



# St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.  
DURKIN  
December 6, 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,

Many times this week I've been reminded of how blessed we are by our strong and caring community. Thank you.

The return of Ms. Mealia to her classroom this week is a blessing. We are grateful for her renewed health and we are also grateful for Ms. Kaitlin Fivek, who taught second grade in her absence. Ms. Mealia has shared a letter with our school community a little later in this newsletter. Welcome back, Ms. Mealia!

I wanted to remind you that we will be collecting adult outerwear - new or gently used: coats, hats, gloves, etc. through January. You can send any donations to school with your child. These will be distributed by the St. Vincent DePaul Society during their outreach work in Philadelphia..

Mrs. Brennan has asked me to let you know that orders for the personalized Christmas Ornaments will be accepted through tomorrow. There is more information and an order form in the newsletter.

Mrs. Jacobsen and Ms. Hatfield are assisting the children in putting the finishing touches on the Christmas Pageant. Please see the next page of this newsletter for information about what students will be wearing.

Thank you for all you do! I hope to see you at the Tree Lighting tomorrow evening at 6:30p.m.!

God bless you and have a great rest of your week!  
Mrs. Durkin



## 2023 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT INFORMATION

Dear SJR Parents,

Our annual Christmas Pageant is coming up soon on Thursday, December 21st! The children are practicing very hard in preparation for our performance.

Each year certain grades perform in partial costume or have a prop. Please see the list below for your child's grade.

### Pre-K and Kindergarten

Students will be performing their song in **partial costume**.

Please obtain a **plain white t-shirt** for your child. Label the inside neck collar with your child's last name.

\*\*Please send this into school with your child in a plastic bag for transport no later than **Wednesday, 12/13**. We will return it to you for your child to wear for the night of the pageant.

Please have your child dressed in this designated pageant t-shirt, gym sweatpants and sneakers on the evening of the pageant.

### 1st and 2nd Grade

1st and 2nd grade students will be performing their song as **angels** this year. Please have your child in a **longer white t-shirt** or white covering suitable to represent an angel. This **must fit comfortably over their winter uniform**.

Students may also wear a gold or silver "flat" garland halo. No raised halos on headbands etc. and NO wings please!

Please have your child come dressed in their angel costume and winter uniform underneath the evening of the pageant. No need to send the costume into school before the pageant.

### 3rd Grade

3rd grade students will be performing in their **regular winter uniform**.

We are asking that all 3rd grade students **please supply one empty box that is wrapped in Christmas themed paper and/or bow**. The box should be an average size and suitable to hold during their performance.

Please send this wrapped box in with your child no later than Friday, December 15th.

### 4th-8th Grade

4-8th grade students will be performing in their **regular winter uniform**. **Please no Christmas socks, ties, etc.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any issues obtaining what you need or if you have any questions!

We look forward to a wonderful evening and we thank you for your help in making our pageant a special one!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jacobsen and Miss Hatfield

[jjacobsen@stjstr.org](mailto:jjacobsen@stjstr.org)





The HSA provides the opportunity for you to contribute to a group Christmas gift for SJR specials teachers and staff. (The homeroom parents take care of the grade specific teachers separately). There are eighteen staff members included in this collection. If you are interested in contributing, please send payment by Friday, December 15th.

Venmo: @Julie-Mandes (last four digits of my cell are 1514)  
 Or, if you would prefer to send a check (made out to the SJR HSA), please send to school for Julie Mandes c/o Vincent Mandes, Grade 6. Feel free to email Julie with any questions: [jmicklos@gmail.com](mailto:jmicklos@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Walkathon Update: Congratulations on helping to exceed our \$18,000 goal! You helped us to raise \$19,300 for our school's Health and Wellness Program. Thank you!**

Please see the information below about our upcoming events:

**Christmas Tree Lighting – Thursday, 12/7:**

Don't miss the second annual SJR Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday evening, December 7th. It will be a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season at SJR! See the flyer below.

**Pictures for HSA Ornaments: – Monday, 12/11 and 12/13 as needed**

**Little Elf Shop – Tuesday, 12/12:**

The annual shopping tradition is coming up soon! Please cut and paste the link below to see our school's website for the Elf Shop. New this year, parents are able to go to the site and buy gift certificates. I know this will be helpful, especially for the younger students, so they don't have to carry cash or a blank check to school.

<https://stjsrcath.myschool.holidayshop.org/>

**Online Safety – Tuesday, 1/16 7:00p.m.**

Our second HSA meeting has been re-scheduled for January 16th so that Annabel Dotzman, The Associate Director of Educational Technology for The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, can join us to provide information about how to guide your children to be safe online. Please mark your calendars.

**Bingo – Friday, 1/19:**

Please see the flyer below for our Barbie Bingo event! Note that tickets will not be on sale until 12/11.

