



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN
January 3, 2024

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 New Year! I hope Christmas was a wonderful time for your family and that you are able to look forward to 2024 with the hope that comes from knowing that, whatever this new year brings, God is here each day with us.

It was a pleasure to welcome your children back to school this morning! Yesterday, I had the pleasure of gathering with the faculty and staff to discuss reading and literacy. We also had a presentation called, "Stop the Bleed," as part of our ongoing health and safety training. The faculty and staff learned how to take some basic actions to stop life threatening bleeding in the event of an everyday emergency or man-made or natural disasters.

January is a busy month! I'm looking forward to our HSA meeting on January 16th. Please be sure to join us if you can. Annabel Dotzman, the Associate Director of Educational Technology for The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be sharing information with us about how to keep children safe online. Please note that the meeting begins at 6:30p.m.

Please be on the lookout for the Family Income Survey to come home on **Monday, January 8th. It is important that each family fill out the survey and return the next day.** Therefore, if a student returns the survey on Tuesday, January 9th they will be able to dress down on Wednesday, January 10th. This survey is important as it impacts money that we get for direct services to students, money for instructional materials, and money for staff professional development. I appreciate your cooperation on completing and returning this.

God bless you and have a wonderful rest of your week!

Mrs. Durkin

Home and School Information



Please see the information below about our upcoming events:

MLK Service Project - Monday, 1/15 10:00a.m.

Project Linus is a nationwide organization that collects new handmade blankets and distributes them locally to seriously ill, traumatized, and needy children. For this year's MLK Day of Service project, we will be making no-sew blankets to donate to this worthy cause. Please join us on Monday, January 15th at 10:00 am in the SJR cafeteria for this event. All materials required to make the blankets will be provided; however, if you could bring a pair (or two) of scissors with you it would be much appreciated! Please RSVP using the Sign-up Genius link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050544A8AC28A7F85-46983312-mlkday>.) so that we can have an accurate count of materials required. Thank you!

We know that not everyone will be able to attend the event but we are asking that each family in the school support the project by contributing \$5 to defray the cost of the materials. Please send that to school with your family's name and "Project Linus" on the envelope.

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!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection so that we could assemble the baskets we'll be raffling off that evening. Please check the list on the following page- everyone who contributed gets to dress down on 1/19/24!

HSA Board



Thank you to the families who contributed to assist the committee with the Bingo Baskets. As a “Thank you,” the following students may dress down on Friday, January 19th.

Family Name

Adams (John and Lacey)

Allen

Ardiff

Armani

Augustine

Bailey

Bargerhuff

Benscoter

Berzins

Bontempo

Borello

Branca

Bray

Brennan (Brynn)

Burmeister

Cerminara

Corsini

D'Angelis

DeGuida

Diegidio

Dixon

Dougherty

Ellis

Eriksen

Ewald

Ezokas

Felix

Fiorino

Flaherty (Maxwell)

Greenbacker

Hall

Hare

Hartman

Hazlett (Vivienne)

Heinig

Hilpl

Hoffman

Illg

Jaskowiak

Kaplan

Keegan

Kendrick

Keppol

Ketterer

Kiss

Klein

Kostrzewski

Kulp

LaBar

Lai

Long

Luyun

Man

Mandes

Mannaia

McCardle

McGettigan

McKelvey

Mooney

Moore

Moran

Moyer (Mac and Emma)

Namburi

Nase

Nelson

Outland

Paccapaniccia

Palo

Panepresso

Peddicord

Perks

Ragona

Rankin

Reuben

Rosenello

Serpico

Shimp (Ardynn and Luke)

Shimp (Kelsey)

Shoemaker

Skorohod

Smart

Smith (Eric)

Somma

Sorge

Swanson

Thom

Warga

Walter

Warner

Williams (Val and Grady)

Wood

Yogis

Zhang

From Around the School



The Band Program:

The 2023 Christmas concert was beautiful! Thank you to our director, Mr. Rumpf, and to all the musicians who have worked so hard. It's not too late to join the music program. Please reach out if your 3rd -8th grader would like to learn an instrument this year.



Science Club: There are only two spots remaining!

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.

Homework Club:

Would your child benefit from a more consistent homework routine? We know those after school hours can be hectic. In the new year, students in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in our newly established Homework Club. It will run Monday through Thursday from 3:15-4:15pm each week. There is not individual tutoring available, but Mrs. Jen Jacobsen will be supporting students who would like to stay and begin/complete their homework. The cost will be \$5/day which will be billed via your FACTS account. Students are welcome to come individual days or all four days each week. Look for a flyer and sign-up link.



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.

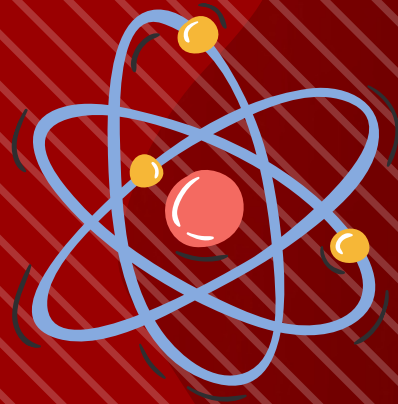
Bring your own drinks and snacks



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



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!

