



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

*FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN
October 18, 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,

As we pray for peace in the Middle East and around the world, we are acutely aware that strife, discord, and violence exist. At school that means we plan and practice safety drills. This month we will be having our first "Intruder on Campus" drill. Sergeant Fuller, of the Warrington Police Department, met with our faculty in September to review our plan and to reinforce the importance of our situational awareness and the ability of leaders to make decisions under stress. He also toured some of the individual classrooms to answer questions about the best place to have children hide should that be the best decision in the moment. We reviewed safety practices. Teachers will be preparing students for the drill using age appropriate language about this emergency drill which will take place next Monday, October 23rd. Your child may have questions for you or may talk about it with you upon completion and so I wanted to make you aware ahead of time.

As we pray for peace in the Middle East and around the world, we also continue to reach out to those in our community. Every Saturday, members of The Saint Vincent de Paul Society from many churches in the archdiocese gather together to package food for our brothers and sisters in Christ -- 700 sandwiches/snacks/water/hot soup (fall/winter). They go to "find" the homeless and forgotten in the Kensington area to bring a smile to many faces, with a message that God loves them. They often pray with our brothers and sisters and tell them that God loves them. This ministry has gone to Philadelphia for 3 years and has provided over 100,000 sandwiches to those in need. They have asked us again this year to support that effort by sending in new or gently used outer clothes - sweatshirts, hoodies, coats, socks, scarves, hats, gloves, etc. that they can distribute along with the food. There will be a collection box in the main entrance of the school where your child can place any donations when they come to school each day.

As we pray for peace in the Middle East and in the world, please consider joining us at St. Robert's Church on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30p.m. for a Holy Hour of Worship and Praise that is geared towards families with children and lead by Bill Monaghan. There will be music and meditation and benediction. It is a beautiful opportunity to come together during this time.

And may the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Phil. 4:7

Mrs. Durkin

🎃Calling all storybook lovers and pumpkin creators!🎃

Join our SJR Storybook Pumpkin Patch!

Students in grades K-6 were given pumpkin patch info sheets for this optional fun fall library celebration of books!

Creations are due: Monday, 10/23

Creations go home: Friday, 10/27

Real or Fake pumpkins are acceptable, but please NO holes or carving of any kind in your real pumpkin.

See Mrs. Jacobsen's class website for additional ideas and information.

<https://sites.google.com/stjstr.org/librarytechnology/homepage>

Please feel free to email me with any questions!

jjacobsen@stjstr.org



Home and School Information



Today is the final day of the Cherrydale/Cookie Dough fundraiser! Please make any last minute online orders today. Any paper orders that you have should be submitted to Mrs. Nikki DeGuida by Friday. Just send them to school to her attention. The HSA would like to thank you for your wonderful support! The top ten student sellers will be tallied today and will win a lunch with Mrs. Durkin!

Spirit Wear: Below you will find the link for our Holiday Spirit Wear Sale. All items must be placed by 10/29 and items will be available for Christmas gift giving. Everything will be delivered to school.

<https://kampusklothes.chippily.com/SJRSpiritwearfall23/>



Boo Grams: Please see the updated flyer attached to participate in this adorable Halloween tradition. They cost \$1.00 each and are due by 10/23. To clarify, each boo gram is delivered with a small treat provided by the HSA.

Trunk or Treat: Come out and join in the fun on Friday evening beginning at 5:30!

Halloween Dance for 4th-6th grade (10/28/2023 6:30 - 9:00p.m) Please see the flyer below for your child to join in the fun!

Halloween Hayride for 7th & 8th : We're looking forward to a spooky evening!

Walkathon: Please plan to join us for The Walkathon on November 10th after lunch. More information will follow.

Bingo: It's never too early to start planning a fun evening for the ladies! Please see the information below.

Thank you,
HSA Board



From Around the School

World Languages:

Things are moving fast for all of our SJR students in World Language class! It has been a pleasure to bring the program back to SJR, and the students have been so receptive - it's a win-win for all of us. My plan for this school year is to introduce students to World Languages as follows: 1st trimester - Spanish, 2nd trimester - Italian, and 3rd trimester - French. We will also bring focus to the "Culture" in the countries that speak these languages.

As we celebrate "Hispanic Heritage Month" (Sept/Oct) - students in grades 4 - 8 randomly selected a Spanish speaking country and began a "Web-based Investigation" of the country last week. It was fascinating to overhear them sharing information about their country with a classmate. The results will then be shared with the PK - 3rd grade students during November.

The students created a decorative "Papel Picado" and other Spanish-themed crafts to display during the Open House in November. The Pre-K students pictured are holding their buddy's Papel Picado.

Thank you for your continued support,
Senora M

Music:

A reminder that students interested in joining the band or orchestra may still enroll until the end of the month.
<https://nemusicprograms.com/>

Art :

We are happy to announce that there are currently 10 student art projects for display at Cecelia Markham dental office in Warrington. This partnership will be ongoing throughout the school year.

The following students have work on display:

Emmy B., Paul K., Quinn C., Luke P., Meredith M., Brynn B., Maddie M., Lynette S., Colin M. and Ashley S.

