

St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN

May 29, 2024



During this busy week, let's remember, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Dear SJR Families,

The arts took center stage this week at SJR, showcasing a variety of creativity and talent. Our Fine Arts Festival last Wednesday displayed the beautiful work of our students collated from art class throughout the year. Among the highlights was Ardynn's piece, "Tulips," which was selected by Mrs. Jacobs to join SJR's permanent art collection. Congratulations, Ardynn!

Following the visual arts portion of the evening, we were blessed to hear the culmination of a year of lessons and practice during the band concert. From novice student musicians to more experienced performers, the audience enjoyed every note! This week on SJR Today I announced that three 7th graders, Maddie, Eloise, and Hannah, were honored by the Archdiocese for their excellence by being named to the Honors Band. Their achievement demonstrates their commitment to the performing arts.

The arts were again on stage with our Spring Show on Thursday, where students from Pre-K to 6th grade shared some of what they had learned in music class this year. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend. Thank you to Mrs. Jacobs, Ms. Hatfield, and Mr. Rumpf for nurturing our students' creativity and engagement with the arts here at SJR!

Last night, SJR opened its doors to our friends and partners in The Next Step Program hosting their show in our cafeteria. There was a great turnout by the young performers' families and friends. It was wonderful to be part of such a joyful celebration.

There were some questions surrounding the SJR Summer Reading Challenge...we will roll it out soon. It is not being sponsored by the Doylestown Book Shop, we're just hosting our kickoff there on Tuesday, June 4th from 6:00-8:00p.m. There will be prizes awarded in the fall for the class that reads the most minutes and for individuals who read the most minutes. Reading over the summer is an important way to help your child become life-long readers. It also supports the skills that they have learned this year. Please be sure to encourage participation in our Summer Reading Challenge. Don't forget that June 4th is also our Rita's Water Ice Day...you can go before or after the book shop!

This is the last week when all students from grades Pre-K to 8th will be in the building. It's hard to believe that we're reaching the end of the year! Thank you for all you've done to make it a wonderful year at SJR!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Durkin

St. Joseph / St. Robert School

Kick Off to Summer Reading

Book Fair

at

The Doylestown Bookshop

JUNE 4TH

Join us for a fun friends and family evening to kick off summer and SJR'S Summer Reading Challenge! Come shop from 6-8 and hear some surprise guest readers! Get your summer reads for the whole family! Proceeds benefit SJR's school library programs.

The
Doylestown
Bookshop
16 S. Main St.
Doylestown



Summer reading with SJR!



Tuesday, June 4th from 6-8 pm

Home and School Information

End of the Year Gifts:

The HSA provides the opportunity for you to contribute to a group end-of-the-year gift for SJR specials teachers and staff. (The homeroom parents take care of the grade specific teachers separately). There are eighteen staff members included in this collection.

If you are interested in contributing, please send payment by Sunday, June 2nd.

Venmo: @Julie-Mandes (last four digits of my cell are 1514)

Or, if you would prefer to send a check (made out to the SJR HSA), please send to school for Julie Mandes c/o Vincent Mandes, Grade 6. Feel free to email Julie with any questions: jmicklos@gmail.com. Thank you!



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SCHOOL

**Summer's Coming Dine n' Donate
Fundraiser Benefit for the HSA
Tuesday June 4th 3 to 9pm**



Rita's
611 & County Line Road
Across from Aldi/Edge Fitness
(proud annual supporter of the SJR 5K)

From Around the School

Upcoming Dates to Be Aware of....

May 30th is the last day to apply for tuition assistance through BLOCS. Please disregard the May 1st deadline on the flyer below. Please apply - it's a way we can help make Catholic education more affordable for your family.

If you are in Centennial School District, your 372 form must be sent to school by Friday if your child is to be considered for bus transportation next year. All other school districts require this document to be filled out on line.

May 30th

- Last Day of Homework Club
- Final Young Rembrandt's session

May 31st:

- *10:00 a.m. School-wide prayer service for the 8th grade followed by the 8th grade Yearbook Breakfast.*

June 3rd:

- *Pre-K Closing at 10:30a.m.*
- *Last day of afternoon CARES*

June 4th:

- *Grades 5-8 attend school*
- *Grades 1-4 do not have school.*
- *Kindergarten Closing at 10:00a.m.*

June 5th:

- *Grades 1-4 attend school.*
- *Grades 5-8 Do not have school.*
- *8th Grade Graduation at 7:00p.m.*

June 6th:

- *Dorney Park Day See Flyer Below*

June 7th: Last Day of School (1st-7th grades)

- *10:15 Dismissal. There are no buses available at dismissal.*

Apple of My Eye Winners:

Our Apple of My Eye winners were "caught" doing something good. Thank you to Luke, Val, Hazel, Brynn, and Kelsey for your kind and helpful works!



