



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN
January 7, 2026

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,

Our school community is blessed in so many ways, and one of those blessings is found in the unique gifts each child brings. One of our young students, Jackson, has Moebius Syndrome—an extremely rare neurological condition that affects the sixth and seventh cranial nerves. While Moebius occurs in only about 1 in 4 million people, Jackson reminds us every day that rarity and challenges do not define a person—character, courage, and spirit do.

Moebius Syndrome results in facial paralysis and limited eye movement, which means children with this condition are unable to form typical facial expressions such as smiling or blinking. They may experience difficulties with eating and speaking, and the condition is permanent. Yet what is also lasting is Jackson's resilience, determination, kindness, and sense of joy. He is an important, valued, and much-loved member of our SJR family, and his presence enriches our school in countless ways.

To celebrate and support him, we would like to recognize Moebius Awareness Day. The official day falls on Saturday, January 24th, so we will be holding a special Dress Down Day on Friday, January 23rd. The awareness color is purple, a vibrant symbol of strength and hope. Students are invited to dress down—featuring as much purple as they'd like—for a donation of \$2.00 or more. All proceeds will go directly toward Moebius awareness initiatives.

If you or your child would like to purchase a Moebius Awareness shirt for an additional fee (pictured below) to wear please go to: <https://forms.gle/EtZcqc5ECAibQCcc8> Please note that you would need to order that by this Friday.

Thank you for helping us teach our students the importance of supporting one another. Together, we can show Jackson and all individuals with Moebius Syndrome that they are seen, appreciated, and celebrated for exactly who they are.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





School News



Enrollment for 2026-27 is open for all students. Please be sure to re-enroll your child this month for 2026-27!

Picture Re-Takes Re- Scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th:

Those who were absent or who are not satisfied with their photos can have their picture re-taken on 1/14. If you have photos already, they must be returned on that day.

Yearbook Cover Design Contest!

The yearbook club has planned a contest to create the cover for this year's yearbook. All students are welcome to create a submission. See below for the guidelines and deadline! If you have any questions, you can reach out to Mrs. Rosenello at kathleenrosenello@gmail.com



SJR's Got Talent!

Our second annual talent show will take place during Catholic Schools Week on Tuesday, January 27th. You can register your child at <https://forms.gle/V5YRCaKnuFDHiJPd9>

Noon Dismissal 1/16/26

A reminder that next Friday the students have a noon dismissal.

There is NO CARES in the afternoon. Please plan accordingly.

Parent Engagement Opportunity

The Bucks County Intermediate Unit is hosting an opportunity to "Discover practical ways to bring more calm, connection, and simplicity into your family's daily life." The session will be drawn on information from the speaker's book, "Simplicity Parenting." I haven't read the book but am intrigued by the premise. It is a virtual opportunity on Wednesday, February 11th from 6:30 -8:00p.m. See the flyer below.





More School News

Important Paperwork:

Be on the lookout for the Family Income Survey which will be coming home on Tuesday, January 20th. It's really important that every family fills it out and sends it back the next day because this survey helps us get important funding for things like: Direct services for students, Instructional materials, Staff training.

As a little incentive, any student who returns the survey by Wednesday, January 21st will get a dress-down day pass to use any day in February (except days that we are attending Mass.) Thanks so much for taking the time to fill it out and send it back immediately. Your support really makes a difference!

Catholic Schools Week:

Stay tuned for information about Catholic Schools Week which begins on Sunday, January 25th with our closing Mass on Friday, January 30th. January 25th will be our Open House and Book Fair! Plan to attend!

Ministry Sunday:

SJR is hosting the Ministry Sunday gathering this Sunday after each Mass at St. Robert's. Please plan in come in for a donut and share your experience of SJR with others!



From the Director of Enrollment Mrs. Kathy Williamson

Re- Enrollment for 2026-27 is Now Open for All Grade Levels

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we kindly encourage our current school families to complete the re-enrollment process this month.

To begin the enrollment process, please go to your family portal in FACTS and select “Enrollment/Re-Enrollment” on the left side.

- Type in your username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please click on the link provided
- Go to left-side Navigation Menu
- Click on Apply/Enroll
- Click on Enrollment/Reenrollment

The process should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Your information will be saved if you need to quit and come back later. If you have any questions, please contact me at kwilliamso@stjstr.org

The application process for BLOCS Scholarship funds for the 2026-2027 academic year is now open. We are excited to announce that the family income limits for BLOCS Scholarship have increased. The handout below outlines the new income brackets for family dependents.

As you begin your family reenrollment, please also begin your BLOCS Scholarship application. If questions, please contact Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@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!

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)

BLOCS Tuition Scholarships for 2026-2027

Application for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit BLOCS Scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year is now **open**. 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 12th.

We are excited that the family income limit has increased to \$116,055 plus \$20,428 for each additional dependent. The limits for each additional dependent are as follows:

1 child: \$136,483

2 children: \$156,911

3 children: \$177,339

4 children: \$197,767

Remember to just add \$20,428 per dependent!

Applications for tuition scholarships are completed through FACTS by visiting:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application fee is \$40.00 & all submissions are strictly confidential. Once you complete an online application, you will be required to attach your 2024 or 2025 Federal Tax forms and all supporting tax schedules. Everything must be submitted to FACTS by **May 22, 2026** 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.



HSA News

Bingo!

Bag Bingo month is here!! Tickets are LIVE! Gather your FRIENDS (and family) and get your tickets today!

