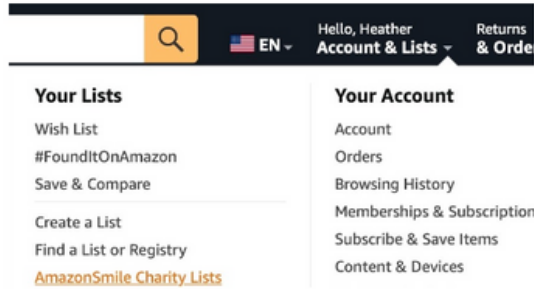
### Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

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.

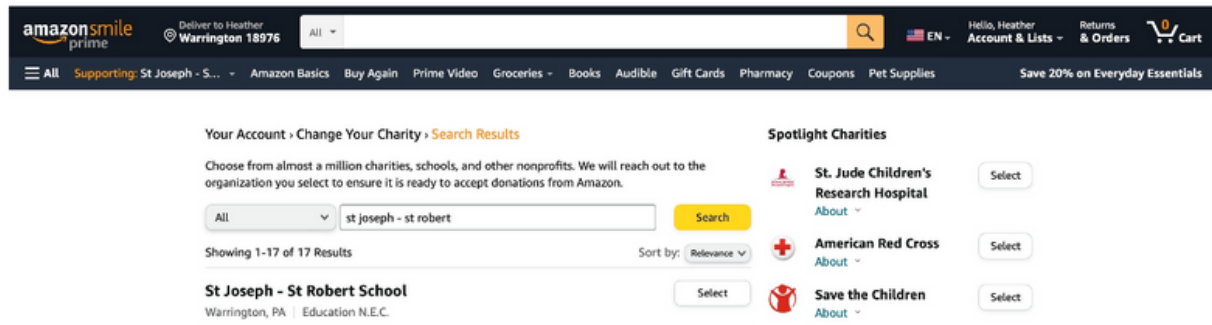
# How to use AmazonSmile

Step 1: Log into your Amazon account.

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



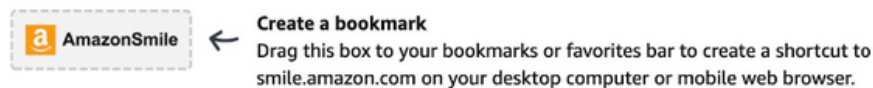
Step 3: Search for “St Joseph - St Robert School” and set as your charity



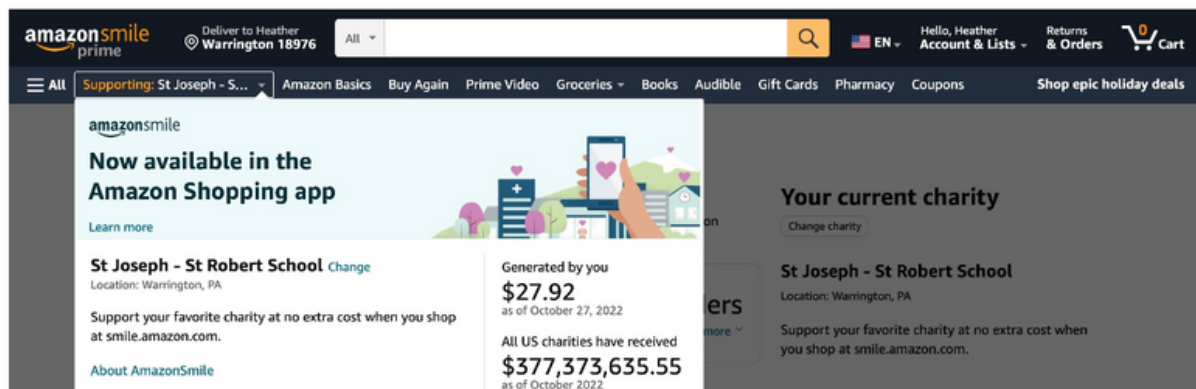
Step 4: Scroll down to bottom of page and set AmazonSmile as a bookmark

## 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”







Elementary

JANUARY 2023

Elementary

Nutritional Development Services  
Menu is subject to change, a variety of low fat or skim milk is offered daily, condiments offered daily, fruit and vegetable juices are 100% juice, grains are whole grain rich, all items are pork-free.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

9

283 Chicken Fingers with Corn  
OR  
281 Popcorn Chicken with Roasted Potatoes  
620 Salsa  
752 Fruit Punch Juice  
941 Tostitos Scoops

10

291 Caribbean Pineapple Chicken with Rice & Carrots  
OR  
282 BBQ Popcorn Chicken with Sweet Mashed Potatoes  
611 Bagged Baby Carrots  
659 Watermelon Craisins  
928 Goldfish Pretzels

