



HAPPY *Thanksgiving*

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,

Pope Leo recently said about Thanksgiving that this holiday is a “beautiful feast” because it brings people together. He encouraged all of us to take a moment to say thank you for the gifts in our lives - the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of one another.

I see those gifts in our school every day. They show up in our students’ smiles, our teachers’ dedication, and the constant support from our families.

Gratitude is such a big part of who we are as a Catholic community – the word Eucharist means “thanksgiving.”

As you head into the long weekend, I hope you enjoy time with the people you love and find small moments of rest and joy. Thank you for being such an important part of our school family. Wishing you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving!

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





School News

It's hard to believe, but this Sunday marks both the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. It also ushers in December—a short month on our school calendar, but one that is filled with activity! Please read news from your child's teacher but keep in mind some of the following dates:

- Dec. 4th Polar Express Day for Kindergarteners
- Dec. 5th End of the first Trimester! (Report cards will be distributed on 12/17.)
- SJR's 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting (6:00-7:00p.m.)
- Dec. 8th No School – The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 10th Band Concert
- Dec. 16th The Little Elf Shop (See flyer below)
- Dec. 18th SJR's Christmas Pageant in St. Robert's Church at 6:30p.m. All students have been practicing during Music class and are expected to attend. It's a beautiful way to begin the final week of Advent.
- Dec. 19th Grades 4-8 will attend Confession. The HSA is setting up cookies and milk for all grades this afternoon

Congratulations to our CYO Cross Country Team!

Cheers on another successful season!—one marked by personal bests, steady commitment, maturity, and remarkable resilience. Please see the flyer for more!

Get the Scoop on Kindergarten at St. Joseph/St. Robert School. Learn what makes our half-day & full-day Kindergarten so special. Join us for one of our Kindergarten sessions on December 3rd, 11th, or 15th from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Parents with children in our Pre-K or those new to our community are welcome to join us!

Meet our teachers, explore our classrooms, and experience the joy of learning. Register now online at www.stjstr.org or call 215.343.5100. Please share with family and friends that may be interested in learning more about our Kindergarten program.





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ON GIVING TUESDAY

From the Director of Enrollment Mrs. Kathy Williamson

Giving Tuesday is a special day each year that reminds us to pause during the busy holiday season and focus on giving back.

This year, after the excitement of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, SJR will be participating in Giving Tuesday through the “I Give Catholic” campaign. Our I Give Catholic site is already open and will run through Giving Tuesday on December 2nd.

SJR is reaching out to parishioners and donors to share this information. If Giving Tuesday is part of your holiday tradition as well, we’d be grateful if you’d consider supporting SJR—or help us spread the word by sharing our link with family and friends!

You can find the link on our website at www.stjstr.org.

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

Bingo!

Thank you for your support of our collection to go toward creating the raffle baskets!

Tree Lighting

December is such a fun month in our school! Please join us on Friday, Dec. 5th from 6:00-7:00p.m. for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting! There will be caroling and a special visitor....see the flyer below.

Little Elf Shop

Please see the flyer below to get more information about this shopping opportunity for the children. If you are available to volunteer, please let us know.

Milk and Cookies

It's our school tradition to enjoy cookies and milk together before breaking for the Christmas holiday. The HSA looks forward to it!

Christmas Gifts for Specialists and Support Staff

It is our HSA's tradition to share a gift with teachers and staff who do not have a homeroom. Please see the flyer below.



SJR HSA
PRESENTS

4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

- Caroling
- Hot chocolate
- Santa visit
- Crafts

**DEC 5TH
6-7PM**



**Please park in church
parking lot or in the
recess yard. The
playground is closed
during the event**



Get the scoop on Kindergarten

St. Joseph St. Robert School

Thinking of kindergarten for your child?
Come see what makes our half-day & full-day so special!
We invite you to get the inside scoop on kindergarten
meet our teachers • explore our classrooms • experience the joy of learning



Wednesday, December 3rd - 10:30AM-11:30AM

Thursday, December 11th - 10:30AM-11:30AM

Monday, December 15th - 10:30AM-11:30AM



Register now online at www.stjstr.org
or call 215-343-5100
850 Euclid Ave. Warrington, PA 18976





APPRECIATION & *gratitude*

15 AMAZING SPECIALISTS & SUPPORT STAFF
ASSIST SJR TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR
CHILDREN'S LIVES. THE HSA IS COLLECTING MONEY 
AS A THANK YOU TO THOSE STAFF MEMBERS.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Ewald | <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Macrone | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pena | |

Please Consider Donating 

Venmo: @sjr-hsa

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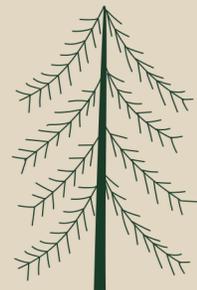
Send Cash: Carla c/o Nicholas Shoemaker, 1st Grade 



Donations will be collected through 12/12/2025



Thank You!



