



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN

February 21, 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,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we move toward the beginning of the Terra Nova tests, you might have some questions. Students in grades 2-7 will be engaged in standardized testing beginning on Friday, March 1st through Friday, March 8th. The data from the tests is helpful in gauging student achievement and mastery of the curriculum as well as academic growth. Together, with the iReady diagnostics and a student's classwork, this snapshot helps to give an overall picture and assists the school and teacher in making decisions about instruction and programs.

The most important thing students can do to demonstrate a true picture of their current academic achievement is to get a good night's sleep and arrive at school on time during those days. They should also have two sharpened number two pencils.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the testing. If your child seems anxious about the test, please reassure them, while it's important that they take their time and do their best, that it really is just another way for them to show what they know.

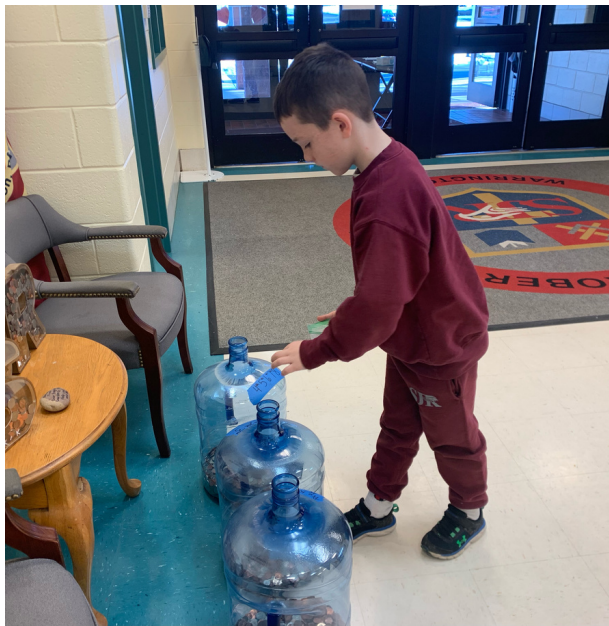
This is a busy time of year. Parents with a 7th grader, please be sure to read on to learn more about signing up for the 7th Grade Visitation Day in an archdiocesan high school. On March 21st your child will be spending their school day in one of the fifteen archdiocesan high schools instead of reporting to SJR. There is a link provided for signing up. Please let me know if, after reading, you have additional questions.

A reminder to please be sure to complete the enrollment process for your child going into grades 1-8 as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you and have a great rest of your week!

Mrs. Durkin

LUNCH WITH MRS. DURKIN *from Chick-Fil-A*



Home and School Information

Continue to 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 is 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! The change will all be donated to The Next Step Program during our Sock Hop on March 22nd.

The children have enjoyed putting the coins into the containers.

The winners of the **Chick-Fil-a lunch** with principal winners, Nicholas S. (PK), Mack M.(1), Kathryn B.(2), Vincent M.(6) and Aiden D. (3) joined Mrs. Durkin for lunch today!

Please see the information below about our upcoming events:

Mother/Son Bowling – Sunday, February 25th

Looking forward to see those who registered for this annual tradition!

SJR 5K RACE/Walk:

Planning has begun for the 12th Annual SJR 5K Race, Fitness Walk, and Kids' Run on Friday, May 10, 2024! If you own a business, can participate in corporate gift matching, or have connections with a business that might be able to sponsor our event this year, please contact the 5K Committee at sjr5krace@gmail.com, or call or message Vince Mandes at 215-510-9672. We are extremely grateful for our business and family sponsors who generously support this event each year. More information on race registration and volunteering opportunities will be coming in early March

Thanks for all you do for our school!

HSA Board

From Around the School



Homework Club:

If your child is planning to attend Homework Club regularly, please sign up at the beginning of each week just so we're clear about who is attending each day that week. Please reach out to Mrs. Jacobsen at jjacobsen@stjstr.org with any questions.

Science:

It was a pleasure for me to spend some time with our 6th-8th graders as they gave their reports on the heart and "the heart of the earth" or the earth's core last week. The students did an excellent job with presenting and with attending to their classmate's presentations. Well done!

