



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN

April 10, 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'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Drama Club directors Mrs. Outland, Mrs. Korstrzewski, and Mr. Keegan, along with our voice coach, Mrs. Johnson, and the entire cast and crew for their hard work in bringing "The Little Mermaid, Jr." to life on the stage at Archbishop Wood on Saturday. It was awesome! I'd like to thank all of you who came out to support them, too. There was an audience of over 450 people! Bravo to everyone involved!



Speaking of a show, the earthquake on Friday and the eclipse on Monday really put the earth sciences on center stage this week! However, they are integrated into so many aspects of learning - as are technology, religion, engineering, the arts, and math. This interdisciplinary approach to learning is called STREAM and we are excited to be participating in the STREAM Expo at Lansdale Catholic High School on April 25th. Our sixth grade class' "Core of the Earth" projects will be on display as will Pre-K 02's "Three Billy Goats Gruff" engineering activity. We'll also be including a presentation from our Drama Club's play. I've never been to the Expo and am so looking forward to seeing the range of projects from Catholic school students in grades preschool through university level. You are welcome to visit the Expo between 4:00 and 7:00p.m.

Please be sure to read our newsletter for two important ways that you can get involved at SJR. Firstly, the Home and School Association has asked me to let you know that they are seeking nominations for Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary for the 2024/25 school year. Please see the flyer below for information about each position. It is a pleasure to work with our Home and School Association and I encourage you to consider nominating yourself or another candidate. Secondly, The 5K Committee has shared information about how to register and about their volunteer needs. Please join the fun!

Thank you and don't forget to come out for Urban Air fun to benefit SJR on Thursday evening!

Mrs. Durkin



“THE LITTLE
MERMAID,
JR.”
4-6-24



Home and School Information

Please read below for upcoming events:

SJR Spirit Night at Urban Air, 4/11:

Please plan to join in the fun at Urban Air tomorrow night 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.! Tickets for the Urban Air spirit night are now available to purchase directly from the Urban Air website. 20% of the proceeds will go to SJR. See the flyer below for details.

Phillies Dress Down Day and Ballpark Lunch, 5/1:

We're so looking forward to celebrating the new Phillies' season! Students will wear Phillies gear or Phillies' colors (red/white/blue) on this dress down day and enjoy a ballpark lunch provided by the HSA. Look for more information to come.

SJR 5K RACE/Walk, 5/10:

Happy Spring! It's time to sign up to participate in our 12th Annual SJR R.A.C.E. Night. The SJR R.A.C.E. Night is a family-friendly SJR tradition that will take place on Friday, May 10, 2024.

Volunteer [HERE](#):

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/PA/Warrington/SJR5K>
All volunteers (before and during the event) receive race shirts. Parents are welcome to volunteer and request shirts on their child's behalf. Just choose your child's size when signing up.

Register [HERE](#): <https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?racelid=71971>
Choose one of our three events: the Kids' Run (6:00 PM start time), Fitness Walk (6:30 PM start time), or 5K Race (6:30 PM start time). Check out [our page](#) on the SJR website for more details.

The committee plans to distribute race shirts to school students a few days beforehand, so please sign up early to guarantee your child's shirt size!

(You can copy and paste the links or the live links are available in the Sunday reminders.)

Please see the flyer below for information about our HSA board nominations for next year!

Thanks for all you do for our school!

HSA Board



From Around the School



STEAM Saturdays at The FabLab:

FREE STEAM Saturday events are being offered for K-8 students in Non-public schools in Bucks County. STEAM Saturdays provide fun and creative opportunities for children to engage in digital fabrication and computer science in an out-of-school environment. See below for session dates and details! Register for FREE today at www.BucksIU.org/FabLab/Events!



Congratulations!:

Congratulations to Nathan and Kylie who have been nominated to attend an awesome STEM opportunity on the campus of Kutztown University this summer. They will be investigating astrobiology and the potential for life on Mars. This opportunity is sponsored completely by the Warrington Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club is hosting a cornhole tournament to assist in funding the many ways they support the local community. Please see the flyer below for more information about registering.