HSA Board



## From Around the School



### **Feast of St. Nicholas!:**

We celebrated the thoughtfulness and generosity of St. Nicholas today. There was a special visitor who popped by to fill the children's shoes (grades PK-4)

The older students are on their way back to school from The Constitution Center as I type. St. Nick left a little something for them in their desks....

### **Girl Scouts:**

A scout troop has formed for SJR students in grades Kindergarten and First. They had their first meeting Monday night! If your daughter is interested in becoming a "Daisy" and joining some friends for service, activities, and crafts, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the group.

### **Science Club:**

Tom and Terri Molz will again be hosting the Science Club for four weeks. Students in grades 3-6 are welcome to participate in fun, hands-on experiments in our science lab. The club will be meeting in January. Be on the lookout for sign up information as we get closer to Christmas.

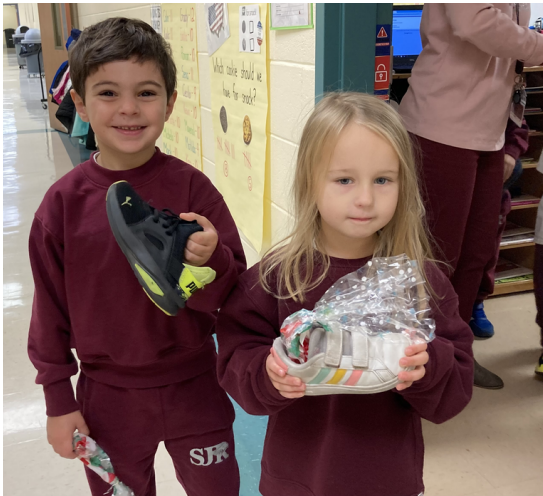
### **Sign Language Club:**

SJR will again be hosting the sign language club. This will be offered for students in grades 5-8. It will run weekly for the month of February. Look for more information to come out soon.

### **A Building Club?**

SJR has acquired enough Lego type blocks to run a building club. We're looking for someone who might want to run that club for students in grades 3-6. Please reach out to Mrs. Durkin if you are interested.

**Drama Club:** The Drama Club continues to rehearse for their spring production of, *The Little Mermaid!* I can't wait to see it and hope you will join us in the audience at Archbishop Wood on Saturday, April 6th.



# Parish News



## St. Joseph's Parish

This year St. Joseph's Parish has been invited to join with St. John Bosco Parish for a communal Advent Penance Service. The invited celebrant will be Msgr. George Majoros, who was recently appointed as a Missionary of Mercy. Missionaries of Mercy are appointed priests worldwide and given a special mandate to lead missions or facilitate specific initiatives with particular attention to the sacrament of reconciliation. Please consider attending as a family to the Communal Advent Penance, on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Bosco parish. There will be additional priests available for confession.



## St. Robert's Parish

### Advent Confessions:

Saturday, December 9 ~3:00-3:30pm

Sunday, December 10 ~10:15-10:45am

Advent Communal Confessions Church & Hall Monday, December 11, 7pm

Saturday, December 16 ~ 2:30-3:30pm

Sunday, December 17~ 10:00-10:45am (Last Opportunity for confessions)



# Apple of My Eye

Thank you and congratulations to Joseph, McKenna, Eloise, Vincent, and Meredith who were "Caught doing something good" for our community!

# ST. JOSEPH /ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Our next Bingo Bonanza Ladies Night Out fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2024. We have bingo rounds that are in need of a sponsor.

If you have a business or are employed by someone who might be interested in supporting our school, please consider being a sponsor. Your sponsorship will be recognized throughout the evening and in our event program. We hope that you are able to help us fund this event. Your sponsorship or donation is tax-deductible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and please join us for a fun night on January 19th. Please contact me with any questions.

Gina Smart ([ginasmart@aol.com](mailto:ginasmart@aol.com))

### SPONSORSHIP FORM

**Please return this form by November 20, 2023**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a round of Bingo (\$250)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be applied towards a Bingo round

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate items to be used in Raffle Baskets (i.e. gift cards, products, etc)

### Sponsor Information

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks can be made payable to SJR HSA and return this form to St. Joseph / St. Robert School**