STJR'S ANNUAL Little Elf Shop

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16

- Students are able to shop independently
- Gifts for mom, dad, grandpa, grandma, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, teachers, and even pets
- Gifts priced from \$0.25 - \$15, with most between \$3 - \$8
- Parents can buy gift certificates online for students to use when shopping (great for younger students)
- Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Kathleen Rosenello at kathleenrosenello@gmail.com

Please visit the link below for more information:

[HTTPS://MYSCHOOL.HOLIDAYSHOP.ORG/STJSRCATH](https://myschool.holidayshop.org/stjsrcath)



2025-2026 Cross Country Season

Congratulations to All SJR Cross Country Runners

Cheers to another successful season!—one marked by personal bests, steady commitment, maturity, and remarkable resilience.

Athletes

Carter • Elora • Gianna • Hazel • Joseph • Kathryn • Martha • Mary • Vincent



Athlete Spotlight: Martha Pajak

Celebrating the exceptional accomplishments of Martha Pajak, who proudly represented both SJR & the AOC Track & Field Club.



CYO Championships:

10th place — Girls 9–10 Division
2nd among all 9-year-olds

AAU / Phil Express Championships:

6th place — Girls 9–10 Division
2nd among all 9-year-olds

Martha will go on to represent the AOC Track and Field Club at the 2025 AAU National Cross Country Championship on December 6, 2025. **Let's wish her the very best as she competes among the nation's finest young athletes!**

Outstanding achievements, Martha!

Class of 2026 Tribute

The team congratulates **Vincent** on his final Cross Country race for SJR! We're incredibly proud of all he's accomplished, and we wish him the very best as he launches into his high school career. **Congratulations, Vincent!**



Coaches

The athletes extend their heartfelt thanks to **Coaches Vince & Julie Mandes** for being outstanding leaders and role models. Their dedication, time, and unwavering commitment do not go unnoticed.

Quite simply, SJR would not have a Cross-Country program without their guidance and passion. There is no way to fully capture the depth of their contribution to SJR's Cross Country team and to our school community.

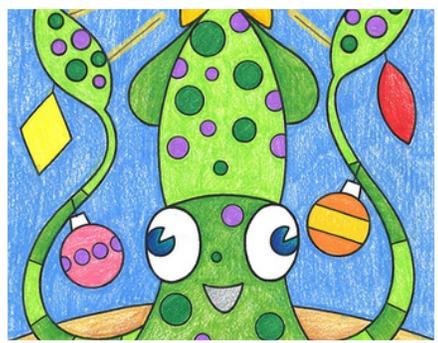
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(No class 12/25, 1/1)



Tuition

\$150
(8 Week Session)



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SJR DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:

A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR

HOT CHOCOLATE SPOONS!



**They are for sale, Chocolate Spoons:
\$6 each or 4 for \$20 - Orders due by Friday
December 5th.**

Spoonful of Sugar Order Form



Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate to warm the body and help the medicine go down. Simply dip the spoon in hot milk, water, or other beverage of choice. Stir and Enjoy.



The SJR drama club would love your support to assist with the costs of this year's theater production of Mary Poppins, Jr. The drama club members will be selling "A Spoonful of Sugar" hot chocolate spoons in preparation for the show on Saturday, April 11th at 2pm. We are excited to watch the magic unfold.



Chocolate Spoons are \$6.00 each or (4) for \$ 20.00. They make great holiday stuffers, family gifts, or the perfect treat on a cold winter day.



Orders are due by Friday, December 5th to Anne Keegan c/o Kara Keegan grade 2 and will be sent home with your child on Wednesday, December 17th.



Payments through Venmo, check, (SJR HSA)and reference Chocolate Spoon Drama Club or cash c/o Kara Keegan grade 2.

Spoonful of Sugar Order Form



SJR-HSA Treasurer
@SJR-HSA



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Scan this code to pay

First and Last Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please send all forms to Anne Keegan c/o Kara Keegan Grade 2.

Orders and payments are due by December 5th. (\$6 each or 4 for \$ 20)

Payment Type: (Venmo or Check made out to SJR HSA- Drama Club) (Cash c/o Kara Keegan Grade 2) Amount Enclosed.

Venmo _____ Check _____ Cash _____

OF SPOONS AND VARIETIES (Milk or Dark Chocolate- All include Marshmallow)

Total# of Milk Chocolate _____

of Milk Chocolate with marshmallow _____

of Milk Chocolate with holiday sprinkles _____

of Milk Chocolate with peppermint _____

Total# of Dark Chocolate _____

of dark chocolate with marshmallow _____

dark chocolate with holiday sprinkles _____

of dark chocolate with peppermint _____