

St. Joseph/St.
Robert School

Weekly Newsletter

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January 4, 2023

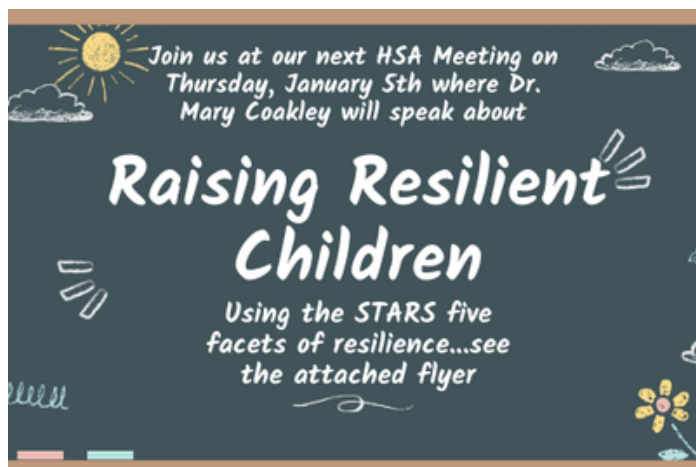
2023
happy new year

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

Dear SJR Families,

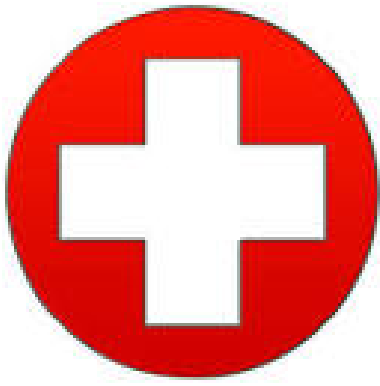
I hope you had a blessed Christmas Day. We continue to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season. Our Christmas pageant that was postponed from December 22nd is rescheduled for next week on the afternoon of Thursday, January 12th at 1:45p.m. We will livestream the pageant for those who cannot join us in person.

IAs we stand at the beginning of this new year, know that I look forward to working with you in 2023. I hope to see you at our Home and School Association Meeting tomorrow evening where our guest speaker will share information on how we can collaborate to support your child as they grow.



Thank you for all you do!

Mrs. Durkin



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. **I'm excited that this Sunday Mrs. Hill and I will have the opportunity to assist!***



Thank you, Santa!

We were so grateful that Santa was able to visit SJR! He popped in to visit our early childhood classes.

Thank you, Santa! And thank you to all of the parents and volunteers who worked to make the holiday season a very cheerful one at SJR!

Home and School News



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:

Tonight, January 5th: The 2nd HSA Meeting at 7:00p.m. in the cafeteria. Please join us for an important presentation by Dr. Mary Coakley about raising children who are resilient.

January 16th:

The HSA service project will be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 16, from 10:00 am-11:00 am in the SJR cafeteria. All are welcome! We will be making Jared Boxes for the Doylestown Hospital. Jared Boxes are small shoe-sized boxes filled with toys, games, crayons, etc. that will hopefully brighten a child's hospital stay. The HSA is kindly asking each SJR family for a \$5.00 donation to offset the cost of the boxes by **Friday, January 6.** Please send all money into Kim Man c/o Madden in 3rd grade.

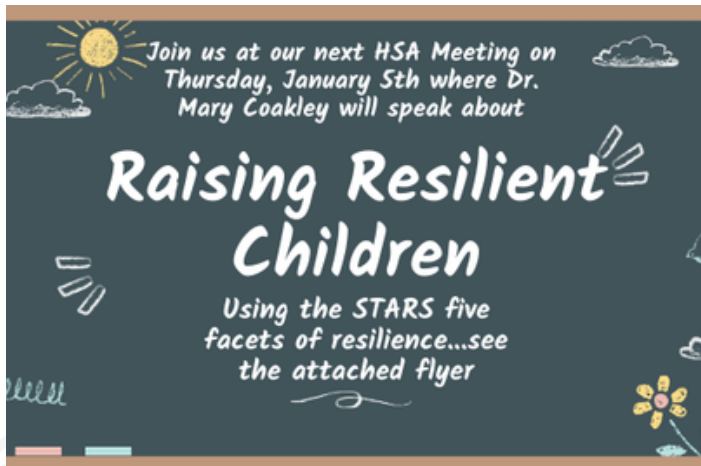
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January 20th: Bingo! See flier attached.

February 1st: Pizza lunch for families during Catholic School's Week. Plan to join us for lunch! The order form for pizza will go out soon.

February 3rd: Brain show assembly for students.

February 4th: Parents Night Out at SJR! Come join the fun - \$45 includes live music with "Secret Service," beer, and food. See the flyer.



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. 22nd

Time 3:15-4:15

Place SJR Library

After School Club Opportunity

Our two new clubs begin next week. The Science Club is full but there is still room for any 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who would like to join the American Sign Language Club.. Please reach out to Mrs. Durkin at jdurkin@stjstr.org

Adult Winter Clothes Collection

Mr. Tom Molz, who is leading our Science Club, shared that he has recently been involved with an organization in Philly -- Caring for Friends. He noted that a few Saint Vincent de Paul folks (He has been involved with the St. Roberts chapter for 10+ years) go out every Saturday to find/feed the homeless, primarily in the Kensington area. He shared that this is a very difficult/humbling experience. In the winter months, they provide hot soup and sandwiches (700 sandwiches provided the last time that he was able to assist -- 12/17/22).

They had a few warm clothes donations that they also handed out that day, some new/some used (scarves/sweaters/gloves/hats/coats)...it was obvious that the need was greater than the supplies that they had on the 17th. **Tom requested that any SJR families who have a donation of new or gently used warm adult clothing send it to school. We have some collection boxes for that purpose. Thank you so much for supporting this important work!**



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 20TH

Bring your own snacks and drinks

Purchase tickets online at:
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!

ST. JOSEPH ST. ROBERT
HSA PRESENTS



Secret Service Band

TICKETS
ON SALE
NOW
STJSTR.ORG

Live In Concert

FEBRUARY 4TH 7:00 PM

**Msgr. Marley Hall at
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish**

ADMISSION: \$45

INCLUDES LIVE MUSIC, BEER AND FOOD

Proceeds benefit St. Joseph St. Robert School