**(Attn: Bingo Bonanza Gina Smart)**

**850 Euclid Avenue Warrington, PA 18976**

December 6, 2023

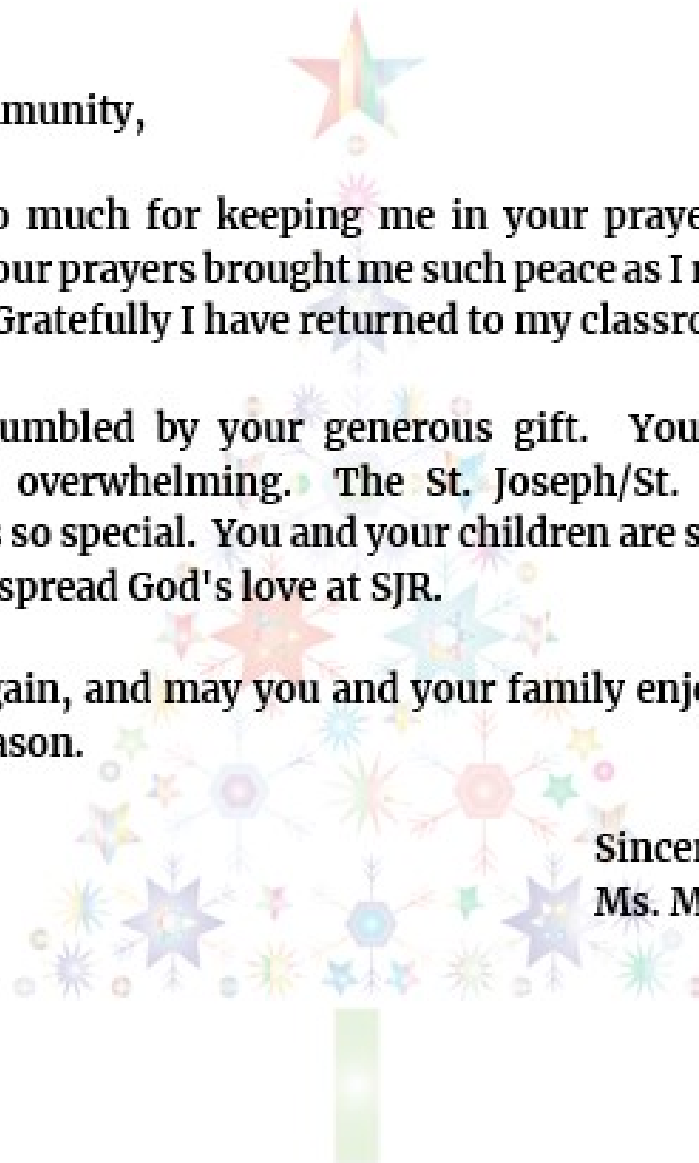
Dear SJR Community,

Thank you so much for keeping me in your prayers throughout November. Your prayers brought me such peace as I recovered from pneumonia. Gratefully I have returned to my classroom.

I am truly humbled by your generous gift. Your support and kindness are overwhelming. The St. Joseph/St. Robert School community is so special. You and your children are such a blessing. Each day you spread God's love at SJR.

Thank you again, and may you and your family enjoy a wonderful Christmas season.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Maureen Mealia



# CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Let us help fill your Christmas tree with your favorite faces! It's time to order your **2023 Photo Christmas Ornaments!**

Every year before Christmas, volunteers from our HSA come together to make personalized Christmas ornaments for your family. These are photo ornaments, and will fill your Christmas tree with the most beautiful memories of your children, so please order as many as you'd like to gift to your friends and family!

If you'd like to order an ornament, we will be taking a picture of your child on the days listed below. You may request an individual picture of your child, a family photo of your children (for those with siblings who attend SJR), or both an individual and family photo. The ornaments will be delivered to your children to bring home with them before they begin Christmas break.

Pictures will be taken on **Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Ideally ALL pictures will be completed on that day. If your child is absent that day for their individual picture, or if a child in your family is absent for the family photo, there will an additional picture day on **Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Please return the order form ASAP to Kristi Brennan c/o Brynn Brennan, grade 6. Order forms will also be included in the Weekly Newsletter.





## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Name & Grade #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Family and/or Individual Ornament  Please Mark "F" or "I"	Child's name  (for individual photos only)	Grade #	Quantity	Sub Total at \$5.00 each

Total # of Ornaments: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment can be made in cash or check to "SJR HSA"

Please contact Kristi Brennan at [kris1481@aol.com](mailto:kris1481@aol.com) with any questions.

Return order forms by Friday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to Kristi Brennan c/o Brynn, grade 6.

St. Joseph/St. Robert School Home & School Association Presents

# Barbie™

# BINGO

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE STUDENTS AT SJR

FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 2024

Doors open at 6PM / Game starts at 7PM

TICKETS

**\$35**

per person in advance  
or \$40 at the door

\*\*Groups should purchase tickets in one transaction to guarantee seating together

Tickets include 11 rounds of bingo featuring designer bags and luxury items!  
You may also purchase an optional \$10 BONUS round or raffles for baskets and 50/50.

Bring your own drinks and snacks



Held at St. Joseph/St. Robert School

850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976

(in the school gym at Msgr. Marley Hall)

Purchase tickets online at: [www.stjstr.org/bingo](http://www.stjstr.org/bingo)

**Tickets go on Sale 12/11.**



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

# 7TH & 8TH GRADE DANCE

LANSDALE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

SNACKS & DRINKS  
FOR PURCHASE

**\$10 CASH**  
**AT DOOR**

LC SWAG RAFFLE  
DRAWING

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER YOUR  
STUDENT AT [LANSDALECATHOLIC.COM](https://www.lansdalecatholic.com) >  
ADMISSIONS > 7TH & 8TH GRADE DANCE

Please rsvp to:

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