



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN

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The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this takes place through a rich path made up of many ingredients. True education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life.

— Pope Francis

Dear SJR Families,

Happy October – a month when our Church celebrates The Holy Rosary. If the rosary is not part of your family’s prayer routine, this would be a great time to add it. It’s truly beautiful and provides many blessings. It’s a very busy month! Please remember that Monday, October 6 is a Professional Development Day for our faculty, and there will be no school for students.

That evening, I will send out the SignUpGenius links you’ll use to schedule your parent-teacher conference on either October 30 or October 31. We encourage you to sign up promptly once the links are shared. On October 30, there will be a noon dismissal, and there is no school for students on October 31.

When students return on Monday, November 3, they are expected to be in their winter uniforms. If we experience a cold snap before then, students are welcome to switch over to winter uniforms earlier.

Our STREAM program is being featured in a podcast created by several of our alumni who are now students at Archbishop Wood. And there’s a lot to talk about! In addition to our visit from the Fab Lab this week, The Foundation for Catholic Education has donated five Marty Robots and two Cobot robotic arms to enhance our new STREAM program. The Marty Robots were delivered, and the Cobots have been set up in our science lab this week. We’ll be working to integrate them into the program. I’ll share the link for the podcast when it becomes available.

Thanks for all you do for SJR!

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





School News

Summer Reading Challenge Update

Our 8th grade was able to enjoy their surprise for winning the class total of the Summer Reading Challenge. Thanks, Mrs. Jacobsen, for arranging this our visit by the Kona Ice Truck! Keep on reading!



The Fab Lab is here!

Students from grades 1-8 are joining in the STEM fun this week. I shared the schedule in the Sunday Reminders so you can check in with your child about it.



Our Music Program

Students interested in joining the school band or orchestra may still enroll throughout the month of October. As a reminder, participation in band instrument instrumental music is available to students in grades 4-8, and orchestra instrument participation is available for students in grades 3-8. If you are interested in joining this wonderful program, please refer to the Northeastern Music enrollment link below. Thank you!



[Northeastern Music Programs | Home](#)

Today our students in grades K-5 met nationally touring author and illustrator Jonathan Miller, creator of The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund!

Jonathan Miller debuted The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund in 2008. He's published four children's books about the hard-working weenie dog, crafting the illustrations from layers of colorful construction paper, and his fifth book will debut in late 2025. Jonathan travels the country, speaking to more than 225 schools per year. He lives with his wife and sons in Charleston, South Carolina.

Students learned about the writing process and his unique illustration process using layered paper. Students were given the chance to ask questions and in the end, those who ordered, received their signed copy of one of his books!

If you forgot to send in your form, the author extended the deadline if you send it in by tomorrow.

JONATHAN MILLER,
author and illustrator of The Adventures of
Sammy the Wonder Dachshund, is coming to
YOUR SCHOOL!
Wednesday, 10/1

Order your own signed and personalized books using the form sent home by your teacher!

Photograph by: Rebecca Sella, St. Jude Regional Catholic School

The ADVENTURES of SAMMY the Wonder Dachshund
Sammy's Family Tree Vol. 1
By Jonathan D. Miller

The ADVENTURES of SAMMY the Wonder Dachshund
Sammy's Last Week in Charleston
By Jonathan Miller

The ADVENTURES of SAMMY the Wonder Dachshund
Sammy on Safari
By Jonathan Miller

The ADVENTURES of SAMMY the Wonder Dachshund
Sammy in Space
By Jonathan Miller

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**From the Director of Enrollment
Mrs. Kathy Williamson**

I am excited to continue to promote our core school mission, “Focused on Faith and Learning”. I value “spreading the word” to the community related to our students’ many service projects, academic achievements, and school events.

Please Like, Comment, and Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram

Instagram - @sjrschool and @sjr_homeandschool

Facebook - St. Joseph/St. Robert School, SJR Home and School Association

Please like and share our social media platforms with family and friends!

It’s hard to believe, but we are already gearing up for our Fall Open House for new families interested in joining SJR for the 2026 - 2027 school year. They are invited to join us on Sunday, October 19th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon for a fantastic opportunity to explore all that our school has to offer.

