



# St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.  
DURKIN

OCTOBER 15, 2025

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,

October is such a beautiful—and busy—month at SJR! This week, we're especially excited for the dedication of our new Rosary Garden, designed and built by SJR alum Josh Wood as his Eagle Scout project. Monsignor will bless the garden on Friday morning as our students in grades K–8 gather in prayer and thanksgiving. What a wonderful celebration during this month of the Holy Rosary!

Be sure you've registered for your child's parent/teacher conference and for our upcoming Halloween events—always a highlight of the season and a fun way for our community to celebrate together.

We're also looking ahead to welcoming new families! Applications are now being accepted for the 2026–27 school year. Please spread the word to anyone who may be interested in learning more about our school. We're so looking forward to greeting prospective families at our Open House this Sunday from 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. and sharing all the wonderful things happening at SJR.

As always, thank you for all that you do to support our school!

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





## School News

### Robotics Club:

The challenge this year is based on archeology.....Mr. Molz, one of our club moderators, invited Lee Fisher - a real life treasure hunter and deep sea archeologist, to come and speak to the club. She showed some remarkable artifacts that she recovered from her dives!



### Parking Lot Reminder:

When in the parking lot, please be mindful that the spaces designated as “Handicapped” spaces should only be used - even for drop-off or pickup - by those with a disability placard. There have been several times this year when someone with a placard was unable to find a space because others were parked in there. Thank you.



### Parent-Teacher Conferences

A reminder that you should have already signed up for a conference with your child’s teacher(s).

### Open House

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, is our first open house for the 26-27 school year. Please share this information with any family or friends who might be interested.



Winter Uniforms are required when student return to school on Monday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can choose to have your child wear it earlier should we get a cold snap.

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT**  
**MRS. KATHY WILLIAMSON**



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](http://www.stjstr.org). We look forward to welcoming everyone and sharing the joy of our community.

SJR will be represented once again at the Trick or Treating event at Valley Square on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. If you're there, please stop by to say hello! If you'd like to help out, please reach out at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org)





## HSA News



### Cherrydale Fundraiser

It's all over but the pickup! If your merchandise is being delivered to school, please note that the pickup is on Monday, October 27th from 2:30 - 5:00p.m. in Monsignor Marley Hall (the gym.)

Thank you to our top ten individual sellers who will have a Chick-fil-a lunch with Mrs. Durkin on Monday, October 20th.! Eleanor R, Ryan N. Aiden D., Wade R., Autumn L., Quinn C., Nicholas C., Caitlin A., Charlotte M., and Clinton S.



The students in our top five families in sales are invited to join me for lunch on Monday, November 3rd.

The Hare Family, the Gower Family, The McCardle Family, The Smart Family, and the Cooper-Koper Family!

### Trunk or Treat

The Halloween fun is this Friday! 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 25<sup>th</sup> for those who are current SJR students in grades 4-6. Please see the flyer below. Please note the dance is only for current students. No props with your costumes, please. Please see the flyer below.

### 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. Robert's Parish:



If your family would like to bring up the offertory gifts at Mass during the months of November and December, please use the sign up genius link below to choose the date and time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B45AAAD2BA0FA7-59020855-bringing>

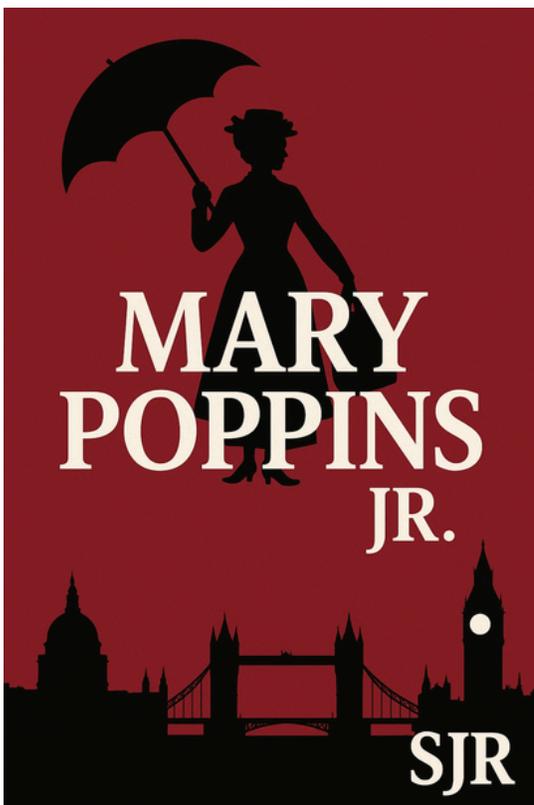
If you are unable to use the sign up genius and want to select a date and time, you can contact Donna Heeney at [donnaheeneydre@gmail.com](mailto:donnaheeneydre@gmail.com) or call 215-343-9433.

