



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN
January 14, 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

Catholic Schools Week is one of our favorite weeks of the year—a time to celebrate the faith, community, and academic excellence that make SJR such a special place. Throughout the week, our students will take part in meaningful activities that highlight service, learning, and school spirit, and we are especially excited to welcome our families into the celebration.

Parents are encouraged to join us for several events during the week, including our Open House on Sunday, January 25, when the Book Fair will be open and a variety of special activities will be taking place. We will also host an Open House on Wednesday from 9:00–11:00 a.m., offering another opportunity to visit classrooms and see our school day in action. Families are also welcome to shop the Book Fair alongside their students when classes are scheduled to visit.

Below you'll find the full schedule for Catholic Schools Week 1/25/26- 1/30/26—we look forward to celebrating together!

SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open House 10am-1pm• Book Fair• Decade Spotlight• 100th Year Anniversary Celebration	MONDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decade Dress Down Day• Guest Speaker Bob Long SJR Class of 2005• School Rosary• Religion Bee	TUESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bingo• Talent Show 1:30pm- 2:30pm (Monsignor Marley Hall)
WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SJR Today Anniversary Video• The Next Step Program Presentation• Open House 9:00am- 11:00am• Pizza Lunch!• Book Fair (see class schedules)	THURSDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Fair (see class schedules)• Buddy Class Activity• CYO Family Night @ 6:15pm	FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing Mass @ 9:00am• Lets Grow Sport Assembly• Quizzo (Grades 5-8)

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!

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> **The deadline is Tuesday, January 20th.**

Noon Dismissal 1/16/26

A reminder Friday the students have a noon dismissal.

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

All buses are available at dismissal.

Wear Your Purple on Moebius Syndrome Awareness Dress Down Day - January 23rd

Students and staff can support our friend Jackson and all of those who have Moebius Syndrome by dressing down - including the awareness color, purple - on Friday, January 23rd for a minimum \$2.00 donation. All money collected will be donated to Moebius Syndrome Awareness.

The Next Step Program Collection

The Next Step Program in Doylestown is a nonprofit dedicated to empowering young adults with disabilities through social opportunities, job support, and skill-building. Their exciting Vision 2030 initiative focuses on creating an inclusive campus with housing, a marketplace, and lifelong learning—fostering independence, dignity, and belonging.

For the past four years during Catholic Schools Week, we have proudly supported our friends at The Next Step Program. Please see the flyer below to learn how we will be helping this year.



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

Looking for volunteers at the CSW Open House

On Sunday, January 25th the HSA will be hosting the Catholic Schools Week light breakfast refreshments in the cafeteria during the Open House. It's a great day - you won't want to miss the fun. If you can spare some time while you're here to help at the table in the cafeteria, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CAAAC2EABF58-61582464-csw2026>

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. Please see the flyer below for how you can participate even if you can't make it on Monday!



*Congratulations to
Savannah and Juliette
on their First Penance!*

*Please keep them and the students from St. Joe's
who will make their First Penance on Thursday
in your prayers.*



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

JAN 19 2026

1:00 PM

St. Joseph's Hall
1795 Columbia Ave.
Warrington, PA 18976

- Bring gently used books, magazines, coloring books, and new crayons to the event.
- Kids will make bookmarks during the event to include with donations
- 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

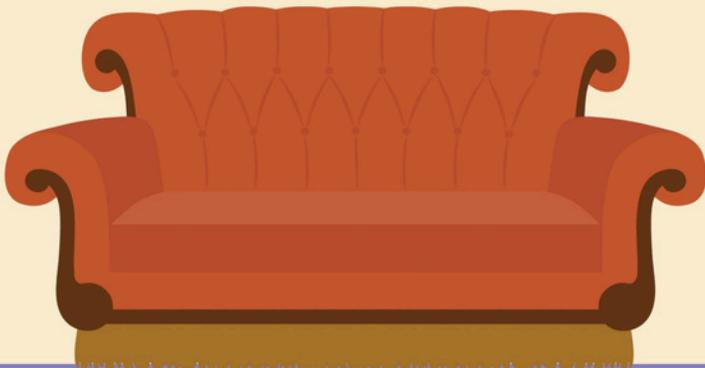
ALL PROCEEDS
BENEFIT THE
STUDENTS AT SJR

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

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!