Please share with family and friends. They can call the school at 215.343.5100 to RSVP or register online at www.stjstr.org. We look forward to welcoming everyone and sharing the joy of our community.



Yearbook Club

HSA News

Cherrydale Fundraiser

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The SJR Community really rallied around this fundraiser. Stay tuned for final amount totals and information about picking up orders that include frozen items.

HSA Meeting Postponed

The scheduled meeting for September 29th is postponed. Please plan to join us on Monday, February 9th for a speaker meeting. In the meantime, continue to look for updates in our newsletter.

Trunk or Treat

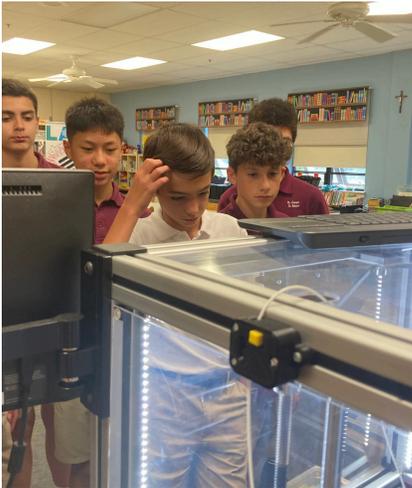
Friday, October 17 - Please see the flyer below to join in the fun! This year, there is no charge if you are decorating a trunk. There will be a small fee to trick or treat - \$3 for one child, \$5 for two or more. Here is the link to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/SfJrM7NSuGG4u2jR7>

Halloween Dance - Grades 4-6

The Halloween Dance will be on Saturday, October 25th for those who are current SJR students in grades 4-6. Mark your calendar and look for more information to come.

Haunted Hayride - Grade 7&8 on Sat., Oct. 25

Please see the flyer below for information about how your child can join in the fun.





Parish News

St. Joseph's Parish

Parish Picnic – Rain or Shine! Sunday, October 5 th - 2:00pm Grassy area next to the parking lot (indoors if it rains!) Bring your lawn chair and your favorite covered dish (potluck style). We'll provide some drinks, and you bring your appetite and your game face! Enjoy live music from Bill Monaghan & the Contemporary Group, plus games like corn hole and more! Let's eat, laugh, and make memories together as a parish family.

St. Robert's Parish

The SJR students enjoyed watching Paul (Chainsawcarvingbypaul.com) create the beautiful Good Shepherd carving on the grounds of St. Robert Church. You might want to take a moment to visit his website and see his other awesome creations.



Congratulations to Maeve on being accepted to the Professional Division at the Rock School for Dance!



- The professional division is for accepted advanced students training for a professional career.
- Maeve will be performing in their Nutcracker on Sunday, December 7th in both their 11:30 am and 4 pm shows at The Miller Theater, South Broad Street, Philadelphia.

We're so happy for Maeve and so delighted for SJR that she will continue to be enrolled in our program as well.



SJR's 2025 TRUNK OR TREAT



Join us for a spooktacular evening of family fun!

 Friday, October 17, 2025

 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

 SJR Parking Lot

Event Highlights:

- Trick-or-treating from decorated trunks
- Costume contest (prizes for best costumes!)
- Games & activities for kids



Bring the whole family and plenty of Halloween spirit!

Admission: \$3 for one child and \$5 for two or more siblings

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/L4MNeEwPoDkCiLhV7>

Our Friends at Bravo Dance Studio asked us to share....



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DANCE CENTER

YOU ASKED - WE LISTENED!

**ADDITIONAL LATER CLASS
TIMES ADDED FOR OUR
YOUNGER DANCERS!**

**NEW CLASS
ALERT!**

**WEDNESDAY, 5:00-5:45 PM
MINI ACRO (AGES 6-8) WITH MS. EMMA**

**THURSDAY, 5:45-6:30 PM
BALLET/MUSICAL THEATER 1 (AGES 5-7) WITH MS. OLIVIA**

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& FAMILY FESTIVAL**

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11:00AM - 4:00PM

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