



# St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.  
DURKIN

March 6, 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,

There are signs of spring all around us! One of the wonderful signs of spring at SJR is the students receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. On Sunday the students from St. Robert's Parish who will be receiving their First Communion have their retreat day. Next week, the seventh graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please note:

- Students in St. Robert's Parish will be receiving the sacrament on Tuesday. **School will dismiss at noon on Tuesday in preparation. There are no buses at dismissal. CARES is available.**
- Students who are in St. Cyril's Parish will be making their Confirmation on Wednesday. They may be picked up at noon to have time to prepare.
- The students from St. Joseph's Parish will be making their Confirmation on Thursday. They may also be picked up at noon that day.

I wanted to update the community about the awesome interim results of our coin drive to benefit The Next Step Program.

The students have donated \$1310.02 in coins so far! Wow!

- "S" total is \$200.04 (Pre-K and K)
- "J" total is \$588.80 (1st - 3rd)
- "R" total is 520.48 (4th - 8th)

The collection continues until Friday, March 15th so there's time for any one of the groups to come out the winner of the dress down passes!

If any families would like to send an additional donation to benefit The Next Steps Organization, you can send cash or a check (payable to SJR HSA) in an envelope to the attention of Mrs. DeGuida c/o Aiden in 3rd grade.

The donation will be given to the representatives of The Next Steps at our first ever Sock Hop on Friday, 3/22. Get those fifties outfits ready to go!

Thank you for taking the time to complete the enrollment process for your child. I hope you noticed what a great resource the parent portal is. In addition to seeing your child's grades, there is a calendar and the family handbook available through it. Please take the time to view it often.

Have a great rest of your week! - Mrs. Durkin



Join us for our

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20<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00-9:00 PM

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## Home and School Information

**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

**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**

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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.

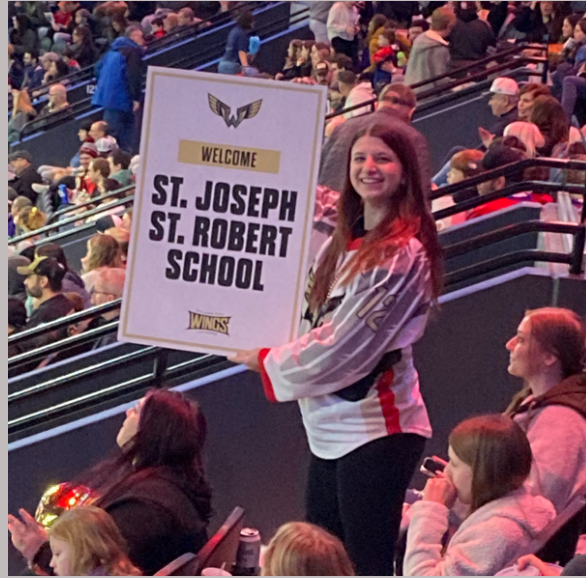
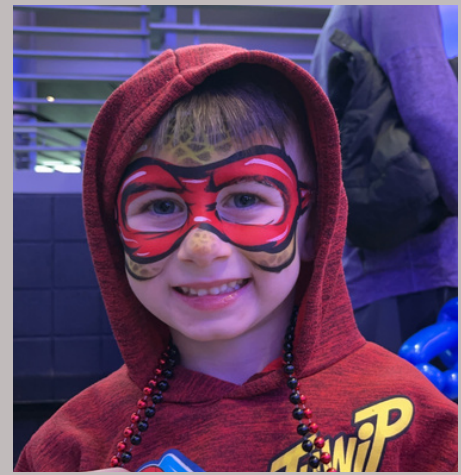
The children have enjoyed putting the coins into the containers.



Thanks for all you do for our school!

HSA Board





**SJR at the Philadelphia Wings  
2024**



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## 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 The coach/parent meeting took place this past Sunday. I've left the flyer posted for the information about the first practice. (See below.)

### **Summer Resources:**

It might not seem like it, but summer will be here before we know it! There are "Summer Solution" books available for purchase should you be interested. They are offered in various subjects/grades and can be found at <https://www.summersolutions.net/>.

There is a chat feature and contact form at the website if you have any questions. You should order for the grade your child is currently in; the price is \$16.99 and includes shipping.

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

Thank you to Maggie, Mac, Ellie, Maddy, and Brynn for being "caught doing something good!" We are grateful for your kind and helpful works.



## Parish News



**St. Joe's** The Parish Religious Education Program is looking for volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year! We have about 5-6 spots to fill in the following areas of Catechists, Aides, and hall monitors. We are also looking for substitutes.

If you are interested, or would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer for the Parish Religious Education Program, please fill out the attached form (link below) or find it at the church entrances, and return to James Ness at the rectory drop box, in the collection basket, or by the link below. You may also send an email to [stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com).

To submit the form, use the link here: Saint Joseph Warrington Parish Religious Education Program Volunteer Form 2024-2025

### **St. Robert's**

Consider attending Stations of the Cross as a family on Friday evenings. It is a blessing during this special time of year.

**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**  
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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 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)*







# **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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