

St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN
September 30, 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,

It's hard to believe we are already moving into October! We are looking forward to all that this month will bring!

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, a beautiful opportunity to slow down, pray, and reflect on Mary's example of faith and trust in God. I encourage us all to find time to pray the Rosary throughout the month. Even a decade prayed together can be a meaningful way to bring our faith into our busy family lives.

We have some important dates coming up. On Monday, October 5th we'll be hosting a dress down day to support "Pockets of Hope" and Breast Cancer Awareness. For a minimum $2.00 donation your child can dress down and the money collected will go to this wonderful organization. Please see the flyer for more details.

Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 29, beginning after our noon dismissal and continuing into the evening, as well as on the morning of Friday, October 30. We look forward to connecting with families and sharing the progress your children are making this year. Please look for information to sign up for conference times to come home soon.

And don't forget our Fall Open House on Sunday, October 18! We hope you'll share this information with neighbors and friends so that we can welcome prospective families and showcase all that makes SJR such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Please see the information in this newsletter for details.

One quick safety reminder for families: If your children are playing on the playground after school, please remind them to stay within the playground area and not go into the wooded area or near the trees along the rectory property. We appreciate your help in reinforcing this expectation and keeping our students safe while also being respectful of the surrounding property.

Thank you, as always, for all you do for SJR!
Mrs. Durkin



School News



Growing Our SJR Community Through Business Partnerships

This year, SJR is excited to introduce our new Business Partnership Program, designed to build stronger connections between our school and businesses that share our commitment to Catholic education, strong families, and our local community.

As we grow the program, we'd love recommendations from our SJR families. If you own, work for, or know of a business that might be a good fit for SJR—or one that is looking for meaningful ways to connect with local families—we'd love an introduction.



Our goal is to build an engaged extended community around SJR while giving our business partners opportunities to connect, participate and be recognized throughout the school year.

Have a business in mind? Please reach out to Lisa Sarachman at lsarachman@stjstr.org.
Learn more about SJR Business Partnerships (link to https://www.stjstr.org/business-partnerships/)

Thanks for Coming Out!

It was nice to see so many families at Oktoberfest! Thanks for stopping by the SJR table! It was great to connect with alumni, too!



Birthday Books

Our librarian, Mrs. Jacobsen, has started a "Library Birthday Book Club." Thanks to those who have already joined in that fun! Please note that in order for a special birthday book bookplate to be put in the front of the book, Mrs. Jacobsen needs to know who sent it in. So please be sure to fill out the form. There is one in this newsletter. If you sent in a Babysitters Book Club book, please let Mrs. Jacobsen know at jjacobsen@stjstr.org.



HSA News





Thank You!

Just a note of appreciation to all of our families and everyone who came out on a rather chilly night to support SJR at Rita's.

Wow!!!

We had 100% of our families register for the Cherrydale fundraiser. That is really remarkable. Thank you so much! We're tallying the final numbers and will share how much we earned soon! We'll also be scheduling the pickup date for items that are being sent to school.

Don't Miss Our First HSA Meeting!

Join us Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.in the cafeteria at SJR for our first meeting—and a great conversation with Dr. Mary Coakley, who will tackle the question every parent has asked: "Why Won't My Child Just DO It?"

From morning routines and forgotten homework to getting started, handling transitions, and managing frustration, Dr. Coakley will help us understand the executive-functioning skills behind these everyday challenges and, most importantly, share practical strategies we can use at home. Please see the flyer below.

Pretzel Sales: SJR was at St. Joe's recently selling pretzels to parishioners after Mass. But it's really more than that…the parishioners at St. Joe's love to connect with our students! Thanks to everyone involved!

Trunk or Treat: Get ready for an evening of fun, costumes, candy, and community! Check out the flyer for all the details. Decorate your trunk and join the fun, or bring your child to trick-or-treat among the creatively decorated trunks! We hope to see you there!

October 24th: Halloween Dance (4th, 5th, 6th) and the Haunted Hayride (7th & 8th). Put it on your calendar and look for more information to follow!

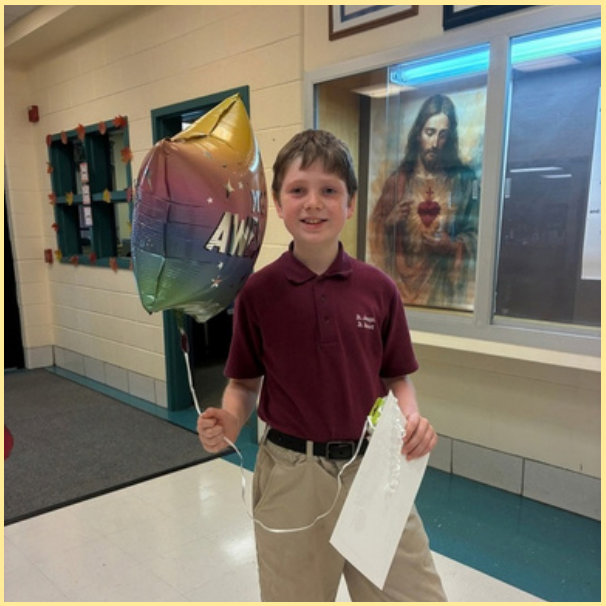


Summer Reading Results!
Fourth Grade was the Top Class Overall Reading with 17,389 minutes!



Top Reader in Lower Elementary
Val - 5,023 minutes!

Top Reader in Upper Elementary
Kaeden - 6,060 minutes!



Know a Family Who Should Know SJR?
Our Fall Open House is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see SJR! Please help us spread the word by sharing the invitation with friends, neighbors, or anyone who may be looking for a school where children are known, supported, and encouraged to grow. We'd love to welcome them to SJR!

