



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN
December 13, 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 is a joy to work in a school at this time of year. Every day is full of the sights and sounds of Christmas. The Little Elf Shop was a wonderful day yesterday and I'm so grateful to the HSA, parent volunteers, and lunch volunteers who made it possible. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend with your child - it was a pleasure to have the chance to see you. I hope to see many of you this evening when the band will perform its Christmas concert. And, of course, to see this all culminate in our beautiful Christmas Pageant next week, really reminds us all of the reason we're doing all of this celebrating.

I share the feeling of Norman Vincent Peale who once said, "I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world." It's a privilege to work at a school where we can integrate the Christmas story and songs into our lessons and daily life.

Thank you and have a great rest of your week!

Mrs. Durkin



Home and School Information



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. Thank you!

The Christmas Tree Lighting was so much fun! Santa, a fire truck, snow...what more could we ask for?! Thank you to everyone who made it possible. A special, "Thank You" to our SJR Hawk who made a surprise appearance! And thank you to our choir members and friends who led us in carols.

The Little Elf Shop was another memorable event! There were so many volunteers and parents in the building - it was really so festive. It's a big project that requires a lot of helping hands. Thank you to Mrs. Rosenello who was the chair of the event. Thank you also to Mrs. Sorge and so many moms who made sure that there were plenty of lunch mom volunteers to assist the children at lunch in their classrooms yesterday.

Please see the information below about our upcoming events:

Online Safety - Tuesday, 1/16 6:30 p.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! Tickets are on sale now at www.stjstr.org/bingo. We're looking forward to a fun evening!

HSA Board





Science Club:

The 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students have an opportunity to explore science through fun, hands-on activities. This club will be led again this year by Mr. Tom Molz, a recently retired engineer and a member of St. Joseph's parish, and his wife Terri. This club will meet in the science lab after school on four Mondays from January 9th until February 5th from 3:15-4:15. There is a flyer attached. You can register at <https://forms.gle/Rygzkf32uCJ8htUC8>.

There will be a \$10 registration fee which will be used for supplies. You can send that to school in an envelope with your child's name on it and to Mrs. Durkin's attention.



The Christmas Pageant:

A reminder that the Christmas Pageant will begin at 6:30p.m. in St. Robert's Church on Thursday, December 21st. Please plan to have your child use the bathroom before arriving **at 6:10p.m.** You can bring them to the gym where the students will all gather and you can then move into church to get a seat.

The information about what your child should wear is in the attachment below from Mrs. Jacobsen and Ms. Hatfield.

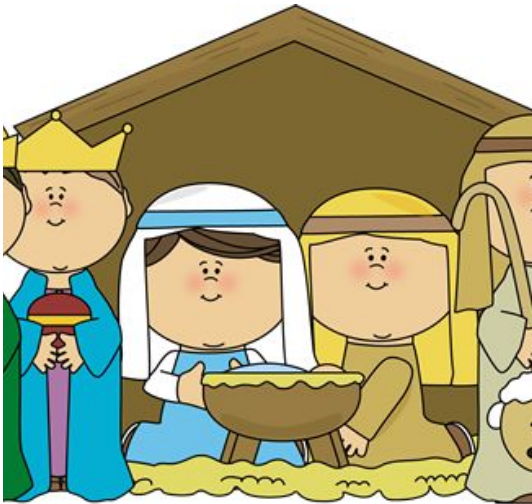


Parish News



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 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

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Join us for an informal gathering once a month using scripture, prayer, reflection, and faith sharing. Any questions, contact Joan Fitzpatrick – jfitzaff2@verizon.net or call the office: 215-343-0315.



Cherrydale Top Sellers!

Congratulations and, "Thank You!" to Ryan, Danny, and Aiden who were our top sellers in our recent Cherrydale fundraiser. They each received a \$25 Amazon gift card. Well done! We raised \$7300! The new Chromebooks were ordered and arrived in the building yesterday ready to be set up and then put to good use!

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

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!

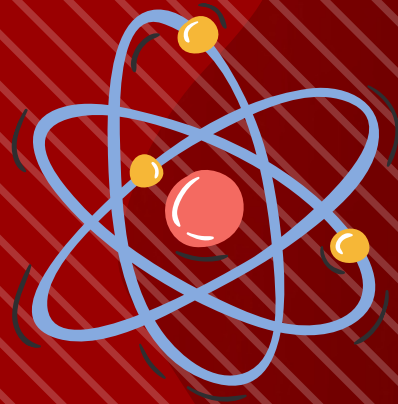
Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jacobsen and Miss Hatfield

jjacobsen@stjstr.org





SJR 2nd Annual Science CLub

Mr. Tom Molz, a recently retired engineer and member of St. Joseph's parish, will be leading a group in science exploration activities!

Who: 3rd - 6th Grade Students

When: 3:15 - 4:15p.m on Mondays from January 8th - February 5th (Not on 1/15)

Where: The Science Lab at SJR

Cost: There is a \$10 fee for materials.

Look for a sign up link that was sent in the Sunday Reminders.

There will be a 12 student maximum so sign up right away!

