



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN

April 17, 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,

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is scheduled to take place in Indianapolis from July 17th - 24th. In anticipation of this important event, there will be a pilgrimage journeying across the country, bearing the Blessed Sacrament en route to Indianapolis. The pilgrimage will pass through Philadelphia, offering a unique opportunity for many to participate in this spiritual journey. More details about this special event can be found by searching for "National Eucharistic Pilgrimage." These events offer each of us the opportunity to reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.

At SJR, third-grade students receive the First Holy Communion at their respective home parishes, whether it be St. Robert's, St. Joseph's, or another parish. This means that our school community will be celebrating from this weekend through May 4th as the children receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Please keep all of the First Communicants in your prayers.

You were in my prayers as the faculty and staff met for our retreat day with Sister Pat McCormack. Beginning at Mass we spent the day reflecting on the theme of becoming "Missionaries of Mercy in our own Backyard." We are grateful to Sister Pat for her faithfulness, enthusiasm, and insight.

A reminder that Earth Day posters can be submitted any time next week. However, to be eligible for a dress down pass, they must be submitted at the start of the school day on Monday morning. They will be displayed throughout the week. Please see the flyer for details. Also, please note an addition to our April calendar. I've scheduled a "Dress Down Day" on Thursday, April 24th for those who would like to donate \$2.00 to support the mission work that Mrs. Jacobs will be participating in this summer.

Thank you and have a wonderful rest of the week!

Mrs. Durkin

Home and School Information

Please read below for upcoming events.

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. There is an 8th Grade vs. the Faculty wiffle ball game in the works! We are looking for 10 volunteers to help run the event. Please sign up below if you are able to assist.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA5A728A4FACF8-49033635-phillies#/>

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.)

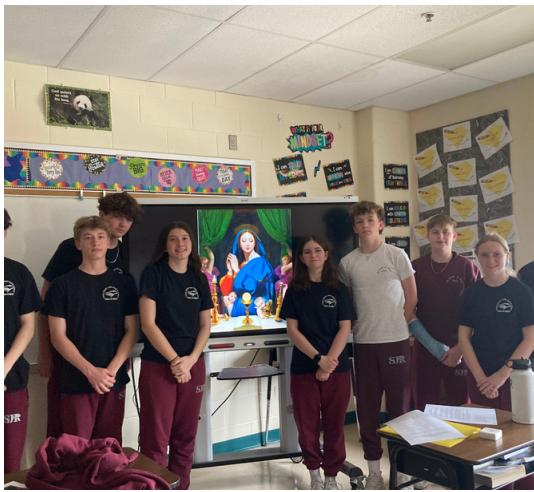
Please see the flyer below for information about our HSA board nominations for next year!

Thanks for all you do for our school!

HSA Board



From Around the School



8th Grade Retreat:

Thank you to Father Muka and Mrs. Jillian Speranza for leading our 8th grade students in retreat. We hope that this day of prayer and reflection sets the context for their final weeks at SJR and for all that awaits them in high school.

EITC:

Did you know that individuals and businesses can direct their PA State Tax liability to St. Joseph/ St. Robert School through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit program (EITC) to be used as tuition scholarships. In return you receive a 90% tax credit on your PA State Taxes for being a donor! Look at your PA State Tax forms on Line 12 to see if you have a PA Tax liability greater than \$1,000. If you do, you can participate in this unique program and make an amazing impact in the life of a SJR student along with supporting Catholic education! To find out more contact Kathy Williamson, Advancement Director, kwilliamson@stjstr.org. Thank you for your support and sharing with family and friends.



SJR's Got Talent:

Please use this link to purchase tickets for the talent show on May 18th. Please see the flyer for details.

<https://forms.gle/zX5hGysbiWozeuxn7>



Apple of My Eye Winners:

Our Apple of My Eye winners were "caught" doing something good. Thank you to Val, Paulie, Kelsey, Morgan, and Lincoln for your kind and helpful works!

St. Joseph Church



Visit with Our Lady of Guadalupe in your Home "The Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe" is brought to your home by a parishioner on Sunday. Our Lady wants to come and visit with you in a personal way for a whole week. Welcome her with love and gratitude. Gather each day to pray, speak to her about your concerns. Empty your heart out to her then in silence let her fill it with her maternal love, guidance and graces she obtains for you. Let her renew you in the spirit of her Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior. Then on the following Sunday the picture of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" will be picked up and continue on to her next family visit. To schedule a visit call Kathie Zajkowski @ 484 925-8080.

First Communion Practice will now take place on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30 pm at the Church.



St. Robert's Church

.The St. Robert's Youth Group will be participating in a service project on May 19 from 12-2pm. They will work with Feed My Starving Children at Del Val College. We will join members of the community in packing MannaPack meals for starving children around the world. Email mompalo@aol.com to participate. Participation is open for SJR students in grades 7th and 8th.



2024

Help us celebrate **EARTH DAY** at SJR!

We are asking students to get outside and appreciate the beauty of our Earth! What better time to see all that our planet has to offer than during the spring season!

Just as we did last year, In honor of **EARTH DAY**, our activity for the students will be to make posters full of natural materials from the Earth. Seeds, pebbles, feathers, flowers, twigs, leaves, etc. are some examples of materials we find in nature that create a beautiful landscape. The children can create a picture out of their materials or create something abstract, so be creative! They can also use markers, paint, etc. to enhance their posters, and may use any size poster, too!

As always, our **EARTH DAY** activity is optional, but encouraged! Posters can be brought in this week of April 15th until Earth Day on April 22nd.

We'll be filling our 1st floor halls with the posters, so please include your First and last name and grade on the front of the poster. If you have any questions, please contact Nikki DeGuida at NMartella1@comcast.net.

***All students who participate will receive a dress down day (date TBD)! In order to receive the dress down day students posters must be submitted by 8:15 a.m. on April 22nd.**





SJR

**Annual Ballpark Lunch
Wednesday, May 1st**



Let's celebrate the
Philadelphia Phillies Season!

Dress down in your Phillies gear
and bring a beach towel to sit
on during our picnic lunch.

Hot dogs, Chips, and Water will
be served.



MAY 18 - 10-12 PM

SJR's Got Talent

TALENT SHOW

DO YOU HAVE A TALENT TO SHARE?

ALL TALENT WELCOME!

DANCING, SINGING, COMEDY, INSTRUMENTS AND MORE!

SIGN UP THROUGH THE GOOGLE FORM

PROVIDED TO REGISTER YOUR ACT!

**\$20.00 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES T-SHIRT FOR
EVERY PERFORMER**

TICKETS GO ON SALE SOON!

**\$5.00 ADMISSION INCLUDES SNACKS, REFRESHMENTS AND
ENTERTAINMENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!**





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:



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
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-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



Scan the QR code
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webinar!

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