

St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN
January 24, 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,

It continues to be a truly remarkable Catholic Schools Week. It has been fun, enriching, and faith-filled! Thank you so much to the Home and School Association and to the Catholic Schools Week Committee for all of their hard work bringing it to fruition. Thank you to our dedicated faculty and staff for their hard work and support and thank you to all the families who make SJR such a warm and welcoming place.

The wonderful thing about Catholic Schools Week is that it translates into a stronger Catholic school all year long! Our times of prayer and celebration bind us together. I love that our community presentation by The Next Step Program launched a Home and School fundraising coin challenge to "Make Change Worth Dancing About." We will collect coins which will be totaled and presented to the organization at our first ever sock hop! The fun and service continue well past the last day of this special week. See the flyers for details.

I'm excited to announce that Mrs. Jacobsen is ready to launch SJR's brand new homework club! If your child would benefit from a regular, structured setting to do their homework after the school day, be sure to check out the flyers on the following pages. It is available daily, Monday thru Thursday. Your child is welcome to sign up for any number of days. Sign ups are open until that morning. There's a lot of flexibility. I'm grateful to Mrs. Jacobsen and to the Home and School Association for providing this opportunity.

Thank you to our Apple of My Eye winners this week! Well done, Liam, Owen, Shelby, Gabby and Bella!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Durkin



St. Joseph
St. Robert School



HOMework CLUB



SJR Homework Club is a quiet, structured, safe and productive environment out of school hours to complete homework for students in Grades 3-8. Students can attend any or all days.

Benefits of Homework Club:

- ✓ Instill good work habits
- ✓ Organizational skills
- ✓ Time management

Visit the link for more information and to sign up.



Available
Monday
through
Thursday from
3:15-4:15.



SJR Homework Club

- **Students may attend Homework Club any or all days.**
- **Homework Club runs Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays**
- **\$5 per day and is billed monthly through your FACTS account.**

- **Homework club will be held in the library. Students must be signed out at time of pick up.**
- **Homework Club will not be offered on half days and may be subject to cancellation should school close early for inclement weather.**

Interested families can SIGN UP with the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoDsuG2oSpsW_HCkDh65gbbdbc8Y626_aihMSa4YuahgJgHw/viewform?usp=sharing

or visit below for more info:

<https://sites.google.com/stjstr.org/librarytechnology/homework-club>

Home and School Information

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered with our many recent events!

Please see the information below about our upcoming events:

HSA Meeting - Tuesday, 2/6:

Please join the HSA at a meeting which will also feature Annabel Dotzman, who will be speaking about helping children be safe on the internet.

There will be a used uniform sale prior to the HSA Meeting starting at 5:30 in the school library. We will have the following Winter uniforms: pants, skirts, jumpers, button down shirts, sweaters, vests, 1/4 zips, gym t-shirts, sweatpants & sweatshirts. All pieces are \$2 and cash, check or PayPal is accepted. Any questions please reach out to Heather Bargerhuff at SJRUniforms@gmail.com

Chick-Fil-a Community Care Night - Wednesday, February 7th 4:30-7:00p.m

Come to the Warminster location and part of the proceeds will go to support SJR!

We are offering prizes for the class with the highest participation as well as a raffle to win a private lunch with Mrs. Durkin catered by Chick Fil A. We are looking for volunteers to help with these raffles that night. If you are interested in helping, please let Carolyn Shimp (cshimp13@comcast.net) know by this Friday, February 2.

Please see the flyers below.

The Sweetheart Dance - Saturday, February 10th

Join us for a sweet opportunity for the girls and dads or other special adult to have some "Neon Nineties" fun at this year's Sweetheart Dance. See the flyer below.

Candygrams - Tuesday, February 13th

On Tuesday, February 13th the Home and School will be distributing personalized candygrams to students and faculty/staff. If you would like more information about purchasing candygrams, the flyer is below.

Mother/Son Bowling - Sunday, February 25th

Please see the flyer below to join in the fun!

Thanks for all you do for our school!

HSA Board



From Around the School



Catholic Schools Week:

It's been a wonderful week so far! Thank you for your prayers and participation. There's a few more events this week to remind you about:

Celebrating our Faculty and other Vocations:

Thursday we'll be celebrating our faculty. The Home and School is providing lunch. Time and time again research points to the tremendous impact a good teacher has on learning. We're grateful for our dedicated faculty.

Sister Theresa will also be speaking with the students about her call to become a sister. It's a wonderful story. I can't wait to meet her and to have her meet our community.

Catholic Schools Week Closing Mass 2/2:

Please feel free to join us for Mass at 9:00a.m.

The Brain Show 2/2: You are also welcome to attend The Brain Show on Friday if you would like. Please see the flyer for details.

