



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

*FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN*

September 27, 2023

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 was wonderful to see so many of you at our first Home and School Association meeting last night! Dr. Mary Coakley is an excellent resource. I was so impressed by her very practical advice to us about supporting children as they learn to manage the anxiety that is a natural part of trying new things or when unexpected things happen. It was also helpful to learn the indicators of when a child might need assistance from a professional to assist with learning those skills. I've included her handouts in an email to families for those who were not able to join us.

I'm looking forward to seeing the Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade families at the "Sweet to Meet You" event on Friday evening. Thank you so much to the second grade parents and the HSA for planning this big "Welcome!"

The schools within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that have achieved blue ribbon status are being celebrated on Monday. Because SJR is a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, I have been invited to represent the school at a liturgy presided over by Archbishop Perez at The Shrine of St. John Neumann. I have asked Mrs. Ouiland and Hannah, Henry, and Derek to join me in representing the school community as well. I will be keeping school families, faculty, and staff in my prayers that morning in a special way. I am truly grateful to be principal at such a faith-filled and dynamic school!

Please be on the lookout for information about our fundraiser that begins in five days! Sales from the Cherrydale catalog and online will be coming home as will information on how to set up online accounts so that friends and family can support the cause. The merchandise is very high quality and the funds will support our school!

Thank you and have a great week.

Mrs. Durkin

Home and School Information

The Golf Outing was a huge success - thank you to all of those who volunteered and to our sponsors!

HSA has many events coming up:

Trunk or Treat (10/20/23 flyer below): Please be sure to register early to join in the fun as we decorate our trunks, trick or treat, and win prizes!

Halloween Dance for 4th-6th grade (10/28/2023)

Halloween Hayride for 7th & 8th (10/28/2023 See flyer) A permission slip was emailed. Please fill it out and return it with payment by October 13th.

If you are interested in helping out for any of these events please sign up on the below link!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA5A728A4FACF8-sjrhsa#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA5A728A4FACF8-sjrhsa#/)

Reminder: As our thanks for helping, you will earn chances towards a \$200 grand prize tuition payment drawing at our last HSA meeting. We will draw three (3) winners this year:

- For every event that you volunteer = 1 chance
- For every event that you chair = 5 chances

Thank you,
HSA Board





First Communion

St. Joseph's Parish

A reminder that there is an upcoming parent meeting for the parents of students from St. Joseph's Parish who will be making their First Communion this year. Father Bordonaro will meet with you on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30p.m. in the church hall.

Other Reminders from St. Joe's:

First Penance Practice: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 6:00 - 6:45 PM in church

First Penance: Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7:00 PM in church.

First Communion Practice: Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 6:30 - 7:00, in church

First Communion: Saturday, May 4, 2024, 10:00 AM in church

Confirmation Information:

Practice: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in church

Confirmation: Thursday, March 14, 2024, 5:00 PM in church

St. Robert's Parish

Plan to join in the fun at Oktoberfest!

The Oktoberfest will begin at 12Noon and continue until 5PM. There are food trucks scheduled, a beer garden, children's games and sand art, crafters in the hall, plenty of desserts, raffles and 50/50, live entertainment provided by SPRINGBROOKE, and livestreaming of the Eagles game.

I hope to see you there! All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Council 17887.



EITC Informational Webinars

Learn how to redirect your state tax dollars to support students in the Archdiocese and receive a 90% Tax Credit with the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.



Informational Webinar Dates

- ▶ Friday, September 8 at 1:00 PM
- ▶ Monday, September 18 at 4:00 PM
- ▶ Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, October 11 at 12:00 PM
- ▶ Monday, October 23 at 11:00 AM



Scan the QR code
to sign up for a
webinar!