<https://buytickets.at/strobertbellarminechurchhsa/2001960>

MLK Day of Service:

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service and compassion, SJR is pleased to invite our school community to participate in our SJR MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 1:00 PM in St. Joseph's Hall.

This family-friendly event is a wonderful opportunity for our students to live out our Catholic values by serving others in a meaningful and hands-on way.

How your family can participate:

- Bring gently used books, magazines, coloring books, and new crayons to donate
- Students will create bookmarks during the event to include with the donations
- All collected items will be donated to local hospitals and organizations that support children's literacy
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Event Details:

Monday, January 19, 2026

1:00 PM

St. Joseph's Hall, 1795 Columbia Ave., Warrington, PA

Can't attend?

Donations may be sent into school beginning January 12.





Congratulations!!!



***To Nicolette, Hailey, and Sammy!
Their team won the OLMC Holiday
Tournament!!***

ST. JOSEPH ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PRESENTS

JANUARY 27, 2026

*SSR's
Got Talent*

TALENT SHOW

TUESDAY JANUARY 27, 2026

1:30 PM

DO YOU HAVE TALENT TO SHARE?

ALL TALENT WELCOME!

DANCING, SINGING, COMEDY,

INSTRUMENTS AND MORE!!

**SIGN UP THROUGH THE GOOGLE FORM
PROVIDED TO REGISTER YOUR ACT!**





SJR MLK DAY OF SERVICE

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1795 Columbia Ave.
Warrington, PA 18976**

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- Can't attend? Send donations into school beginning on January 12!
- All materials collected will be donated to local hospitals and organizations supporting children's literacy.

**Questions? Contact Megan Illg at
meganillg@gmail.com or 215-880-8615**

St. Joseph/St. Robert Home &
School Association Presents

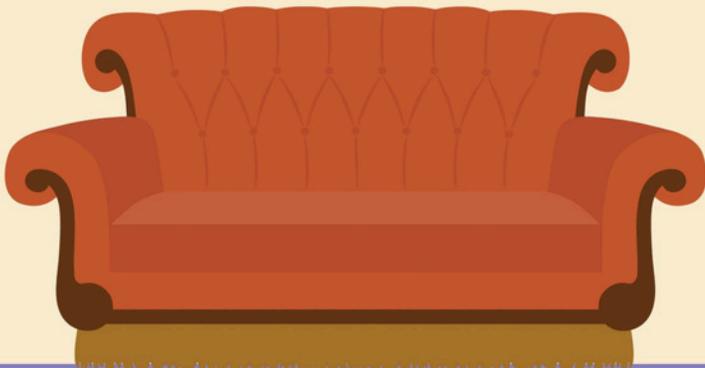
ALL PROCEEDS
BENEFIT THE
STUDENTS AT SJR

BINGO

Ladies Night

**SATURDAY,
JAN 31, 2026**

Doors open at 5:30PM
Game starts at 6:30PM



THE ONE
WHERE
THEY PLAY
BINGO

TICKETS

\$45

**All rounds included
(no refunds)**

***Groups should purchase tickets in
one transaction to guarantee
seating together*



Held at St. Joseph/St. Robert School
850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976
(in the school gym at Msgr. Marley Hall)

Purchase tickets online at: www.stjstr.org/bingo

SJR Yearbook Contest

- **Grades Pre-kthrough 8th
grade**
- **Must be submitted by
January 9th 2026**
- **Theme- 100 years of SJR**

Yearbook Cover Contest

RULES

1

No computer generated covers

2

All covers must be in portrait form

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Must have St. Joseph-St. Robert School written out (not SJR)

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Theme- 100 years- this must be included in some way

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No misspellings

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No names included on cover (your name will go on a separate submission page)

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No late entries will be accepted

Join Us for Our Next

FREE
EVENT

PARENT SESSION

FEBRUARY 11, 2026 | 6:30 PM

LEARN ABOUT SIMPLICITY PARENTING IN A LIVE VIRTUAL SESSION WITH KIM JOHN PAYNE

Discover practical ways to bring more calm, connection, and simplicity into your family's daily life. Kim will share the five simplicity pathways featured in his book *Simplicity Parenting* and offer real examples of how small, doable shifts can help children, tweens, and teens feel more secure, resilient, and at ease. **Parents and educators are encouraged to join!**



Sign up using EventHub

Kim John Payne, M.Ed., has been a consultant and trainer to more than 230 independent and public schools across the U.S. Over his 27 years as a school counselor, adult educator, researcher, and family counselor, he has supported children and families with challenges such as defiance, aggression, attention difficulties, social struggles, and self-esteem. He also delivers keynotes at international conferences and leads workshops worldwide, all focused on the importance of balanced, simple living.



Teen Ministry

2026 ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT



PROCEEDS benefit the St. Robert and Nativity Teen Ministry trip the Steubenville Summer Youth Conference in Ohio, June 19-21.



When... Saturday, February 28th, 6 to 10pm

Where... St. Robert Bellarmine hall, 856 Euclid Ave.

Who....groups (up to 12/table) or individuals welcome..... \$20pp

2025 Trivia Night Winners...



Themes are optional. Bring your food and drink and we guarantee a great time!

Door prizes, 50-50 and consolation prizes, certificate for best theme, food and costume and bragging trophy to the winners.

We are psyched....so if you have never attended, make this the year....friends, family, neighbors, all are welcome!



Questions/comments or for email registration form, contact Barbara Palo at mompalo@aol.com or call 215 313 4197 must be 21 to attend.

Register now Your support is greatly appreciated!