ASL Club:

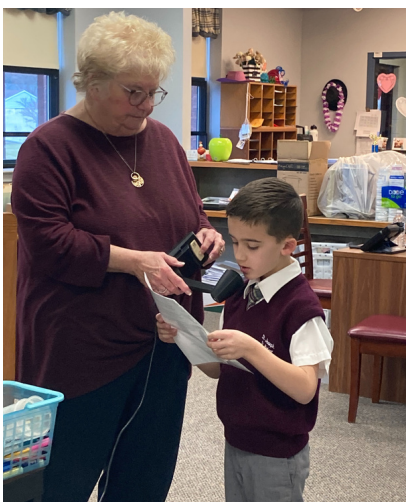
The ASL Club will begin meeting next week. There are a few open spots if your 5th-8th grader would like to join in.

Homework Club:

Homework Club will begin meeting next week. It is available Monday - Thursday. Please see flyer.

Science Club:

Our Science Club meets for one more session on Feb. 5th. It's been full of discovery!





90'S NEON SWEETHEART DANCE

**OUR SJR LADIES ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR FAVORITE GUY
FOR A NIGHT OF 90'S NEON FUN AT THE 2024 SWEETHEART DANCE!**

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

TIME: 7-9PM (PICTURES BEGIN AT 6:45)

WHERE: SJR CAFETERIA

**COST: \$30 FOR FIRST TWO FAMILY MEMBERS. \$5 FOR EACH
ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER**

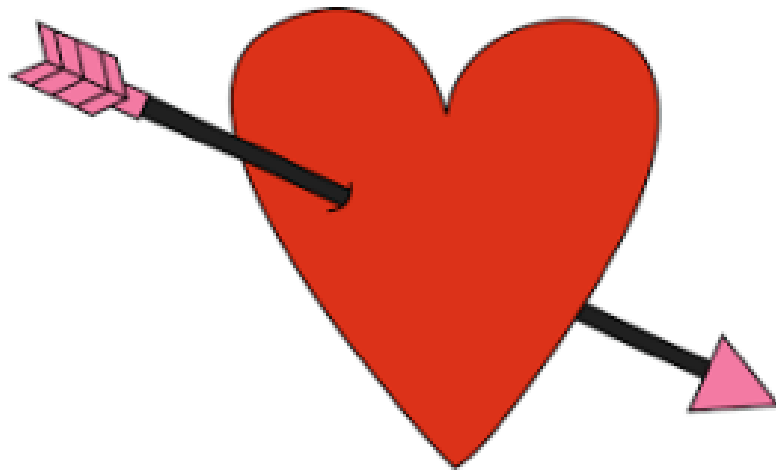
**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT
TO KELLY BONTEMPO C/O EMMA BONTEMPO (GRADE 3) BY
FEBRUARY 2ND. CASH OR CHECK ACCEPTED. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO SJR HSA.**

FAMILY NAME: _____

SJR STUDENTS: _____

ESCORT NAME: _____

Valentine's Day Candy-grams



SJR Candy Grams are back!

On Tuesday, February 13, the SJR Home & School Association will be acting as cupid and will be delivering personalized candy grams to students and faculty!

If you would like to send your child or a faculty member a personalized candy gram, simply cut out a gram, fill it out, and send in to school attention: Lauren Kulp c/o Keegan grade 7, along with payment. Each candy gram is \$1 and includes a few Hershey Kisses. Parents, grandparents, siblings, friends – everyone can participate!

Students are encouraged to spread kindness and take part in the fun! All candy grams are due by Thursday, February 8! If sending a gram to any child in Pre-K or K, please make sure to specify teacher's name.

Any questions contact Lauren Kulp at lmkulp11@gmail.com



Happy Valentine's Day!



To: _____

Must have first and last name

Class: _____

From: _____



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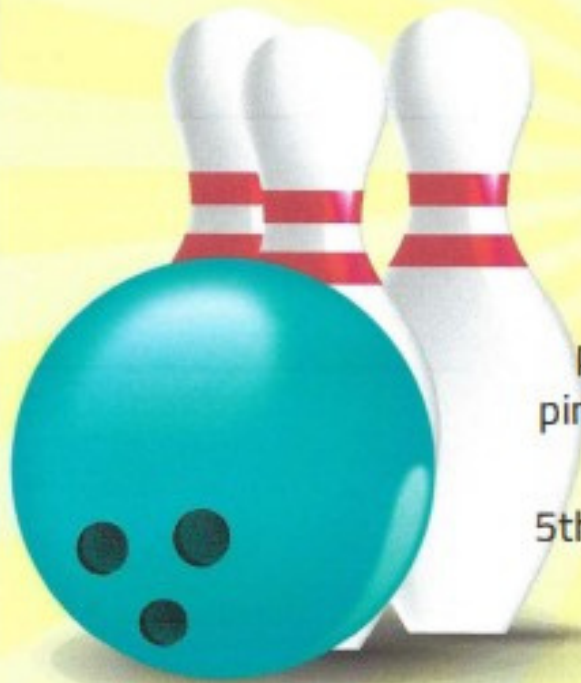
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15th Annual SJR

Mother - Son

BOWLING



**Sunday, February 25th 2024
from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

\$18 per bowler includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza and drinks. Max 6 bowlers per lane. A bowling pin trophy will go to mother/son team with top single game high score. (one for PreK-4th and one for 5th-8th) Arrangements can be made if you have 2 or more sons. You can bowl with them all or invite a mother figure to bowl with each additional child.

