

# St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

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DURKIN

May 8, 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 a pleasure to be at the final Home and School Association meeting last night. I'd like to thank the current board, Mrs. DeGuida, Mrs. Yogis, Mrs. Moyer, Mrs. Man, and Mrs. Illg. We've had a remarkable school year in terms of HSA fundraising and HSA fun! Mrs. DeGuida, Mrs. Man and Mrs. Moyer have completed their two year term and while I will miss them at our monthly board meetings, they are never far away!!! I'd like to welcome our new board members Mrs. Long, Mrs. Bontempo, and Mrs. Klein. I look forward to working with them and with all of you as we craft a wonderful new school together for the students, staff, and families of SJR!

I'd like to congratulate Luke, Bella, Eloise, and Maddie who won the first ever essay contest sponsored by the Men's Prayer Groups in both St. Robert's and St. Joseph's parishes. The students in 7th and 8th grades learned about Father Emil Kapaun and wrote about his life and how they could model the same virtues in their own lives. The students all wrote wonderful essays and all of us learned about a remarkable man who is now on the path to sainthood. Please take some time to read his story <https://frkapaun.org/about/>.

Please be sure to read about our Fine Arts Festival on 5/22 and our Spring Show on 5/23 further in this newsletter. Families are welcome to both events.

A reminder to complete the Act 372 form as communicated about previously

Thanks for all you do!

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin

## Home and School Information

It was a wonderful meeting last night! Thank you so much to our outgoing board members – Mrs. DeGuida, Mrs. Man, and Mrs. Moyer. Welcome to our new board: Mrs. Yogis, Mrs. Bontempo, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Klein, and Mrs. Illg.

Please read below for upcoming events:

### Family Picnic, 5/17:

The family picnic is on Friday at noon after the Field Day fun of the morning wraps up. Please plan to join us! Thank you to all of you who signed up to bring sides and salads!

***A reminder that if you did not already rsvp about food, you should be sure to pack your child a lunch on Friday.***

### SJR 5K RACE/Walk in Review:

The rain did not dampen our enthusiasm at the 5K on Friday night! It was so much fun. Thank you to everyone who participated in making the evening a success. Though there are still expenses to allow for, we anticipate that it was another very successful year from a fundraising perspective.

### 6/6 – Dorney Park Day!!

Please see the flyer below and join school friends for a fun day at Dorney as is our annual tradition.

Thanks for all you do for our school!

HSA Board



## Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom

Thursday June 6, 2024

Join us for a fun day together with SJR Families to celebrate another great school year!

**\$33/Ticket includes Amusement Park and Water Park**  
(Kids 2 and under are free)

Tickets are being offered at this reduced rate with the following in mind:

- **Tickets can only be used the day of June 6th**
- Park Hours are 10:30-6:00 pm on 6/6
- Transportation is on your own, parking is \$30
- Park is **cashless**, tickets are emailed and can be printed or scanned on your phone at the gate
- This is **NOT** a drop off event, children are to be supervised by an adult at all times
- Food is not allowed to be brought in, you can bring food and leave it in your car or purchase food inside the park





# From Around the School

**St. Joseph/St. Robert School**  
**Transfer Information Night:**  
**Exploring Student Opportunities**  
 (Hear from Administration, Faculty, and Parents  
 Followed by School Tours)  
**1st to 7th Grades**  
**Monday, May 20, 2024**  
**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**  
 Light Dinner  
**Registration Required**  
**Call Today**  
**215.343.5100**  
 www.stjstr.org  
 850 Euclid Ave. Warrington, PA. 18976  
*National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*





### Transfer Information Night::

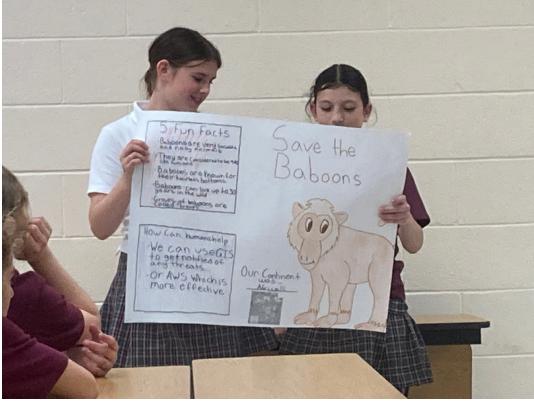
On Monday, May 20th, families with students in grades 1st-7th who do not currently attend SJR are welcome to come learn more about the program. Please share this information with friends and neighbors who might be interested.

### The Fine Arts Festival:

All of our students will have work on display for our Fine Arts Festival on Wednesday, 5/22. Doors will open at 6:00p.m. with the band concert beginning at 6:30p.m. Please come and support the arts at SJR!

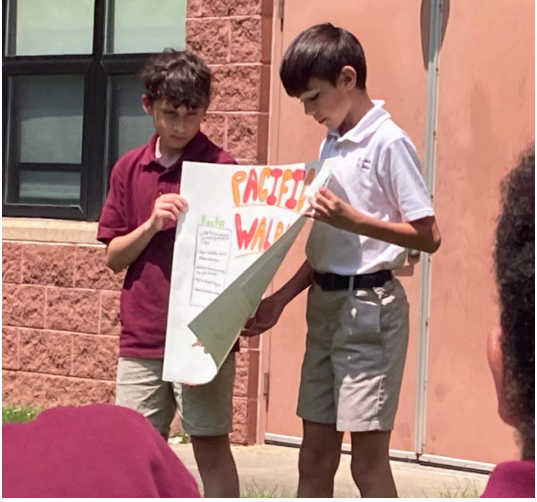
### Spring Show:

As part of their music curriculum, grades Pre-K through 6th grades will be performing in our Spring Show in the gym at 1:45p.m. on Thursday, May 23rd. Hope to see you there!



### Endangered Species:

It was a pleasure to see the 6th grade hard at work researching endangered species so I was delighted to have the opportunity to attend their presentations this week. Well done, scientists!



### The Earth's Biomes

I also had the pleasure of checking in with the 7th grade science class last week and so was really happy to be able to attend their presentation of their dioramas on the biome they researched this week. Really nice collaborating and excellent presentations!



### Apple of My Eye Winners:

Our Apple of My Eye winners were "caught" doing something good. Thank you to Sophia, Scarlett, Luca, Liam and (not pictured) Madden for your kind and helpful works!

## Parish News



### **St. Joseph Church**

Father Bordonaro, the pastor at St. Joseph's Parish, recently announced that he has requested to be re-assigned as an assistant or parochial vicar in a parish due to a serious eye condition he has called Chronic Central Serous Retinopathy. Father Bordonaro has been a steady, faith-filled presence in our school for many years. Please keep him in your prayers as he navigates these next few weeks and months.



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

The month of May is the time for priestly anniversaries. This year:  
Father Endres is celebrating 42 years as a priest today!  
Msgr. Beisel will be celebrating 44 years on May 17.  
Father Muka will be celebrating 6 years as a priest on May 19;  
We are so grateful for their vocations and for all they do for the children at SJR! Please keep them in your prayers.





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Money due to Heather Bargerhuff, % Nathan Gr. 7 by: June 3rd

Checks should be made payable to SJR HSA

Email, call/text with any questions:

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm doors open at 5:00pm

To purchase tickets visit



Or EMAIL: [officeivyland@gmail.com](mailto:officeivyland@gmail.com)

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

\*BYOB\*



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**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-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 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)*

# 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, May 7 at 7:00 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, May 22 at 1:00 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, June 5 at 10:00 AM
- ▶ Tuesday, June 18 at 3:00 PM