



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN
May 27, 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,

This is such a fun time of year at SJR! While students and teachers are working hard to complete end-of-year assessments, finish projects, and wrap up the last lessons of the school year, we are also enjoying many of the traditions that make the end of the year so special. I'm especially looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow for our Field Day and Family Picnic! Field Day begins at 10:00ish and we plan lunch for noon. Thanks so much for your flexibility! The forecast looks perfect!

As we approach the end of the school year, it's a joy to think about all that our students have accomplished— friendships formed, lessons learned, and new experiences tried. I look forward to sharing the "State of the School" along with our Terra Nova scores and school-wide iReady results at this evening's HSA meeting. I hope to see you there!

These last few weeks are always filled with reflection, celebration, and anticipation. Whether it's our Pre-K students moving up, our kindergarteners proudly completing their studies, or our 8th graders preparing to say farewell to SJR, each day is a beautiful reminder of the many blessings we enjoy in our school community.

Please be sure to note the dates and times of our upcoming end-of-year celebrations:

- Pre-K Closing Ceremony Friday, June 5th at 10:30 a.m. Monsignor Marley Hall
- Kindergarten Closing Monday, June 8th at 10:30 a.m. Monsignor Marley Hall
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Ceremony Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 p.m. St. Robert's Church

We look forward to sharing these joyful occasions with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





School News



The Fine Arts Festival

The Fine Arts Festival was a wonderful celebration of the visual and performing arts at SJR! Thank you for coming out. Congratulations to Madison - her work was selected by Mrs. Jacobs to join our growing permanent art collection that greets everyone who comes through our doors.

A special thank you to Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. Pena, and Mr. Miller.

Please note that to eliminate competition with spring sports, the festival will be moved to the afternoon next year so that all students can participate. We will share the date as soon as it's set so you can all plan to attend as well.



The 2026-27 Thespian Club with Directors Miss Lauren (Kulp) and Miss Lindsay returns for a fall production of Moana, Jr.! See flyer below for details about auditions this month for lead roles!

Summer Reading Kickoff!

Your child can begin logging minutes for our Summer Reading Program! There are prizes in the fall! Reading is one of the most important and most enjoyable ways to increase your child's reading ability. Self-selected books of interest and trips to the library are wonderful ways to support your child's growing literacy.



BLOCS Applications Due

Please see the information below to take advantage of the scholarship opportunity through the Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools. The application deadline is June 1st. Please reach out to Mrs. Williamson with any questions. kwilliamson@stjstr.org



HSA News

Field Day and Family Picnic Tomorrow

Due to the weather, our Field Day and Family Picnic fun was postponed until tomorrow. Please try to join us if you can!

That means you can still buy tickets until tonight for the Phillies Raffle.

Mrs. Jacobsen will also be drawing the winning tickets from our Summer Reading Kickoff event last week tomorrow morning on SJR Today.

HSA Meeting

There is an HSA meeting TONIGHT beginning at 6:30 in the cafeteria. There is great HSA news to discuss and Mrs. Durkin will be sharing some information about SJR's Terra Nova results and how to read your child's individual results along with information about how the next school year is taking shape. Please plan to attend.



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 **June 1, 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.



THE SJR THESPIANS CLUB IS BACK!

**WE ARE SO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE
THE 2026 SJR PLAY WILL BE MOANA, JR!**

**REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAYS, 3:15-4:45 PM**

**SHOWDATE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKEND OF
NOVEMBER 14 OR 15, 2026**

STUDENTS GRADE 1-8 CAN PARTICIPATE

LEAD ROLES!

LEAD ROLES ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS GRADE 5-8

**IF INTERESTED IN A LEAD ROLE, PLEASE JOIN
THE BAND APP VIA THE QR CODE FOR
INFORMATION ON HOW TO SEND IN YOUR
VIDEO AUDITION!**

AUDITIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1



NEW Basketball Camp Incentive!

