

# St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.

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May 1, 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,

It was an awesome spring day for a Phillies Dress Down Day and Ballpark Lunch! The wiffle ball game between the 8th grade and the faculty was so much fun. It was a perfect morning that only got more wonderful when the Phillie Phanatic showed up! The children were just so overjoyed that it brought tears to my eyes. Thank you so much to our HSA, all of the volunteers, and our faculty who made this day possible.

Today was a great day to kick off a very busy month. The students have begun their last iReady diagnostics. This year, final exams are being given at their natural time. For example, when a class completes their final unit in reading their teacher will administer the test at that point. If a brief time remains after that, there will be time for review or enrichment. The exams will closely resemble the tests that students have been taking all year long. All exams will be completed by the end of May. Please look for communication from your child's teacher about any upcoming exams and reach out to them with any questions that you have.

It is also a month full of fun SJR traditions. There is a lot of information that you don't want to miss about the Family Barbecue, The Spring Show, The Fine Arts Festival, and more!

Most importantly, today begins a month devoted to the Blessed Mother I will be keeping your intentions in our rosary during the May Procession next week.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin



The First Rosary







## Home and School Information

#### Please read below for upcoming events:

#### Family Picnic, 5/17:

The annual SJR Family Picnic is right around the corner. In order to make this event a success, we need your help! The HSA is looking for families to provide salads, fruit, and side dishes in order to complete the meal. The sign up is broken down by last name:

A-M (salads/fruit), N-Z (side dishes).

The HSA will provide a main course (hotdog, hamburger, or cheeseburger), dessert, and water.

All food orders must be completed via attached Google Form by Monday, May 13. Thank you for all you do to make SJR school events so amazing!

#### Family Picnic Order Form

#### Family Picnic Food Donation Sign Up

#### SJR 5K RACE/Walk, 5/10:

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 <u>HERE</u>: https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceld=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 <u>our page</u> on the SJR website for more details.

Remember, all children 3 and under are free! Children ages 4-17 can participate in any event for \$15! If you have any questions, please reach out to the committee at <a href="mailto:SJR5krace@gmail.com">SJR5krace@gmail.com</a>

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

Upcoming Dates Before Race Day:

5/7 - Student race shirts are sent home. Other family member shirts will need to be picked up at one of the Participant bib and shirt pick up events below.

5/9 - Participant bib and shirt pick up (outside of school from 6-7 PM)

5/10 - Students wear race shirts with uniform shorts to school.

5/10 - R.A.C.E. night Participant bib and shirt pick up (from 5-6 PM)

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

Thanks for all you do for our school!









## From Around the School

## 8th Grade Flyers Raffle:

The Philadelphia Flyers donated a hockey puck signed by #6 Travis Sanheim to help raise funds for our 8th grade class expenses. For your chance to win:

 Tickets must be sent to school by tomorrow (The deadline was extended.)

Please see the flyer below for details.

## **May Procession:**

Our school May Procession is on Wednesday, May 8th at 9:45a.m. You are welcome to join us as we honor Mary in this special way.

## **Essay Contest:**

The 7th and 8th graders have been hard at work researching and writing about Fr. Emil Kapaun. The Men's Group at St. Joe's will be judging the essays with the winner of the contest being announced in church on May 14th. Take some time to learn about this remarkable man who is on the path to sainthood.

## **Congratulations:**

Ashley S., one of our 8th graders, was awarded the Ancient Order of Hibernians Scholarship for high school next year. The Ancient Order of Hibernians Div. 2, is an Irish Catholic organization located in Newtown, PA. Ashley submitted a wonderful essay. Congratulations, Ashley!

#### SJR's Got Talent:

Please register to participate in the Talent Show by 5:00p.m. today!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr8talkw we\_vGuku6\_KteySL1F5\_ZcqmmOfAhH43QOc\_atcg/vie wform?usp=sf\_link

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

Our Apple of My Eye winners were "caught" doing something good. Thank you to Jack, Quinn, Addy, and Jaiden for your kind and helpful works!