Warrington Rotary
CORNHOLE
Tournament and Rotary Fest
Saturday, April 20
12 pm to 5 pm
Valley Square
1501 Main St (611 & Street Rds) Warrington, PA
\$70/Team
\$35 Per Person
Round Robin Format - Activities and Free Food for all Children
CLICK HERE
To Register

Our Spring Show, 5/23:

Our Spring Show, which showcases the work students in grades Pre-K-6 have been doing in Music class, will be on May 23rd at 1:45p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

Additional Kindergarten Class:

Because of increased demand for our kindergarten program SJR will be opening an additional kindergarten class for the 2024-25 school year.

Parent Learning Opportunity "Brave is Better":

Please see the flyer for this opportunity to learn more about how we can support a child who is overanxious.

Apple of My Eye Winners:

Our Apple of My Eye winners were "caught" doing something good. Thank you to Giavonna, Joey, Luke, Owen, and Kelsey for your kind and helpful works.



St. Joseph Church



St. Joseph Parish has teamed up with the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs for a Faith Night Out on Friday, June 7th! The Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs are the AAA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, located in Allentown, Pa. ☒ Each ticket purchased through the link below is \$15 and includes a \$2 ballpark credit, as well as \$3 from each ticket being donated back to St. Joseph Parish Religious Education Program ☒ Faith music played throughout the night ☒ Players and coaches sharing what their faith means to them on the scoreboard throughout the night ☒ After the game, the team chaplain and players will come out and have a question & answer session ☒ Fireworks after the game! ☒ Game time is 7:05 p.m., gates open at 5:45 p.m. To purchase tickets, please use this link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Saintjoseph5> Consider bringing the family out for a fun, faith-filled night of baseball! Everyone is welcome to come - just simply share the link above with whoever you would like to invite! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. James Ness (jrness1992@gmail.com) and he will be happy to assist!

St. Robert's Church

April 20th and 21st is Good Shepherd weekend and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is an opportunity to remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood religious life and sacramental married life. Stop at the vocation Ministry table after all Masses at St. Robert's to pick up prayer cards for priest vocations and Saint Charles Borromeo Seminarian prayer cards. Remember that without priests we have no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist we have no Church.





ST. JOSEPH /ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

HSA BOARD NOMINATIONS 2024-2025

We are looking for nominations for Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary for the 2024/2025 school year!

Vice President:

The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform all the duties of the President. The Vice President will also be responsible for setting up and maintaining school assemblies in consultation with the Principal. In addition, the Vice President will serve as spokesperson for the committee heads unable to attend meetings.

Corresponding Secretary:

The Corresponding Secretary shall distribute all Home and School Association correspondence. Correspondence shall be saved for three years. The Corresponding Secretary shall also prepare a list of all current board members and titles as well as all committee chairpersons. The Corresponding Secretary will also help with Helping Hands and will be responsible for coordinating all gifts on behalf of the Home and School Association.

Recording Secretary:

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all General Meetings, Executive Board Meetings and Committee Head Meetings. Copies of the minutes of the meetings should be disseminated to board or committee members. All meeting minutes shall be saved for five years. The Recording Secretary is responsible for distributing the By-Laws to new Executive Board members, whereupon they should be reviewed and clarified if necessary. The Recording Secretary shall also distribute and compile the volunteer sheets including creating the Signup genius at the beginning of the school year.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in either of these three opportunities please send an email to Nikki DeGuida at NMartella1@comcast.net by **April 24, 2024**.

We will gather the nominees and ask each individual to write a little paragraph introducing yourself and which opportunity you are interested in.

If a vote is necessary we create a Google form to send out and the winners will be introduced at the next HSA meeting!

UPCOMING EVENT! REGISTER TODAY!



Parent Enagagement Event: Brave is Better

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Interventions to help overly anxious children at school (e.g. worriers, OCD, shyness, & selective mutism)
- Interventions to help all children when they encounter situations during the normal course of life/responding to common stressors

WHEN:

April 22, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(presentation)
8:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
(Q&A)

WHERE:

Villa Joseph Marie
High School,
1180 Holland Rd.,
Southampton, PA

AUDIENCE:

- Parents/grandparents/guardians whose children attend nonpublic or public school in Bucks County, PA

Meet the Speaker!



Dr. Katherine Dahlsgaard, Ph.D.

