



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

*FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN*

February 14, 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 Valentine's Day! And prayers for blessings on this Ash Wednesday. While some people might see these two observances as very different, at their core they are each about love. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent which will help us grow in love for God and are reminded of His great love for us. Valentine's Day is a day when we can think of all of those God, in His great love, has given to us. We are truly blessed. Because of the solemnity of the day, Candy Grams, which were intended to be distributed yesterday, will be distributed tomorrow. I know this might be difficult if your child has chosen to give up sweets for Lent. You can encourage them to set them aside for Easter.

I know that use of snow days as days of virtual learning is relatively new but I am so glad that we do not have to make up three days of school at the end of the year! Thank you for your cooperation and support. The students did an excellent job completing the assigned work. As always, if there is ever a question about the assigned work you or your child can reach out to their teacher. I'm hopeful, however, that yesterday will be the last one needed for this school year!

As those of you with students who will be moving into grades 1-8 complete your enrollment process, a reminder that our district code is SJSR-PA. A reminder also that the BLOCS Application for tuition scholarships is now open and can greatly offset the cost of your child's Catholic education. It is very important that every SJR family review the attached flyer as to the increased income levels for 2024 - 2025. 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 paperwork to determine eligibility must be submitted by May 30, 2024. If you have questions, please contact our Advancement Director, Mrs. Kathy Williamson.

Families who have students in the Drama Club, please see the t-shirt design and order form at the end of the newsletter. All t-shirts must be ordered by Friday.

Families with 7th graders, please be sure to review the information from Archbishop Wood.

Thank you for all you do! You'll be in my prayers as we journey together through Lent to Easter!

Mrs. Durkin

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.

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

The Sweetheart Dance was so much fun! Thank you so much for supporting this Neon Nineties event!

Our Chick-Fil-a Community event was a delicious hit! Thank you to everyone who got dinner and to those who participated in the raffle. I am so lucky to have won the opportunity to have a Chick-Fil-a lunch with the winners! They are:

Nicholas S. (PK)

Mack M.(1)

Kathryn B.(2)

Vincent M.(6)

Aiden D. (3)

I'll let parents know when the date for that lunch is confirmed.

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

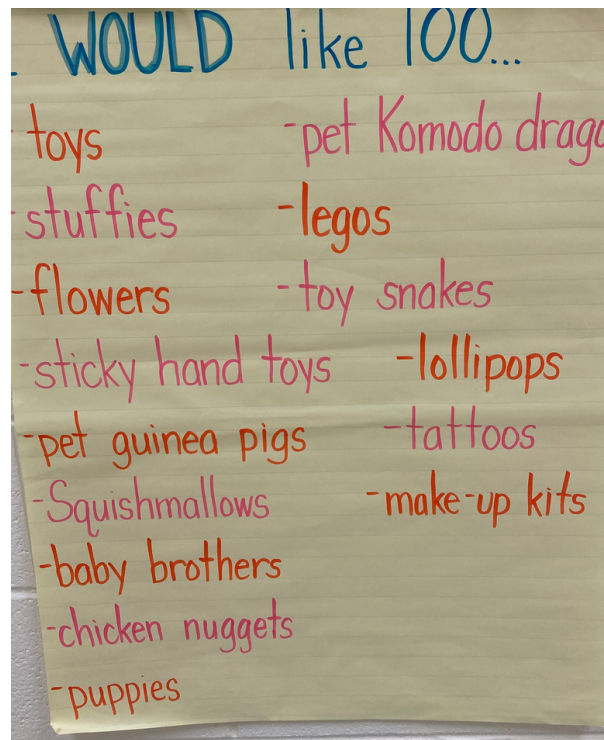


From Around the School



Homework Club:

Homework Club began last week. It is available Monday - Thursday. There is a link on the home page at stjstr.org to sign up either for the week or for any day. To assist with an orderly and safe dismissal, we ask that any student who will be attending that day is signed up by 8:00a.m. and is aware that they are going. Please reach out to Mrs. Jacobsen at jjacobsen@stjstr.org with any questions.