Thunderbird Lanes 1475 Street Road

Please return completed form to Nathan Bargerhuff Grade 7 by **January 31st**.
Contact Ben Bargerhuff with any questions at: bb4@bu.edu

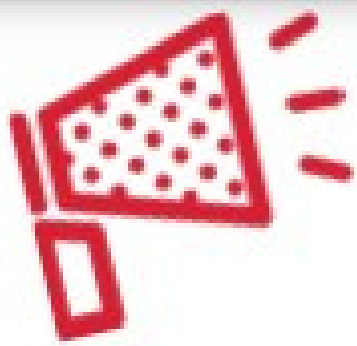
Number of Sons: _____ x \$18 = _____ Number of Mothers (or Mother Figures): _____ x \$18 = _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Child(ren) Name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____ Email Address: _____

Please make checks out to SJR HSA



Warminster

Win a FREE CFA 30 Count Nuggets on your CFA App! Place a Mobile Order with the school code and One Winner will be selected at random.

**Only one winner per Community Care Event.

Community Care Event

formerly known as Mobile Spirit Nights

for

St. Joseph/

St. Robert School



Wednesday,

February 7, 2024

4:30-7:00pm



Warminster

45 W. Street Road

Warminster, PA 18974

School Code
sjrschool

Steps for placing a mobile order

1. Sign into your CFA account or download the Chick-fil-A App and create an account.
2. Please make sure you select Warminster as your location. Choose your preferred pick-up method (Drive-thru, Dine-in or Carry-out).
3. Select menu item(s) for your order and click "add to order"
4. When finished adding items to your order click "My Order" and then "Continue to checkout".
5. "It's a Community Care Event" screen will appear. Enter the school code *sjrschool* and then click the "Yes, I'd like to support" button. (The code is case sensitive.)
6. Review your order details and click "Complete my order".
7. When you arrive at Chick-fil-A click the "I'm here" and follow any additional prompts.

JR School will earn 10% of Total Sales from all Mobile Orders placed during the allotted time that have entered the school code. This does not include app scans at the register or orders placed through our delivery partners: DoorDash/Uber Eats/Grubhub.



Which class will have the most attendance for tonight's Chick Fil A Spirit Night?

The students in the class with the highest attendance will WIN a Digital Offer Card for a FREE treat

(Chocolate Chunk Cookie OR Chocolate Fudge Brownie OR Ice Dream Cone/Cup)

Be sure to check in with our volunteer to receive credit for your attendance!



Win a Private Lunch Date with Mrs. Durkin

Lunch will include Chick Fil A Nuggets with assorted sauces, Waffle Fries,
Chocolate Chunk Cookies, and Lemonade

Purchase your raffle tickets here

1 for \$1

6 for \$5

Winners will be announced on Friday, February 9. Lunch date
will be announced soon.



SJR'S COIN DRIVE

All money collected will be donated to



Founded in 2015, The Next Step Programs, is nonprofit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for people with disabilities as they age out of the public school system.

"Our programs help students and adults with disabilities build skills for employment, independent living, and planning for their futures. We also work with community employers and businesses around the region to provide training and support for hiring and accommodating workers with disabilities.

For more information about the program [click here](#) or go to <https://tnsprogram.org>.

We are kicking off our Coin Drive during Catholic Schools Week! We will collect coins until **Monday, March 18th**

Gather all the spare change around your house and bring it into school to put it in the **S. J. R** banks! Each letter bank will be designated to each grade groups as follows;

"**S**" Pre-K and Kindergarten

"**J**" 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades

"**R**" 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

The group S, J or R that collects the most coins, will earn a Dress Down Day!

To celebrate the kids' efforts in collecting money for a great program, in the afternoon during school on **MARCH 22, 2024** we are going to have our first ever



SJR SOCK HOP



At that time we will have the opportunity to give our fundraising check to the Co-Founder and CEO Josh Fields! Also, at that time we will announce the "letter" winner that collected the most coins.

It's a Sock Hop so we encourage all students to dress in their coolest 50's gear for the **day**! Attached are some examples of some outfits so you can start planning!

LET'S MAKE CHANGE WORTH DANCING ABOUT!



SOCK HOP OUTFITS

THESE ARE JUST SOME EXAMPLES. Please don't feel the need to go out and spend a lot of money. Ask grandparents, aunts or uncles if they have something from the 50's they have been holding on to!

Think of the movie Grease!

Many boys might already have some of the stuff, like Chuck Taylor's, white t-shirts & jeans.

There are tons of suggestion on the internet!

RESEARCH AND HAVE FUN!!