



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN

OCTOBER 29, 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,

This week we celebrate two very special holy days—All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. These are wonderful opportunities to remember the saints who inspire us and to pray for our loved ones who have gone before us. They remind us of God's promise of eternal life and the hope we share as members of His family. We'll be praying for all the faithful departed this month. Thank you for sending the candles with their names for us to post in the hallway.

We're also looking forward to welcoming you for Parent-Teacher Conferences, which begin tomorrow! These meetings are a great chance to connect, celebrate your child's progress, and work together to support their continued growth. We're grateful for your work with us as partners in your child's education.

The Service Corp is hosting a canned food drive in November as well as a coat drive. Please send food and gently used coats (any sizes) to school between November 3rd and November 21st.

A reminder that winter uniforms are required beginning next week.

Thanks for all you do!

Gratefully,
Mrs. Durkin





School News

Picture Day Forms

Please be on the lookout for the picture day forms - they will be coming home on Monday. Picture Day is the following Monday, November 10th. Students wear their school uniforms for the pictures.

Saint Parade

Our third graders did an outstanding job bringing the saints to life during our annual Saint Parade on Monday. What an inspiring and informative event. Thank you to the students, their parents, and their teacher, Ms. Larson.

STREAM Opportunities

Do you—or a grandparent, aunt, or uncle—have a special skill, hobby, or life experience to share with our students during STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math)? Whether you're a tradesperson, baker, musician, or even an expert knot-tier, our students would love to learn from you! Please reach out to Mrs. Koper at ckoper@stjstr.org if you're interested in participating as a guest speaker.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We're looking forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress.

SJR's American Sign Language Club

Our Sign Language Club this year is open to students in grades 3-5. It will take place on Tuesdays in November and be limited to ten students. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for registration information.

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From the Director of Enrollment Mrs. Kathy Williamson

Now that registration for new families and students has opened, please be on the lookout for information about re-enrollment. Our next step will be opening re-enrollment for current students who will be entering kindergarten in the fall, giving our families the opportunity to confirm their child's place before openings are offered to those who are not currently enrolled.



It was a great afternoon at Valley Square! We handed out a lot of candy and got to share a lot of information about our wonderful school! Thank you to Michela, Giuliana, Alessandra, and Sonia, and the SJR Hawk for helping out!

As always, 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!



HSA News

Chick-fil-a Lunch for Cherrydale Top Family Sellers:

On Monday, November 3rd, the students in the following families are invited to join Mrs. Durkin for a Chick-fil-a lunch!

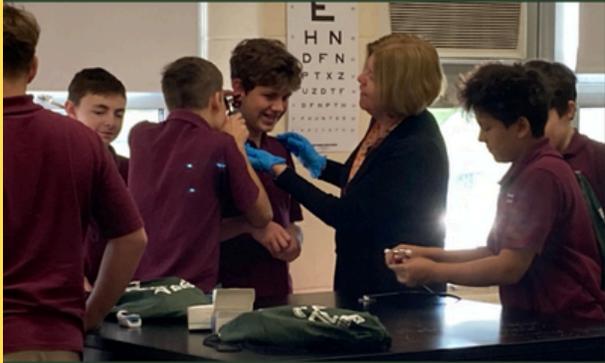
- The Hare Family
- The Gower Family
- The McCardle Family
- The Smart Family
- Cooper-Koper Family

Thank you for your wonderful support of our fundraiser!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who worked to create the Boo-Grams that will be delivered on Thursday! A big thanks as well to everyone who helped make the recent Halloween Dance, hayride, and Trunk or Treat such fun events for our school community. We're so grateful to all who participated and helped make these celebrations such a success!



Our 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Trip to Archbishop Wood



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Join SJR's ASL Club!

Tuesdays in November | 3:15–4:15 p.m. | Art Room

Discover the language and culture of Deaf people in America while having fun!

Mrs. Durkin is also a nationally certified American Sign Language interpreter. She will be moderating the club.

We'll learn signs for everyday words and phrases through games, activities, and challenges – no experience needed!

Open to students in Grades 3–5

Limited to the first 10 who sign up here:

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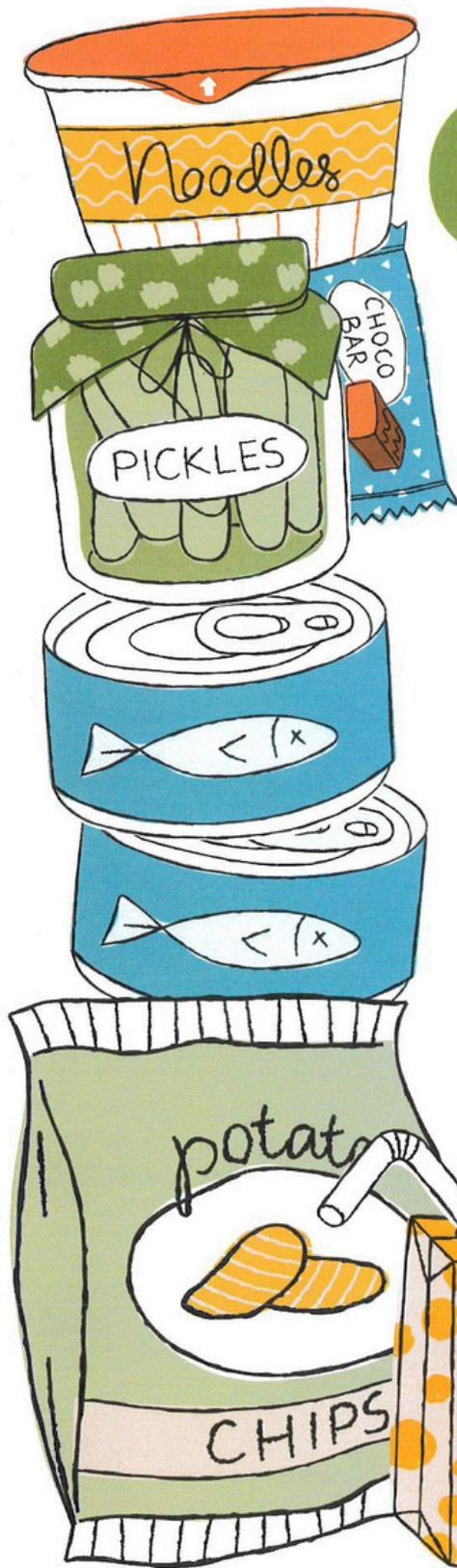
FALL CLOTHING DRIVE



11/02 -
11/21



**Any gently used coats
are welcome! There will
be bins at the end of
each hallway.**



Canned Food Drive

NOVEMBER 2 - 21

Each class will have a bin outside of their classrooms. Which ever class has the most canned food by November 21st will receive a prize. Leaders will collect cans every Friday.