St. Joseph/St. Robert School
New Family Open House

Sunday , OCTOBER18th
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Pre-K 3 to 8th Grade(Half&Full-DayKindergarten)









Register for a Tour Today

www.stjstr.org 850 Euclid Ave. Warrington, PA. 18976

ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

HSA

Home & School Association

PARENTS + TEACHERS + SCHOOL = A STRONGER COMMUNITY

You're Invited!

to our first Home and School Association meeting of the year!

Tuesday, Oct. 6th | Cafeteria

6:30p.m.

We'll begin with a brief HSA overview, followed by our first meeting and a great conversation with **Dr. Mary Coakley!**

"Why Won't My Child Just DO It?"

From morning routines and forgotten homework to getting started, handling transitions, and managing frustration, Dr. Coakley will help us understand the executive-functioning skills behind these everyday challenges and, most importantly, share practical strategies we can use at home.

- Morning routines
- Forgotten homework
- Getting started
- Transitions
- Managing frustration

We hope to see you there!

St. Joseph St. Robert Library Birthday Book Club

HONOR YOUR CHILD'S SPECIAL DAY AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!
Here's how it works:

- Choose and purchase a book from the library's Birthday Book Club wish list by using the QR code.
- I will place a bookplate with their name inside the front cover of the book.
- They will have their picture taken with the book for our special Birthday Book Club display.
- They'll be the first to check out the book from the library before it gets put on the shelves.
- They'll receive a special birthday goodie bag as a Thank-You.
- You'll have a unique way to celebrate their birthday and support our library at the same time.

- **If you would like to sign up, please complete the form below and return it to the library or your child's teacher.**
- **Forms should be submitted at least 2 weeks before your student's birthday.**
- **Students with summer birthdays are welcome to celebrate their half birthday!**
- **Aknowledgment of your child's participation in the Birthday Book Club during their library visit .**

~ SJR Library Birthday Book Club ~

Return this form to the front office or the library at least 2 weeks before your student's birthday.

Yes, I would like to sign up my student for the Library Birthday Book Club!

Student's First and Last Name: _____

Student's Birthday (Month/Day): _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

I have chosen and purchased a book from the library wish list. I understand that my student will be able to check out this book, after which it will be added to the library collection, so that other students can enjoy it as well. I give permission for my student's photo to be displayed on the Birthday Book Club wall. I give permission for my student's name to be printed on a bookplate inside the book.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for supporting our library and celebrating your student's love of reading!
If you have any questions, please contact Jen Jacobsen at jjacobsen@stjstr.org.

DRESS-DOWN Day

Help make a difference!

MONDAY,
OCTOBER 5TH,
2026

In support of

Pockets of Hope

FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Your participation helps support those affected by breast cancer and brings hope to the community.

A Minimum $2.00 Donation

Together, we can make a difference!

SJR's 2026 TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for a spooktacular evening of family fun!

Friday, October 16, 2026

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

SJR Parking Lot



Event Highlights:

- Trick-or-treating from decorated trunks
- Costume contest (prizes for best costumes!)
- Games & activities for kids
- Music & food for the whole family

Admission: $3 for one child or $5 for two or more

Bring the whole family and plenty of Halloween spirit!

RSVP: https://forms.gle/NKdNQJh1ptqyEnbR9



EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (EITC)

Providing Tuition Assistance to Qualified Catholic School Families

HOW DOES IT WORK?

An individual or company who wishes to take advantage of this tax-credit program may become a member of a Scholarship LLC with a 1 or 2-year commitment to fund the LLC. Tax credits will be distributed to each member via K-1 and are then applied to your PA tax liability for the tax year in which the donation is made. A 90% tax credit is available for a 2-year commitment, while a 1-year commitment qualifies for a 75% PA tax credit.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Individuals or businesses who pay Pensylvannia State income taxes and/or businesses autorized to do business in PA that are subject to one of the following:

- Personal Income Tax, Sub-chapter S-corporations and other “pass-through” entities will be able to use the credit against the shareholders’, members’, or partners’ PA personal income taxes
- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Malt Beverage Tax
- Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
- Insurance Premiums Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine)
- Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax
- Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax
- Retaliatory Fees under Section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921

APPLY NOW

Please reach out to one of our scholarship contacts who will walk you through the process.

Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) - $1000.00 minimum contribution required.

Victor D’Ascenzo
vdascenzo@FoundationFCE.org
(610) 793-8597

Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) - $3000.00 minimum contribution requested

Tim Cooper
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Have any questions? Contact us at EITCscholarship@stjstr.org | www.stjstr.org | 215-343-5100


SJR
CYO
BASKETBALL
CLINIC
RUN BY
Joseph Sorge
DON'T BE THIS KID... SIGN UP NOW!
MISSED THE CLINIC
SPOTS FILL FAST!
SKILL DEVELOPMENT
FUN & COMPETITIVE
BUILD CONFIDENCE
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
LAST YEAR'S CLINIC:
SOLD OUT
SJR
OCTOBER 11TH & OCTOBER 18TH
KINDERGARTEN – 3RD GRADE
BOYS & GIRLS
2:00 – 3:00 PM
$25 PER CHILD PER DAY
4TH – 8TH GRADE
BOYS & GIRLS
3:30 – 5:00 PM
$30 PER CHILD PER DAY
venmo
@SJR-CYO
TO REGISTER
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE
& DATE(S) CHILD ATTENDING

ArchbishopWoodHigh School

Open House



Oct. 22, 2026
5:30pm

655 York Rd, Warminster, PA 18974

Come visit us and learn about all the amazing opportunities at Archbishop Wood! Meet faculty and staff, current students, and get a tour of the school! Registration is required. Please sign up at www.archwood.org or scan the QR code.

We look forward to seeing you!

Contact Us 215-672-5050 x268