



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN
October 25, 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,

Keeping your children safe is our highest priority. Our Intruder on Campus drill was practiced for the first time this week. In a separate initiative to provide a safe environment, the Archdiocese has introduced KIDTALK, a personal safety curriculum for children attending the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's elementary schools. It incorporates key concepts supported by research in child abuse prevention and is designed to help empower the children attending elementary schools with the tools to help them stay safe. Please take a moment to view the lessons by copying and pasting the link below into your browser. Your child's teacher will be implementing these age-appropriate lessons on Thursday, November 2nd. Please let me know if you have any questions.

<https://childyouthprotection.org/index.php/protect-children/trainings/kidtalk-elementary>

Another issue related to safety is our **morning arrival time**. It is really important that you plan to drop your child off between 7:50 and 8:10a.m. because at 8:10 the bell in the yard rings and all of the students in grades 1-8 walk down the sidewalk into the building. It is not safe to have them walking and dozens of cars arriving at the same time. The buses, in years past, arrived on the earlier side of that window. They are now arriving mostly between 8:00a.m. and 8:10. I can't control that. So:

- if you have a young child that needs assistance getting out of the car, please try to arrive between 7:50 and 8:00a.m.
- if you have been arriving late, please plan to leave your house a few minutes earlier.
- ***if you arrive in front of the building after 8:10, please park your car and keep your child with you until the students have all moved into the building. You can then bring your child to the door and we will provide them with late slips to bring to their classroom. Be sure to check the family handbook as there are consequences for repeated lateness.***

Next week, you will hear more about Safe2Say Something - a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General that is presented to students in grades 6th -8th. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to "say something" BEFORE it is too late.

Thank you for your support in our efforts to keep all of the students at SJR safe.

Gratefully,
Mrs. Durkin



SJR Home and School Annual Walkathon

November 10, 2023, at 1:15pm

All of the proceeds from the walkathon go into our Health and Wellness Program

Children in grades Pre-k through 8th will assemble at 1:15pm in the schoolyard and then walk through Palomino Farms neighborhood.

Families and extended families are welcome to join in!

Please see the flyer below for more details.

Home and School Information

Congratulations on doing an awesome job with our Cherrydale Sale!!! SJR will be able to buy even more than one set of Chromebooks to support the use of technology in our iReady program and throughout the day!

Walkathon: Please plan to join us for The Walkathon on November 10th after lunch. Please see the flyers below for more information. The Walkathon, in addition to being an awesome afternoon, is the way that we fund the Health and Wellness Program at SJR. Everything from the school nurse to the faculty trainings are paid for through this event. And this year, a generous donor has agreed to do a matching grant up to \$15,000!!

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/>

Halloween Dance for 4th-6th grade (10/28/2023 6:30 - 9:00p.m) We're looking forward to the fun!

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

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

Service Corp:

The students in Service Corp will be selling opportunities to guess how many pieces of candy are in a container. They have been advertising this on SJR Today. Students will be able to make a guess for .25. You know what the prize is!

The Service Corp was instrumental in raising over \$200 to be donated to causes related to ending breast cancer. The bake sale was such a success that they will be hosting another one in November to raise money to purchase plants that they distribute on All Souls Day to those in our community who have lost loved ones this year.

Attached please find an order form for pie which will be distributed on 11/21 at lunch. This is not a fundraiser but will add a little Thanksgiving treat to our menu!

The Christmas Box tradition will continue this year with Service Corp taking the lead on this project which shares the joy of Christmas with children around the world.

Warm Clothing Collection:

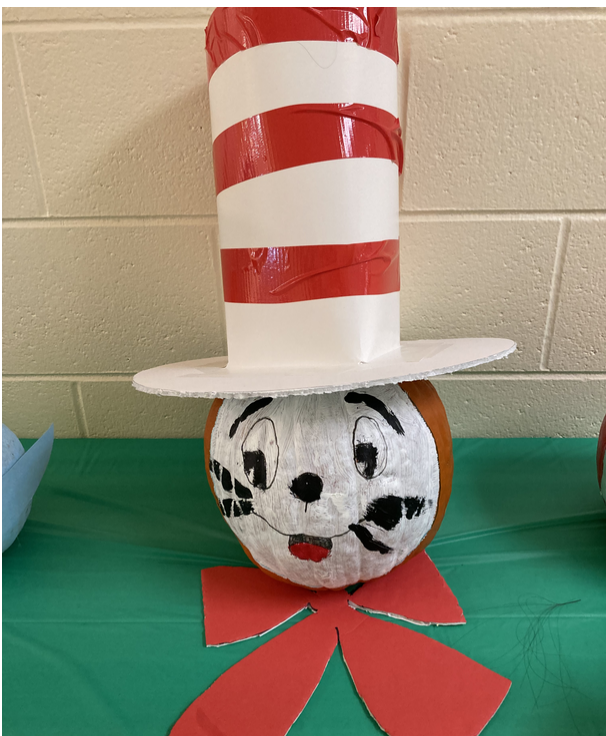
The St. Vincent DePaul Society has asked us again this year to support that effort by sending in new or gently used outer clothes – sweatshirts, hoodies, coats, socks, scarves, hats, gloves, etc. that they can distribute along with the food. There will be a collection box in the main entrance of the school where your child can place any donations when they come to school each day.