Please try to sign up no later than October 29th.



## St. Joseph's Parish

Save the Date St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar Sunday December 7, 2025 9am-2pm Food, vendors, crafters, music, pictures with Santa, raffle baskets & 50/50!! Vendors and Crafters needed for the bazaar. Contact Rita Roley if interested. \$30 per 6' table. Spots are limited so act soon. [rrolely2325@comcast.net](mailto:rrolely2325@comcast.net) 215-872-0499



## **A Request from our Directors....**

**In the world of drama, we are more than performers. We are dreamers, builders, believers a family bound by the magic of storytelling.**

**Every year, we come together to create something extraordinary: a show that brings light, laughter, and meaning to our school community.**

**But behind every spotlight, every painted set, and every standing ovation, there are hands that help make the magic real. And right now, we need one more pair.**

**We are searching for someone to help guide our set building – not a full-time commitment, not even a part-time one. Just someone who can lend their time, creativity, and care to help us craft the world our students will bring to life on stage. A few hours here and there, some light building and crafting, and a shared goal: to be ready by the end of March.**

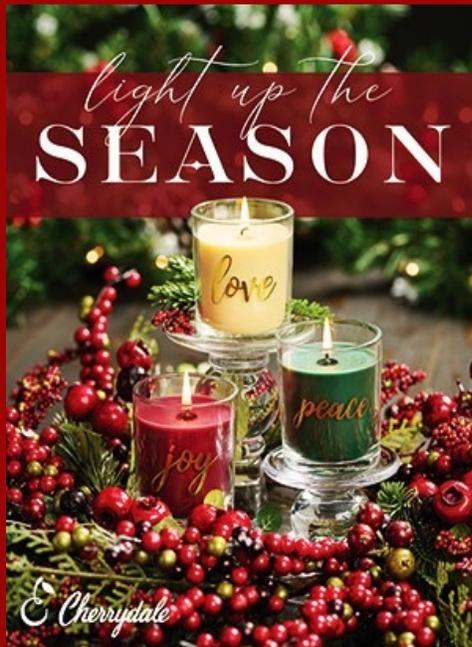
**You don't need to attend every rehearsal. You don't need to be a theater expert. You just need to believe in what we're doing – in the power of young people coming together to create something beautiful.**

**If you, or someone you know, has a heart for helping, a knack for building, or simply a desire to be part of something meaningful, we would be so grateful to have you join us.**

**This is more than a show. It's a community. And there's a place for you in it. Please reach out if you're interested or know someone who might be. Let's build something unforgettable together.**

**Thank you for your consideration  
SJR Drama Club**

# OTIS SPUNKMEYER & CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER 2025!



## **PICK UP YOUR ORDER ON**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

**2:30 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.  
IN THE GYM**

## **PLEASE READ ....**

Everyone should have received an email of who placed an order under your child's name and what they ordered. It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure everything ordered under your child's name is correct. **PLEASE REMEMBER ALL FROZEN FOOD ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL.** Please try your best to pick up those orders containing frozen items earlier rather than later.

**IF YOU CAN NOT PICK UP YOUR ORDER PLEASE ARRANGE SOMEONE TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER FOR YOU. WE CAN NOT KEEP ITEMS FOR YOU.**

We are going to try to make pick up as smooth as possible but please have patience! 😊

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!! THIS WAS OUR BEST YEAR YET!!**



SJR 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade

# Halloween Dance Party!

## EVENT DETAILS

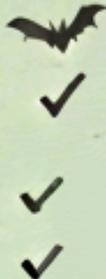


Saturday, October 25th  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Cafeteria



## PAYMENT & RSVP

Deadline: Thursday, October 23, 2025



CHECKS: Please make payable to  
SJR HSA



VENMO: Send payment to SJR-HSA  
(Halloween Dance in comments  
\$20 per child)