Katherine K. Dahlsgaard, Ph.D., ABPP, is the Founder and Director of Brave is Better - Consulting and Therapy, focusing on the promotion of evidence-based psychotherapy through clinical practice, public speaking, writing, and professional training. Formerly, she led the Anxiety Behaviors Clinic and the Picky Eaters Clinic at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and co-founded the Food Allergy Bravery Clinic. Dr. Dahlsgaard developed the Scale of Food Allergy Anxiety and has conducted extensive research on treating food allergy anxiety. She is board certified in cognitive and behavioral psychology, specializing in cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) for children, adolescents, and young adults, with a particular focus on anxiety disorders and related conditions. Licensed in Pennsylvania and New York, she offers teletherapy in these states and others under PSYPACT. Dr. Dahlsgaard's research background includes working with Dr. Aaron T. Beck on suicide prediction and prevention, leading depression and anxiety treatment studies, and investigating character strengths in middle school students. She has received a National Science Foundation Fellowship award, published extensively, and taught at Chestnut Hill College. Dr. Dahlsgaard earned her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, her B.A. from Bryn Mawr College, completed her internship at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, and her postdoctoral fellowship at New York University's Child Study Center.

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER:





STEAM Saturdays at the Fab Lab Center!

The Fab Lab Center is excited to offer a series of FREE STEAM Saturday events for K-8 Act 89 students in Bucks County! STEAM Saturdays provide fun and creative opportunities for children to engage in digital fabrication and computer science in an out-of-school environment. See below for session dates and details! **Register for FREE today at www.BucksIU.org/FabLab/Events/**



**April 20, 2024
9:00am – 11:30am**

Kids will create their own game and use a Makey Makey kit to create a controller for it! Using a circuit board, alligator clips, and a USB cable, the tool uses closed loop electrical signals to send the computer either a keyboard stroke or mouse click signal.

Discount Code: *MakeAndTakeAct89*



**May 18, 2024
1:00pm – 3:30pm**

Welcome to LEGO Launchpad, where creativity, imagination, innovation, and engineering collide! Kids will embark on a thrilling journey through the world of engineering using everyone's favorite building blocks: LEGO! Kids will tackle exciting engineering challenges designed to spark their imagination and develop their STEM skills.

Discount Code: *LEGOLaunchpadAct89*



**May 4, 2024
1:00pm – 3:30pm**

Are you ready to dive into the thrilling world of aerospace engineering?! Kids will roll up their sleeves and get hands-on as they design and build their own model rocket and construct robotic rovers capable of traversing alien landscapes.

Discount Code: *MissionControlAct89*



**June 1, 2024
1:00pm – 3:30pm**

Pixels will come to life and gaming dreams will become reality! Kids will embark on an exciting journey into the world of game design using Bloxels, the innovative platform that transforms imagination into playable adventures. Kids will dive into the fundamentals of game development, learning the art of storytelling, level design, and character creation.

Discount Code: *BloxelsAct89*

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ARTS AND BARKS

PET & FAMILY FEST



A FUN EXPO FOR DOG LOVERS, ARTISANS AND FOODIES

Sunday, June 2, 2024 from 11-3 P.M.

Warminster Community Park: 350 East Bristol Rd, Warminster, Pennsylvania 18974



Family fun event and your leashed loved ones: 80 plus vendors, 8 animal rescues, K9 police, Bucks Bubble Foam Zone, petting zoo, kids sand art, food trucks, live music, face painting, balloon twisters, adoptable pets and more!



**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT AMANDA GERSHANICK
 EMAIL EVENTS@BWSAC.ORG OR CALL OR TEXT 215-284-7238**

Proceeds benefit Ben Wilson Senior Center - a nonprofit organization. Have questions? Call 215-284-7238 for more info!



UrbanAirWillowGrove.com

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



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Designer Bag Bingo!

May 18 | St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School

850 Euclid Ave., Warrington PA

Benefiting Ivyland Presbyterian Church's
Summer Mission *Imparare Giocando*



12 Rounds of BINGO + Bonus Round
Door Prizes / Basket Raffles

Saturday, May 18th at 6:00pm doors open at 5:00pm

To purchase tickets visit



Or EMAIL: officeivyland@gmail.com

Tickets cost \$35 or \$40 at the door

BYOB



Sponsored by Ivyland Presbyterian Church



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

EITC

Informational Webinars

Learn how to redirect your state tax dollars to support students in the Archdiocese and receive a 90% Tax Credit with the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.



Informational Webinar Dates

- ▶ Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM
- ▶ Monday, March 25 at 4:00 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, April 10 at 10:00 AM
- ▶ Thursday, April 25 at 2:00 PM
- ▶ Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, May 22 at 1:00 PM



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