From the Director of Advancement

Application for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit BLOCS Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year has closed. But, there is another way the EITC program can benefit you and our school. If you have a Pennsylvania tax burden of \$1,000 or more, you can sign up for the EITC program and, instead of paying your state taxes to Pennsylvania, direct that money to our school. Isn't that incredible? Even more incredibly, you then get a 90% tax credit the following year. If you believe in Catholic education and you want to control your tax dollars – this is the program for you. Please contact our Advancement Director, Mrs. Kathy Williamson, at 215-343-5100 for more information.

SJR's first Admissions Open House for the 2023 – 2024 school year is Sunday, November 5th. We'd love to meet prospective families and students who would like to learn more about our community, curriculum, mission, vision, campus life, and admissions process. Please share this information with those you know who may be interested. Let them know that they can make an appointment today by calling 215.343.5100.

OPEN HOUSE



Haunted Hayride

SAT OCT 28th
7-10 PM

Winding Brook Farm 3014 Bristol Rd Warrington, PA
Wagon leaves promptly at 8:15 PM
\$25 per student

Includes Pizza and Drinks before hayride and S'mores after hayride

Please send payment & permission slip to school
via Keegan Kulp Grade 7 by 10/13



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023
5:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M.**

SJR Parking Lot

Early Set up can begin at 4:30p.m.

Come Join us for SJR's Family Trunk or Treat!

Bring food, drinks & CANDY!!! Decorate those trunks, come in your best costumes and HAVE FUN! This event is for EVERYONE whether you decorate your trunk or not!

PRIZES will be given for BEST costumes as well as BEST decorated trunks!

\$20 ENTRY FEE FOR DECORATING YOUR TRUNK ONLY!

(spots with electricity will be limited so please bring extra extension cords)

In order to run this event as safely as possible:

- Please bring store brought, individually wrapped Candy or Treats
- There must be someone at the vehicle at all times to hand out candy

Please send the bottom of this form in with cash or check(made payable to SJR HSA) to

Nikki DeGuida c/o Aiden DeGuida 3rd Grade

\$20 per vehicle Forms due by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

People Attending: #Adults _____ #Kids: _____

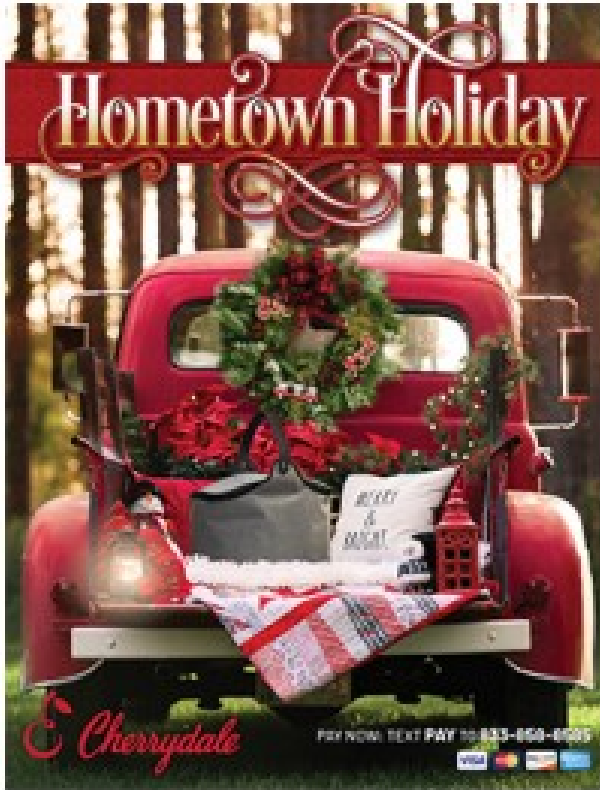
Electricity (circle one): YES or NO

FAMILY NAME : _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Spots will be assigned. I will do my best to accommodate requests

REQUESTS: _____

FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!



**SALE BEGINS
OCT. 4TH**

**CATALOGS WILL BE SENT
HOME NEXT WEEK!**

MORE DETAILS TO COME.

