



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN
October 4, 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,

Happy October! I wanted to take a moment to congratulate the students who, last spring, won in the Sciathalon at The Villa. Well done, Nellie, These young scientists were awarded their trophy yesterday by Maureen Mathis. Congratulations and best of luck (and hard work!) to the teams that will be representing SJR this October.

October also begins our fall fundraisers. The Cookie Dough/Cherrydale fundraiser kicks off today! It's great because in addition to the cookie dough and holiday items, there are many items that we all use - wrapping paper, cards, etc. You can help achieve our goal of buying twenty more Chromebooks by buying things that you just typically buy elsewhere. You can support the fundraiser by any of the following: 1) Purchase items for you and your family. 2) Share your fundraiser on social media, by email, or text on www.ShopFund.com 3) Ask neighbors, co-workers, friends & others to purchase and show their support.

Though not until November, you will begin to see communication about our Walkathon. For those of you who are new to the community, the Walkathon is an afternoon when the school community takes a walk through the neighborhood. Family and extended family are welcome to join us. This year The Walkathon will take place on the afternoon of November 10th. Please plan to join us and look for information about the fundraising effort around this. For the second year in a row a generous donor has stepped forward with a commitment to match funds raised up to \$15,000!

I remain in communication with Central Bucks School District about the issues we continue to face with transportation. Routes are being analyzed by combined teams of First Student and Central Bucks personnel. Changes are being made to reduce lateness and excessive time spent on a bus. After those changes are identified and implemented, Central Bucks has committed to adding SJR parents to their communication system so that you would get emails/text alerts should there be any change or delay in transportation. This should alleviate much of the stress I know you are experiencing. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thank you and have a great week.

Home and School Information



The Cookie Dough/Cherrydale fundraiser is officially begun! If you haven't registered your child, you can do that at this site: [register your child here https://www.shopfund.com/parentregister](https://www.shopfund.com/parentregister) We're working to raise \$5,000 to buy another classroom set of Chromebooks.

Trunk or Treat (10/20/23 flyer below): Registration has been slow for this event. If you are planning to join in the fun, can you please return the form asap? It's so much fun and we have a great turnout every year - It just helps the planning process if you can return the form.

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 (10/28/2023 See flyer) A permission slip was emailed to families of the 7th and 8th graders. Please fill it out and return it with payment by October 13th.

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

Thank you,
HSA Board



Reminder! Students interested in joining the school band or orchestra may still enroll throughout the month of October. Participation in band instrument instrumental music is available to students in grades 4-8, and orchestra instrument participation is available for students in grades 3-8. If you are interested in joining this wonderful program, please refer to the Northeastern Music enrollment link below. Thank you!

<https://nemusicprograms.com/>

40 Hours Devotion

St. Joseph's Parish

Forty Hours Devotion will be on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday October 15, 16, and 17. There will be Evening Prayer and Benediction each of the three nights and opportunities for confession on Tuesday. Please sign up for an hour adoration, so that Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will not be left unattended. Sign-up sheets are at the tables at the church exits.

St. Robert's Parish

CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD VOLUNTEERS ~

Our parish offers the Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages 4 through Grade 3 at the 11am Mass each Sunday. The program will begin on Sunday, October 15th. We are looking for adult volunteers to lead the program. We are hoping to have enough volunteers that your commitment would be once every 5-6 weeks. This would mean being there 2- 3 times a year. If you feel God is calling you to help our younger children grow in faith, please let us know. Please contact Donna Heeney at 215-343-9433 or donnaheeneydre@gmail.com for more information.



Today is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you to Father Muka and all of the teachers in our Preschool Program for making it a special feast for our Pre-K students. Father prayed with them and blessed them and their stuffed animals on this beautiful day!



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



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>





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!)





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: _____

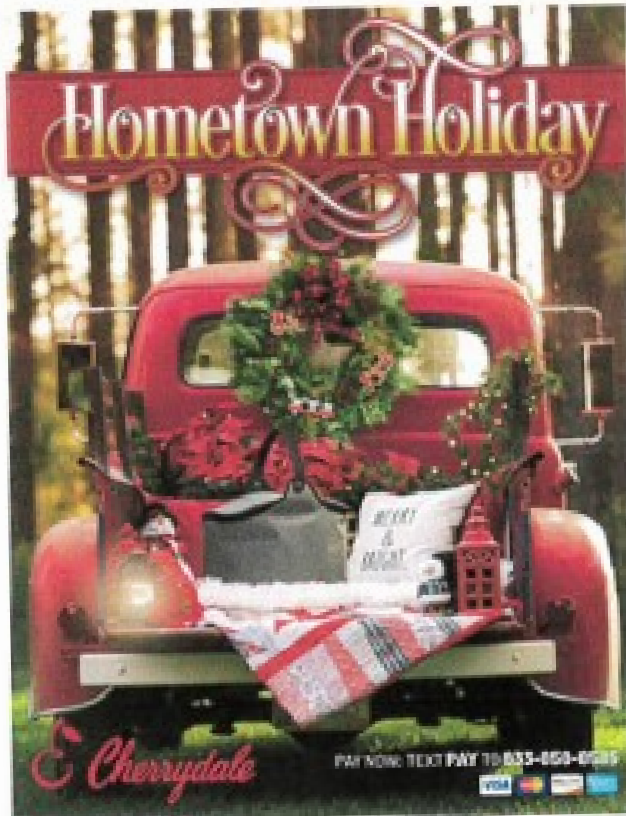
Electricity (circle one): YES or NO

FAMILY NAME : _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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

REQUESTS: _____

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!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
SUPPORT!!**

