



# St. Joseph/ St. Robert School Newsletter

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DURKIN

February 28, 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,

We had a wonderful visit from Sister Margaret Rose Adams, the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, yesterday. She and I reviewed some administrative issues and then I escorted her throughout the building to visit each classroom. She was impressed by her interactions with the students and the Catholic identity that is evident throughout the building. I am grateful for the support of The Archdiocese and Sister Margaret in particular.

Last week, I had the opportunity to see the movie, "Cabrini." It is a powerful movie about St. Frances Cabrini who came to America in 1889 to serve the immigrant children in New York. St. Frances Cabrini, though born in Italy, later became an American citizen and, thus, her canonization made her America's first saint. (The first saint who was born in America was Elizabeth Seton.) The Ambassador's Fund of the Archdiocese is providing a field trip for our 7th and 8th graders to see the movie on March 11th. Though the movie is not suitable for students younger than that, as it depicts the difficulties of poverty in the 1800s quite starkly, I wanted to share it with parents so that you could think about purchasing tickets and seeing the movie. It is a powerful movie about a powerful woman. You can find more information at <https://www.angel.com/tickets/cabrini>. I recommend it highly.

A reminder to please be sure to complete the enrollment process for your child going into grades 1-8 as soon as possible. This is the last week when the early enrollment fee is available. On Monday morning, the enrollment fee increases from \$100 to \$175 for those who have not made other arrangements with the office.

The InView test is Friday and Terra Nova testing begins on Monday morning for students in grades 2-7. It is particularly important that the students are in school on time and ready to go. They have been discussing testing and have had the opportunity for practice tests this week.

Thank you and have a great rest of your week!

Mrs. Durkin

## Home and School Information

### Mother/Son Bowling

What a wonderful event – so much fun! Thank you to all of the families who participated! There was some great bowling. The high average teams were:

Pre-K – 4th Grade: Aiden and his mom, Nikki  
5th – 8th Grade: Nate and his mom, Maureen

### Please read below for upcoming events:

#### Nifty Fifty's Night on Wednesday, March 20th:

Start getting into the right frame of mind for our Sock Hop on Friday, 3/22, by heading to Nifty-Fifty's on Wednesday evening, 3/20. Please see the flyer for more information.

#### SJR Spirit Night at Urban Air, 4/11:

Please plan to join in the fun at Urban Air on Thursday, April 11th from 5:30–8:30p.m. What a fun way to raise funds for our school and get together the evening before a day off for the students. See the flyer below for details.

#### 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](mailto: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

Please 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.

Thanks for all you do for our school!

HSA Board





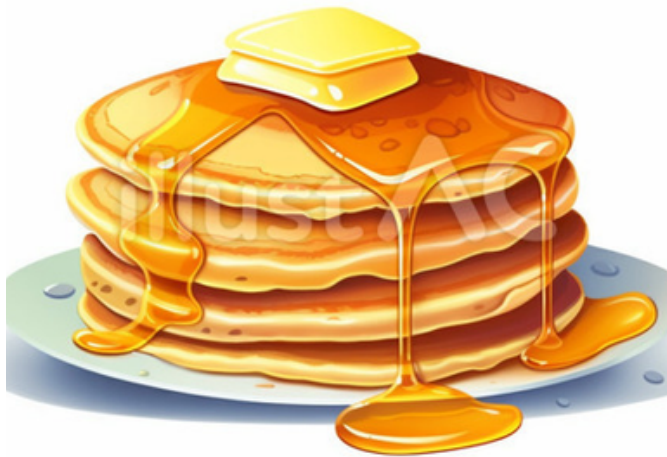
## From Around the School

### **Drama Club:**

The drama club - with its art crew and stage crew along with the cast - have been hard at work on this year's performance. The performance is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th on the stage at Archbishop Wood. Please plan to attend. If you'd like to include "Well Wishes" to the cast, crew, or any individual involved in the program, please see the flyer attached.

### **CYO Track and Field:**

Spring is just around the corner and that means that CYO Track and Field is getting ready to begin! Students in grades 1 - 8 are eligible to participate. Please see the flyer below for details about the coach/parent meeting and the first practice.