Please see the flyer for the next session of our after school art club, Young Rembrandts.



Elementary Drawing
Classes for Kids

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Classes
Thursday
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
11/16/2023 - 01/25/2024
(No class 11/23, 12/21, 12/28)

Tuition
\$140.00
(8 Week Session)

Enrollment
ENROLL ONLINE at
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YOUNG REMBRANDTS 323 Monument Ave., Hatboro, Pa 19040

Parish News

St. Joseph's Parish

St. Joseph Parish is looking for a part-time Director or Coordinator of Religious Education. The complete job description can be found at <https://phillyocf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DCRE-Part-Time-Job-Description.pdf>. Interested candidates should send their resume to: Rev. Joseph Bordonaro, St. Joseph Rectory, 1795 Columbia Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976; or Fr.bordonaro@verizon.net. Call the Rectory Office with any questions. 215-672-3020.

St. Robert's Parish

WE REMEMBER - An invitation is extended to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one be it long ago or in the recent past to join us in the celebration of our Annual Memorial Mass on Thursday, November 2nd, All Souls Day at 7pm followed by refreshments in the narthex. There is no better way to remember our loved ones than to unite in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Thank you to our Apples this week: Charlie, Nellie, Shane, Angella, and Hannah! Thanks for all the large and small ways you contribute to our school community!



ST. JOSEPH ST. ROBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 5th
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Grants &
Scholarships
Available

Apply Now 2024 - 2025

Pre-K4, Kindergarten & 1st to 7th Grade

Call 215.343.5100 OR VISIT STJSTR.ORG

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 2024 - 2025 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.

THE SHOPS AT VALLEY
SQUARE

SATURDAY, OCT 21ST
1-4PM

TRICK OR TREAT

TRICK OR TREATING
MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS
FACE PAINTING
BOUNCE HOUSES

1501 MAIN STREET, WARRINGTON, PA 18976

CYO News

SJR-CYO basketball registration is open for the 2023-2024 season for boys and girls in grades 3-12. Registration will remain open until October 31. Please use the following link to register:

<https://stjosephstrobertycyo.sportngin.com/register/form/893016380>



BOOOOO!! gram

\$1 each which includes a treat!

Please send completed Boo Grams to Melissa Yogis c/o Olivia Yogis Grade 3 by October 23rd.



*They will be distributed Friday, October 27th

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4th, 5th & 6th Halloween Dance Party

Saturday, October 28th 6:30 – 9 PM

Please fill out the below form if your child will be attending the Halloween Dance Party

We ask that you please send in \$20 per Child to help cover cost of DJ, Snacks, Drinks, and Deco

Child's Name	
Grade	
Child's Name	
Grade	
Total to be Paid	

Payments Accepted: Cash, Venmo @Kassandra-Palo, or Check payable to "SJR HSA"

Please return form by 10/25/2023

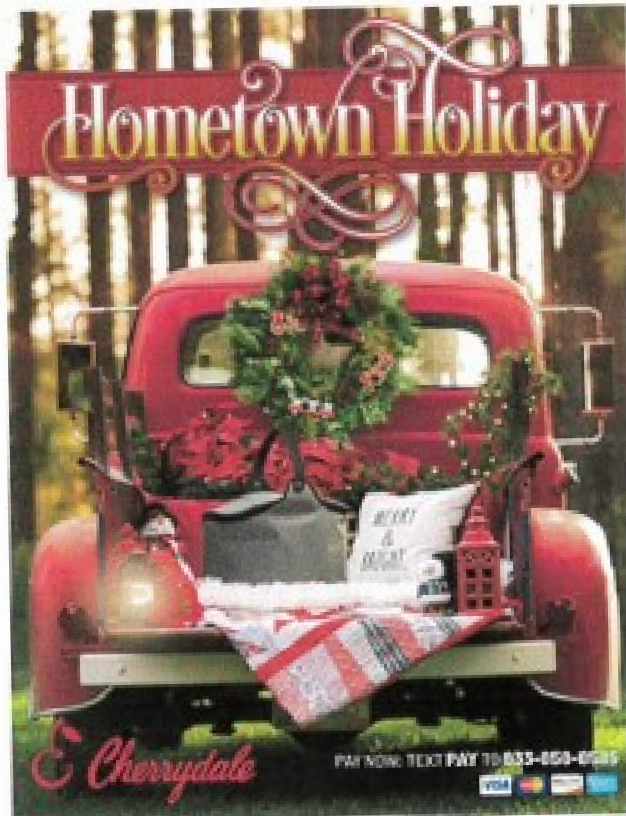
To: Kassandra Palo

c/o Hannah Palo 5th Grade

(Gentle Reminder. Please be sure costumes are school appropriate, Thank You!)



COOKIE DOUGH/CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER!



The catalogs are out! Some details to know before selling.

-All frozen items will be shipped to the school and must be picked up on delivery date which is set for **November 27th**. Anything changes we will let you know.

- IF you order Frozen and items from the Cherrydale catalog in the same order then your **WHOLE** order will be delivered to the school not your home address.

- We must sell at least **350 FROZEN** food items to receive the 40% proceed from the sale.

LETS SELL...SELL..SELL!

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