Summer Playgroup

Come join us on the school playground to meet and play with your classmates and their families this summer! Families of students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade for the 2024-25 School Year are welcome to join the fun. The playgroup meetup will be held on alternating Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings, Weather Permitting (see calendar below)

SJR Playground Playgroup



Come join us on the playground to meet and play with your classmates and their families this summer!

WHO: Families of students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade for the 2024-25 School Year

WHEN: Alternating Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings, Weather Permitting (see attached calendar)

WHERE: SJR playground

Please contact Kathy Williamson (kwilliamson@stjstr.org) or Becky Moran (m.rebecca.tate@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

Playground Playgroup Schedule

JUN 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11 Playgroup @ 10AM	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Playgroup @ 6:30PM	21	22
23	24	25 Playgroup @ 10AM	26	27	28	29
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JUL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04 Happy 4 th of July!	05	06
07	08	09	10	11 Playgroup @ 6:30PM	12	13
14	15	16 Playgroup @ 10AM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Playgroup @ 6:30PM	26	27
28	29	30 Playgroup @ 10AM	31			

AUG 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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04	05	06	07	08 Playgroup @ 6:30PM	09	10
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25	26	27 Playgroup @ 10AM	28	29	30	31



Parish News

St. Joseph Church

The archdiocese announced last week that Father Bordonaro is being reassigned as an Assistant Pastor, or Parochial Vicar to St. Eleanor Church, in Collegeville. We are grateful for the support and guidance Father has given our school over the last 14 years. We will miss him.

I look forward to meeting Fr. Michael Pawelko who will be the new pastor at St. Joe's.



St. Robert's Church

I have been working closely with the parish office at St. Robert's to be sure that the volunteers who work with our students have clearances that are currently up to date. If you do not have your clearances yet, please take some time over the summer to get them so that you can volunteer next year. Instructions are on our website at www.stjstr.org under the "Parents" tab.

Thank you!



Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom

Thursday June 6, 2024

Join us for a fun day together with SJR Families to celebrate another great school year!

\$33/Ticket includes Amusement Park and Water Park
(Kids 2 and under are free)

Tickets are being offered at this reduced rate with the following in mind:

- **Tickets can only be used the day of June 6th**
- Park Hours are 10:30-6:00 pm on 6/6
- Transportation is on your own, parking is \$30
- Park is **cashless**, tickets are emailed and can be printed or scanned on your phone at the gate
- This is NOT a drop off event, children are to be supervised by an adult at all times
- Food is not allowed to be brought in, you can bring food and leave it in your car or purchase food inside the park

Money due to Heather Bargerhuff, % Nathan Gr. 7 by: June 3rd

Checks should be made payable to SJR HSA

Email, call/text with any questions:



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*Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)
BLOCS Tuition Scholarships for 2024-2025*

Application for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit BLOCS Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year is now **open**. Before applying, please visit: <https://www.blocs.org/scholarship-faq> and review the FAQ. 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.

The 2024-2025 family income level is \$108,444. The allowance for each child is \$19,088. For example, a family with one child can have an income level of \$127,532 (\$108,444 + \$19,088) or less to qualify. If a family has two children, then the income level would be \$146,620, and the increase of \$19,088 would continue for each dependent. For three children, the income level would be \$165,708 and for four children the income level would be \$184,796.

Applications for tuition scholarships are completed through FACTS by visiting: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application fee is \$30.00 & all submissions are strictly confidential. Once you complete an online application, you will be required to attach your 2023 Federal Tax forms and all supporting tax schedules. Everything must be submitted to FACTS by **May 30, 2024** 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

EITC

Informational Webinars

Learn how to redirect your state tax dollars to support students in the Archdiocese and receive a 90% Tax Credit with the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.



Informational Webinar Dates

- ▶ Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, May 22 at 1:00 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, June 5 at 10:00 AM
- ▶ Tuesday, June 18 at 3:00 PM