### **Warrington Rotary Pancake Breakfast:**

Each year, the Warrington Rotary Club sponsors a pancake breakfast to help subsidize a reading program called "I Like Me". This program benefits all the Kindergarten students in the Warrington area. Each of our students will receive a copy of the book, "I Like Me". Please see the attached flyer inviting all SJR families to come enjoy the breakfast on Sunday, March 3rd.

### **Apple of My Eye Winners:**

Thank you to Avlynn, Logan, Isaac, Emily, and Gavin 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](mailto:tucci89@verizon.net)

Mrs. Rita Roley [rrolely2325@comcast.net](mailto:rrolely2325@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. Joseph Church** is looking for boys and girls (grades 4 through 12) to be Altar Servers. Training and shadowing will be provided. If interested, or to find out more information, contact either Mr. Brian Gozdan at [bkgozdan@gmail.com](mailto:bkgozdan@gmail.com) or Mr. James Ness at [stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com).



**St. Robert's** is hosting a Parish Mission, "Our Restless Journey," on Tuesday March 17th - March 19th at 7pm. This will be led by Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A. Sunday. This sounds like a wonderful way to move toward Holy Week. I hope to see you there! I will be re-scheduling the "Tea with Me" to the following week so that I can attend.



**ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL**  
FOCUSED ON FAITH AND LEARNING

*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-faq> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org)*



ROTARY CLUB OF  
WARRINGTON, PA

Norm Leventhal  
**Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8 AM to 11:30 AM

Giuseppe's

1380 Street Rd., Warminster, PA 18976

\$10.00 for adults (Kids 5 and under are free)

Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Milk, Juices, Coffee & Tea



All proceeds benefit the  
"I Like Me" Reading Program

Presented by Warrington Rotary  
at all Elementary Schools in Warrington

Titus Barclay Mill Creek  
St Joseph/St Robert

*For more information on the program,  
visit [www.ilikeme.org](http://www.ilikeme.org)*

Join us for a  
**good breakfast!**

Rotary Club Of Warrington  
PO Box 135 ■ Warrington, PA 18976

Email: [info@warringtonparotary.org](mailto:info@warringtonparotary.org)

[www.warringtonparotary.org](http://www.warringtonparotary.org)

**Good for 1 FREE Breakfast per student**

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# **ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT CYO TRACK & FIELD TEAM BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 1-8**

**Join your friends for fun and fitness!**

The goal of our program is to offer a fun, healthy activity that allows team members to build self-esteem and confidence. Everyone competes! There are no "bench players" in Track & Field. We encourage all our athletes to achieve satisfaction in their performances and to recognize the efforts of their teammates and competitors. Most importantly, we will promote teamwork. Building camaraderie and teamwork is essential to the individual's success as well as the success of the team. Athletes can compete in sprints (100m, 200m, 400m), distance races (800m, 1 mile), field events (long jump, high jump, shotput) and relays.

There will be a Coach/Parents meeting on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in the Parish Meeting Room\* from 1:00PM to 2:00PM for anyone who has registered already or for anyone interested in finding out more about the program. First practice is Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Unami Middle School in Chalfont, PA. For more information contact Vince Mandes, Coach, at 215-510-9672 or email at [vem105@yahoo.com](mailto:vem105@yahoo.com)

\*The Parish Meeting Room is located near parish offices, adjacent to the Narthex/Gym.



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# Spirit night



# 20%

of the proceeds  
are donated back to  
your organization

**St. Joseph St. Robert School**

**April 11th, 2024 // 5:30 - 8 PM**

Exclusive Spirit Night pricing:

**\$30.99 Ultimate Attractions**

Tickets available at the front desk. Must mention Spirit Night at time of purchase. Urban Air socks not included.

1150 Easton Road // Willow Grove, PA 19090  
(215) 902-9330



**let'em fly**



**Nifty Fifty's**

Join us for our

# FUN-RAISER

**St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School**

**MARCH  
20<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00-9:00 PM

**NIFTY FIFTY'S, 684 YORK ROAD, WARMINSTER, PA 18974**

*Delicious Food And Fun!*

**DINE-IN & TAKE-OUT AND RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION!**

**percentage of total sales benefit  
ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT HOME & SCHOOL**