Dress Down Day!

Thank you so much for your support of our Dress Down Day! We collected \$600 to give to our 8th grade class to defray some of the cost of graduation festivities!

100th Day:

It's hard to believe that we've been in school for more than 100 days! There were some celebrations and lots of math!

Terra Nova Testing:

A reminder that students in 2nd through 7th grade will be taking InView and Terra Nova Testing from March 1st through 8th. The Terra Nova provides detailed diagnostic information and generates achievement scores, a full complement of criterion-referenced objective mastery scores, and performance-level information. This is on the calendar but I wanted to point it out. The most important thing you can do at home is to make sure your child gets a good night sleep and arrives at school on time each day during the testing window.

Apple of My Eye Winners:

Thank you to Connor, Riley, Emily, Cameron, and Declan for being "caught doing something good!" We are grateful for your kind and helpful works.



Parish News



St. Joe's is appealing to parishioners who may be interested in serving the church by becoming an altar server.

Altar Servers can be in 4th to 12th Grade

St. Joe's will work the schedule to fit theirs.

Altar Servers may be boys or girls who have received the sacrament of Communion.

St. Joe's will train each of the children and let them shadow more experienced Altar Servers until they are comfortable.

Please let us them know if you have a child or children who are interested in becoming or returning to being an Altar Server. They will have more information for anyone who is interested.

Please contact Mr. Brian Gozdan at bkgozdan@gmail.com or Mr. James Ness at stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com to sign up or request more info.



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-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 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

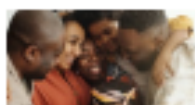
Liz's Birthday Closet

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

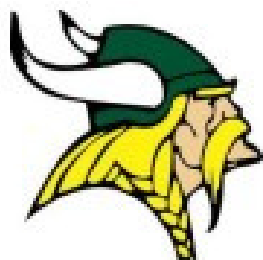
Onesies and Sleepers

New Baby Board Books

Diapers (NB, 1 and 2)

Baby hats, shoes, socks





ARCHBISHOP WOOD VIKINGS WELCOME YOU!!

"Let's Get to Know Wood" Information Sessions

Thursday, February 22, 2024 11:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:00am- 12:00pm

Please join us for this informative program and learn about the admission process, financial aid application, scholarship opportunities, academic programs and much more! Meet with the administration and students, tour live classes and experience our campus up close. Parents and Students are welcome. Please email mnolan@archwood.org to RSVP, please list the date you are interested in attending.

7th Grade Visitation Day

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Calling all 7th graders - join us for a sneak peek at a day in the life of a Viking! We have a day planned with classes, games, lunch and ending with a pep rally. Your student will be here with fellow classmates from the Class of 2029 and led by our student leaders.

RSVP [HERE](#) by Monday, March 18th, 2024

7th Grade Practice Scholarship Test

Saturday, April 13, 2024 9:00am - 12:00pm

Give your child the opportunity to get a first-hand experience of what to expect on the 8th Grade Scholarship Test this fall by signing them up to take the 7th grade practice test.

[RSVP Form](#)

Spring Open House

Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:30am - 12:30pm

Visit and experience Archbishop Wood, meet our teachers, administration, students and more. The program will include classroom presentations, demonstrations, and student guided tours. Our coaches and club moderators will be on hand to discuss the details of their prospective sport or club.

RSVP [HERE](#)

Take a Personal Guided Tour

All prospective students and families are invited to visit our campus for a personal tour. Please contact the Admissions Office at mnolan@archwood.org if you would like to schedule a visit.

SJR Drama Club Little Mermaid Jr.

T-shirt order form

Order forms and money must be returned by February 16th. We are sorry but no orders will be accepted after this date.

All Youth small - Adult extra Large shirts cost \$15. All adult XXL shirts are \$18 and \$22 for XXXL. Please send payments to Maryanne Outland/Hannah Outland in 7th grade. Checks or cash. Checks should be written to SJR.

Name: _____

Shirt Size: _____

Total Payment: _____

SJR Drama Club

2023-2024