## OFFICIAL RETURN FORM

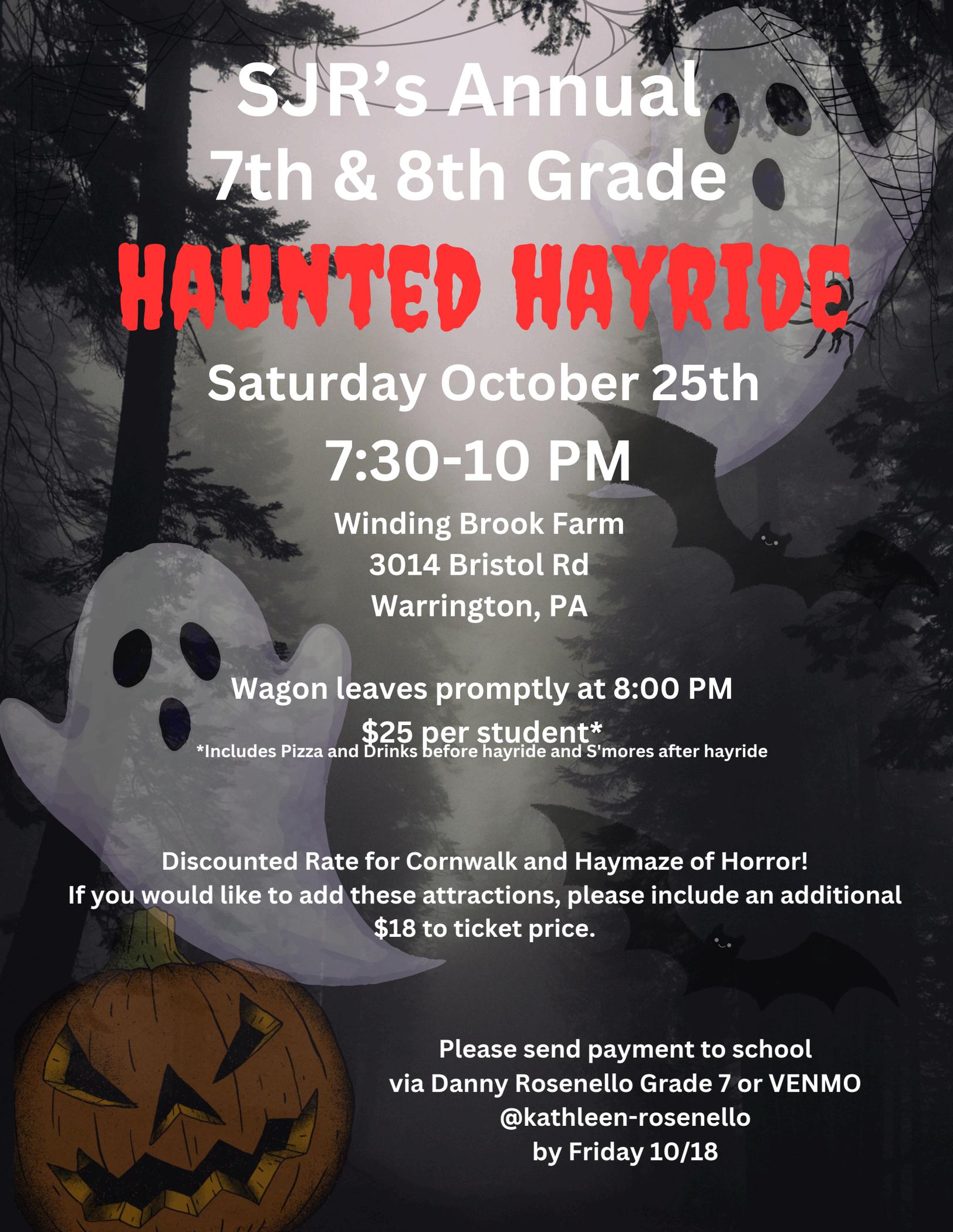
Kassandra Palo c/o Sammy Palo 6th Grade



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_





# SJR's Annual 7th & 8th Grade

## HAUNTED HAYRIDE

Saturday October 25th

7:30-10 PM

Winding Brook Farm  
3014 Bristol Rd  
Warrington, PA

Wagon leaves promptly at 8:00 PM

**\$25 per student\***

\*Includes Pizza and Drinks before hayride and S'mores after hayride

Discounted Rate for Cornwalk and Haymaze of Horror!  
If you would like to add these attractions, please include an additional  
\$18 to ticket price.



Please send payment to school  
via Danny Rosenello Grade 7 or VENMO  
@kathleen-rosenello  
by Friday 10/18



# 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>