11

279 Chicken Mole with Rice & Green Peas  
OR  
286 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce, Cheese & Italian Vegetables  
631 Cherry Star Vegetable Juice  
649 Dole Orange Gallo Bowl  
909 Dinner Roll

12

280 Hamburger with Green Beans  
OR  
295 Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes  
630 Dragon Punch Vegetable Juice  
670 Fresh Fruit  
915 Hamburger Bun

13

268 French Bread Pizza  
264 4x6 Cheese Pizza  
OR  
242 Chicken, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wedge  
706 Romaine Salad with Cherry Tomatoes  
749 Apple Cherry Juice

16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

17

225 Ciabatta Cheese Melt  
OR  
253 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks  
OR  
227 Turkey Ham, Turkey Pepperoni & Cheese Sandwich  
622 Marinara Sauce  
611 Bagged Baby Carrots  
691 Strawberry Apple Crisps

18

285 Chicken Strips with Green Beans  
541 Chocolate Hummus  
750 Apple Juice  
932 Scooby Snacks

19

215 Taco Stick  
252 Turkey Hot Dog with Bun  
OR  
228 Turkey Ham & Cheese Sub  
620 Salsa  
633 Sunset Sip Vegetable Juice  
608 Dole Tropical Fruit Cup  
941 Tostito Scoops

20

263 Round Cheese Pizza  
268 French Bread Pizza  
237 Turkey Salami & Cheese Sand-wich  
708 Romaine Salad with Spinach & Chickpeas  
670 Fresh Fruit  
992 Oatmeal Cookie

23

273 Swedish Meatballs with Noodles & Broccoli  
OR  
268 Mac & Cheese with Broccoli  
631 Cherry Star Vegetable Juice  
670 Fresh Fruit  
909 Dinner Roll

24

281 Popcorn Chicken with Roasted Potatoes  
OR  
283 Chicken Fingers with Corn  
611 Bagged Baby Carrots  
749 Apple Cherry Juice

25

286 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce, Cheese & Italian Vegetables  
OR  
284 Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta & Broccoli  
630 Dragon Punch Vegetable Juice  
684 Mixed Berry Applesauce

26

264 4x6 Cheese Pizza  
263 Round Cheese Pizza  
242 Chicken, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wedge  
706 Romaine Salad with Cherry Tomatoes  
740 Apple Juice  
992 Oatmeal Cookie

27

277 Chicken Fajita Bowl with Rice, Black Beans & Tomatoes  
670 Fresh Fruit

30

298 Turkey Chili with Italian Vegetables  
OR  
293 Parmesan Chicken with Green Beans  
620 Salsa  
752 Fruit Punch Juice  
941 Tostito Scoops

31

295 Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes  
OR  
280 Hamburger with Green Beans  
630 Dragon Punch Vegetable Juice  
670 Fresh Fruit  
915 Hamburger Bun

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256 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks & 622 Marinara Sauce  
OR  
268 French Bread Pizza  
632 Wango Mango Vegetable Juice  
648 Dole Strawberry Gallo Bowl

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282 BBQ Popcorn Chicken with Sweet Mashed Potatoes  
OR  
228 Turkey Ham & Cheese Sub  
611 Bagged Baby Carrots  
546 Cheesy Pizza Hummus  
659 Watermelon Craisins  
909 Dinner Roll

3

202 Cheeseburger with Bun  
226 Philly Cheesesteak Pinwheel  
OR  
227 Turkey Ham, Turkey Pepperoni & Cheese Sandwich  
708 Romaine Salad with Spinach & Chickpeas  
670 Fresh Fruit  
990 Chocolate Chip Cookie

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: \*Please use strong leadership to ensure that each of the food items is suitable for children with special needs. All items are prepared in a kitchen that also prepares other food items. All items are prepared in a kitchen that also prepares other food items.



# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!!	2 No School for Students	3 No School for Students	4 Students Return to School	5 Young Rembrandt's Resumes 7:00 Home and School Meeting	6 9:00a.m. First Friday Mass	7
8	9 First meeting of the Science Club after school.	10	11 First meeting of the ASL Club after school.	12	13 Noon Dismissal - All buses are available.	14
15	16 MLK Day - No School for Students. HSA Service Project.	17 iReady Testing Window begins in School	18 7:00p.m. "Tea with Me" with Mrs. Durkin	19	20 Bingo Dress Down Day Opt. out form due. 7:00p.m. Bingo!	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Catholic Schools Week Begins - Open House with light breakfast in the Cafeteria after Mass **	30	31 Evening Luminary Walk**	Family Pizza Lunch**		9:00a.m. Closing Mass	

\*\*More information to follow