## **Parish News**

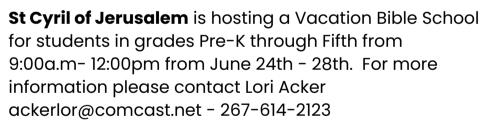
## St. Joseph Church

The Health and Help Ministry will be providing free blood pressure checks on Sunday, May 5 after all Masses in Room 18. Pop in and do something good for yourself!



#### St. Robert's Church

Are you a crafter or vendor? Please consider joining us on Sunday, Oct 6, 2024 from 12 - 5 pm for our annual Oktoberfest! Tables are \$40.00. Contact Betty Santoro at basantoro@verizon.net for all the details. Tell your friends and neighbors!





To register please use this link: https://www.onesimplifiedforms.com/user? f=1287073FB5C62E9BFC74B1854BBC1F3398197FF63F7FE2 36281C4ABBB1DD87B9840FC810FD4630145F9ABB32BA88 5580



## SJR 8TH GRADE RAFFLE

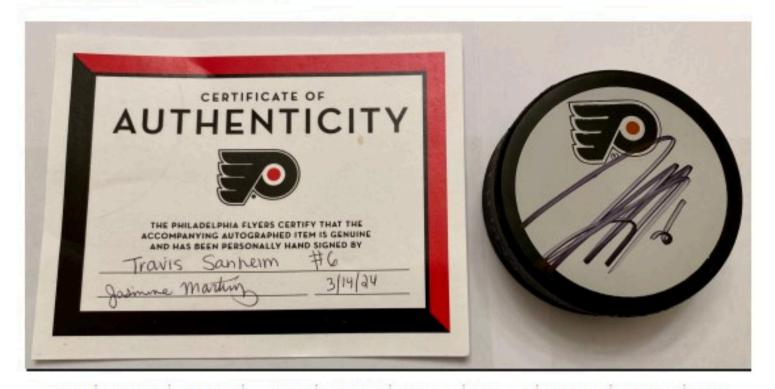
## **Travis Sanheim Autographed Hockey Puck**

Dear SJR Families & Friends,

The Philadelphia Flyers donated a hockey puck signed by #6 Travis Sanheim to help raise funds for our 8th grade class expenses.

## For your chance to win:

- Send raffle ticket and \$1 each to Heather Garofalo c/o Bella (8th grade) ASAP
- Drawing on Friday, April 26th



SJR 8th Grade Raffle	SJR 8th Grade Raffle
Name:	Name:
Phone:	Phone:
E-mail:	E-mail:



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**TICKETS GO ON SALE SOON!** \$5.00 ADMISSION INCLUDES SNACKS, REFRESHMENTS AND **ENTERTAINMENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!** 



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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24 - June 28 9am - noon \$40 per child includes t-shirt, CD, and snacks everyday!

Friday we have a show in Church for parents, grandparents and friends! We serve water ice and soft pretzels!

Register online at <u>www.saint-cyril.com</u>
Pre-K through 5th grade.
Registration will close May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Questions: Lori Acker <u>ackerlor@comcast.net</u> OR Cassie Dunn <u>cmdunn12@gmail.com</u>

## 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!

## 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 Jyyland Presbyterian Church



## 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: <a href="https://www.blocs.org/scholarship-faqs">https://www.blocs.org/scholarship-faqs</a> 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: <a href="https://online.factsmqt.com/aid">https://online.factsmqt.com/aid</a>. 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: <a href="mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org">kwilliamson@stjstr.org</a>

# 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 to sign up for a webinar!





games on Saturdays

## Varsity Sideline

5th-8th, practices twice a week in August and cheer at the Varsity games on Saturdays

## **Varsity Competition**

Competion season runs August through February. We attend camp in August and compete as a Junior High nontumbling team

## **For more information:**

saintscyocheerleading@gmail.com or check out our instagram saintscyocheerleading