For all those who register for the Let's Grow Sports basketball camp, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a free session with Dr. Dish, the shooting machine, at Total Skills Basketball Association in Doylestown! 3 winners will be chosen and announced on the last day of camp. Anyone who refers a player for registration will increase their name in the drawing 2 more times. Email Kate Moyer at Kmoyer1724@gmail.com if you refer a friend.

St. Joseph/ St. Robert School is hosting a three half-day Basketball Camp on Tuesday, August 11; Wednesday, August 12; and Thursday, August 13 in Msgr. Marley Hall with Coach Mac of Let's Grow Sports. This co-ed camp is open to all 7-11-year-olds and all ability levels.

**Please see the information below for full camp details. You can register on the SJR website: St. Joseph/ St. Robert Website or click on the following link:
<https://api.leadconnectorhq.com/widget/form/bkHitGrc8cPitPXhg90D>**



**SJR SUMMER
BASKETBALL CAMP**



**HOSTED BY COACH MAC OF
LET'S GROW SPORTS**



**3 DAY CAMP
9AM-12PM
AGES 7-11, CO-ED**

**\$149 PER PLAYER
SIBLING RATES INCLUDED**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**

**SIGN UP:
ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT WEBSITE
STJSTR.ORG**



LOCATION: MSGR. MARLEY HALL


More HSA News

Thanks to an incredibly generous donor, our HSA has been gifted TWO pairs of Phillies tickets with seats in the amazing Hall of Fame Club!

It looks like the Phils are back on track, and now you have a chance to cheer them on in style while supporting SJR! See the details below to purchase raffle chances for this exciting Phillies experience!

Feel free to share with family and friends. The winners will be drawn on Field Day, Thursday, May 21st.

Go Phils!




**SJR Home & School Association is raffling
2 PAIRS of Phillies tickets - one winner per game!
Both in Hall of Fame Club**

DATES:


- 1 Sunday, June 7th**
vs. White Sox @ 1:35 PM
Section 220, Row 4, Seats 1 & 2
- 2 Tuesday, June 16th**
vs. Marlins @ 6:40 PM
Section 220, Row 4, Seats 1 & 2


CHANCES ARE
1 FOR \$10
OR
3 FOR \$25


*ALL PROCEEDS
WILL BENEFIT SJR!*

 **ALL ENTRIES DUE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH**

PAYMENTS ARE AVAILABLE VIA

 **Venmo - @SJR-HSA**
please include "Ticket Raffle",
your name & phone number
in the comment

 Check/Cash can be sent
into school, in an envelope
C/O Paulie Klein, 3rd grade
Checks should be
made payable to SJR HSA

Thank you for supporting SJR! 

 **THANK YOU TO OUR PRESENTING SPONSORS** 



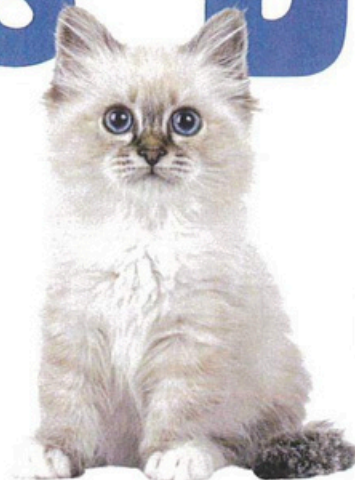
7TH ANNUAL BUCKS

ARTS AND BARKS



FEATURING

Crafters, Pet Rescues
Music, Kids Activities
Petting Zoo, K9 Dog
and Food Vendors
and Trucks



**PET and
Family Fest**



**SAT. JUNE 13, 2026
11 AM - 3 PM**

NEW LOCATION:

Warminster Park - Hallowell Pavilion
1100 Veterans Way,
Warminster, PA 18974



For more info about vendors, rescues
& business sponsor opportunities,
contact - events@bwsac.org