Storybook Pumpkin Patch:

It has been delightful to see the storybook character pumpkins come into school! The students have done a great job! Thank you to them and to you – and to Mrs. Jacobsen!

Art: PLEASE HELP

Our Art teacher, Mrs. Jacobs, has requested clean glass baby food jars with lids for a project that she is doing. Please send those in if you can. Thank you!





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: Molly, AJ, Aiden, Emma and Isabella. 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.

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://stjosephstrobertcyo.sportngin.com/register/form/893016380>



SJR Home and School Annual Walkathon

November 10, 2023, at 1:15pm

It is that time of year again for our Annual Walkathon, a major fundraiser for our Home and School Association, and a fun tradition for our students. As most of you know, the Home and School Association is a wonderful partnership of administration, faculty, and school families that helps provide enrichment to the SJR experience.

All of the proceeds from the walkathon go into our Health and Wellness Program. This helps pay for our school nurse and also other medical supplies that may be needed at school.

Children in grades Pre-k through 8th will assemble at 1:15pm in the schoolyard and then walk through Palomino Farms neighborhood. We will have the teachers and police officers on the route to help ensure everyone stays the course and stays safe. We welcome family members to join us this year.

In addition to a fun day for our school community, we have some incentives to encourage you to participate in our fundraising efforts:

\$25 raised will earn a Dress Down Day on a future date determined

\$150 raised will earn your family an SJR Lands' End Large Canvas Tote

The highest money raised for a classroom as a whole will win a pizza party

Please use the attached form to record pledges. We will also be emailing our a link for the website that you can log onto and share with family members for other pledge options. Pledge money can be returned to Debby Perks c/o Luke Perks 3rd grade. All money is due by November 30th, 2023

If you have any questions, please contact Debby Perks at 267-231-3342 or debbynix23@gmail.com

We hope that everyone is able to support this year's Walkathon in some way. We look forward to a safe, sunny and successful outing.

St. Joseph/St. Robert
Walkathon Sponsor Sheet
Friday November 10, 2023

Last Name: _____ Grades: _____

Securing Sponsors: Start today by taking your sponsor sheet to anyone that you think would like to Sponsor your Walkathon. Explain:

WHO you are

WHAT the Walkathon is

WHERE the route is located

WHEN you are participating

WHAT this project Supports

Please, collect all donations promised to you and return them in an envelope marking your name and grade. If you collect \$25.00 each child in your family will earn a dress down day. \$150.00 will earn you SJR Large Canvas Tote. The highest classroom amount will earn a pizza part for the class. Please return all pledge sheets and money to Debby Perks c/o Luke Perks 3rd grade by November 30, 2023.

Name of Sponsor	Address	Total Amount
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Permission Slip

Walkathon for Health and Wellness

Dear Parents and Students,

It is time for our Annual Walkathon for Health and Wellness.

Date: Friday, November 10th, 2023 at 1:15pm

Who: Grades Pre-k – 8th

Time: 1:15pm

Place: Residential area surrounding school. Starts in parking lot.

Please return form to school no later than November 9th, 2023

Waiver: In consideration of the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the Pennsylvania committee walkathon for Health and Wellness and in consultation of your permitting me to participate in the Walkathon for Health and Wellness, on behalf of myself waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages, especially against the Walkathon Committee, as well as any other person or organization connected with the Walkathon, for any and all injuries arising out of the Walkathon.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Names/Grades of Students participating in the Walkathon

ANY STUDENT NOT RECEIVING WRITTEN PERMISSION FOR THIS WALKATHON WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Elementary Drawing

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Make this a memorable time by signing up your elementary child in a Young Rembrandts drawing class. Your child will learn about design, composition and illustration using our unique step-by-step drawing method. Besides strengthening your child's drawing and coloring skills, he or she will also learn about art history as we present lessons featuring a master artist. Don't miss out, enroll now!



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

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