7th Grade Visiting Day:

The Annual Universal 7th Grade Visitation Day will take place on Thursday, March 21st, where your 7th Graders will have the opportunity to spend the day at any one of our 15 AOP High Schools! Parents with a 7th grader, please use the link below to choose the school which your child will be attending on the 21st and to access/submit the 7th Grade Visitation Day pre-registration event form for your child's desired school!

<https://www.aopcatholicschools.org/secondary/7th-grade-visitation-day> "

Apple of My Eye Winners:

Thank you to Anthony, Colin, Ardynn, Allison, and Evelyn for being "caught doing something good!" We are grateful for your kind and helpful works.



Parish News



St. Joe's is having a "Living Stations" on March 22nd. Students from St. Joseph's Parish in grades 4 to 7 who would like to participate in this non-speaking re-enactment of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ should reach out to Mrs. Ann Tucci tucci89@verizon.net

Mrs. Rita Roley rrole2325@comcast.net

The only rehearsal is at 5 p.m. on the night of the event (March 22) and the performance is at 7:30 in our church. Pizza dinner will be served before the show.

7th graders who will be making their Confirmation at St. Joe's attended a retreat at the Cathedral on Monday. It was a beautiful day!



St. Robert's is hosting an "Acts of Love" service weekend on February 24th and 25th.

You would choose the project that is right for your family to do at home and return it to church that weekend.

Please see the flyer below for more information about how your family can serve others this Lent.





ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL
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*Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)
BLOCS Tuition Scholarships for 2024-2025*

Application for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit BLOCS Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year is now **open**. Before applying, please visit: <https://www.blocs.org/scholarship-fags> and review the FAQ. It is very important that every SJR family review. We recommend that you apply even if you are over the annual income. If available, your family may qualify for other sources of tuition funding. Families can apply who have students enrolling in grades Pre-K through 12th.

The 2024-2025 family income level is \$108,444. The allowance for each child is \$19,088. For example, a family with one child can have an income level of \$127,532 (\$108,444 + \$19,088) or less to qualify. If a family has two children, then the income level would be \$146,620, and the increase of \$19,088 would continue for each dependent. For three children, the income level would be \$165,708 and for four children the income level would be \$184,796.

Applications for tuition scholarships are completed through FACTS by visiting: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application fee is \$30.00 & all submissions are strictly confidential. Once you complete an online application, you will be required to attach your 2023 Federal Tax forms and all supporting tax schedules. Everything must be submitted to FACTS by **May 30, 2024** to determine your family's eligibility for tuition scholarship. If qualified, Mrs. Dorothy Aschenbrenner, SJR Business Manager will notify the family of their award.

Questions about the application process can be directed to FACTS at 866-441-4637. In addition, you may contact Kathy Williamson at: kwilliamson@stjstr.org



**Acts of Love Service Weekend
February 24th and 25th**



Please choose an activity listed below and return your "Act of Love" to the church narthex the weekend of February 24th and 25th. You are welcome to do more than one if you wish.

Please let us know if you will be providing an item by using the sign up genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B45AAAD2BA0FA7-47170763-acts>

or contact Donna Heeney at 215-343-9433 donnaheeneydre@gmail.com



Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

Pick up a tray in the narthex. Here are some suggestions for casseroles. Please return it frozen. Directions are below

<https://saintjohnshospice.org/recipes/>



Birthday Cake Kits

Warminster Food Pantry

St. Catherine of Siena Food Pantry

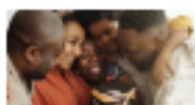
Liz's Birthday Closet

9 x13 disposable pan, box of cake mix, tub of frosting, birthday candles, plates and anything else you would like to add.

Put all items in the pan and secure it with saran wrap.

Family Care Kits

Local Food pantries



St. Cyprian Parish

Using a large plastic grocery bag include several bars of soap, deodorant, shaving cream, a few disposable razors, shampoo and conditioner, several toothbrushes and a large toothpaste, skin cream. You can add any additional items you would like. The items should accommodate more than 1 person. Label the

The Baby Bureau, Warminster

New baby clothes sizes 0-2T

Onesies and Sleepers

New Baby Board Books

Diapers (NB, 1 and 2)

Baby hats, shoes, socks

