



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

*FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN*

August 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,

As August begins, I wish you all a joyful and restful month! I'm excited about the new school year and preparing with enthusiasm.

Change is a natural part of school life. While goodbyes can be hard, they lead to new beginnings. As I recently shared with 5th and 6th grade families, Mrs. Haynes will be leaving SJR. She expressed her fondness for our school during her exit interview and leaves on excellent terms. We will miss her and are working to find a qualified replacement for her role. I'll keep you updated on our progress.

Our first-grade teacher, Mrs. Vona, welcomed her baby, Grayson, in July. Both parents and baby are doing well, and we're thrilled to have another member in the SJR community!

We're also introducing a new "Patron Award" this year. Each month, we will recognize students who exemplify the virtues of our patrons in their school interactions. We'll celebrate the virtues of St. Joseph and St. Robert Bellarmine throughout the year. Please see the flyer below for more details.

Additionally, we're starting a robotics club for 6th-8th graders. The club will meet weekly to build a Lego robot for the First Lego Challenge. If your child is interested, please respond as soon as possible using the link on the flyer below.

We're busy with changes in the building as well. Floors are being stripped and waxed, there's some painting going on, and our 2nd grade classroom is being moved upstairs to accommodate our third kindergarten class. Very exciting!

If your child is in first through eighth grades, please plan to join us on Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30p.m. for a summer social to welcome new students and catch up with old friends. You should have received an email - please RSVP and plan to join in the fun.

I keep you and your family in my prayers and wish you continued summer blessings! - Mrs. Durkin



Mentor Program for New Families:

If your family is new to SJR, you will soon hear from your mentor family by email or phone. This is an opportunity to make a connection that can be a resource to you all year long. Many mentors will be joining new families at our New Family Orientation.

New Family Orientation:

If your family is new to SJR, please plan to join us on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:30p.m. in Monsignor Marley Hall for the New Family Orientation. You will have the opportunity to meet members of the administration and Home and School Board. There will be representatives at networking booths for you to get more information about our CARES program, SCRIP program, and CYO sports. A reminder to rsvp by August 7th to the invitation you received.

EXAMPLE OF GIRLS DRESS UNIFORM - Gr. 1-4



EXAMPLE OF BOYS DRESS UNIFORM - Gr. 1 - 4



Uniform Sale:

The Home and School Association will be hosting a Used Uniform sale on Thursday August 8th from 6:00-7:30 pm in Monsignor Marley Hall/gym at St. Robert's. Mrs. Bargerhuff will have gently used pieces for sale to supplement your uniform supply.

New families should also go to our stjstr.org website to get to the link to shop Flynn and O'Hara or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://flynnohara.com/shop/st-joseph-st-robert-school-pa674/>

If you enter your child's gender and grade it will guide you through purchasing your necessary uniform items.

SJR Summer Social!

On Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30p.m. we will be hosting a social for all families with students in grades 1st-8th. We're planning a cool treat, some summer games and an opportunity to meet new students and catch up with old friends. You should have received an invitation. If you could please RSVP by Thursday, August 8th.





Summer Reading Program:

We have been busy reading!!

As a school, we've logged 61,925 minutes so far this summer!!!! Wow! Keep up the great reading!

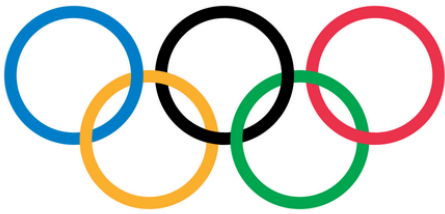
Our class leaders are:

1st Place - 8th Grade with 20,511 minutes

2nd Place - 7th Grade with 10,142 minutes

3rd Place - 3rd Grade with 7,437 minutes

I've included the Summer Reading Program app information below because it's never too late to join in the reading! Have your child grab a book!



Summer Olympics

The Olympics had me thinking about the work our students did in World Language class this year. Our students focused on communication, culture, comparisons and connections, and communities. They focused on Spanish, Italian, and French this past year. At the end of the school year, our youngest learners created Olympic torches and learned about the history and symbols that surround the Olympic games. I hope your family is enjoying the Olympic games.



Playground Fun!

If your child is in Pre-K through first grades, please see the schedule below to join in some fun this month at the playground and get to know other children and families prior to the school year!

THE SJR PATRON AWARD

A dedicated committee has considered the virtues demonstrated by our patrons, St. Joseph and St. Robert Bellarmine, and how we can inspire our students to emulate these qualities. Each month, we will focus on a specific virtue and share it with the entire school community. Our faculty and staff will be actively observing and nominating students who demonstrate exceptional commitment to these virtues.



The committee will review all nominations and select one boy and one girl from grades Pre-K through 3rd, as well as one boy and one girl from grades 4th through 8th, to receive The Patron Award. Recipients will be recognized during our school Mass each month. and we encourage families to join us in celebrating these achievements.

Look for more information when the school year begins.



While "Apple of My Eye" has been a cherished tradition at SJR, we believe that transitioning to the Patron Award will provide students with a more intentional opportunity to grow in their faith, following the inspiring examples set by St. Joseph and St. Robert Bellarmine. We look forward to this new chapter in our school's traditions and the opportunity to celebrate the virtues and accomplishments of our students together.

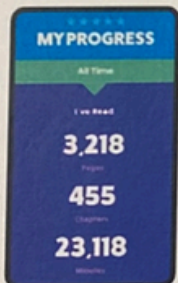


Reader Zone

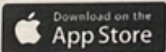


GOAL-BASED READING PROGRAMS

are an important tool to help students build reading skills. We are using an internet-based system called Reader Zone for our reading programs.



- 👍 No more paper reading calendars!
- 👍 Use a smart phone app to log reading.
- 👍 See your student's reading progress in real time.



Search for "Reader Zone" at your app store.

Install the Reader Zone app for Android, Apple or Amazon device.

Make an account and add your reader(s). Join our reading program with our code:

d3b82 (*Join the grade your child will be in September)

Please let us know what questions you have. **Happy Reading!**

Mrs. Jacobsen (jjacobsen@stjstr.org)

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



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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

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SJR ROBOTICS CLUB

Under
Construction...

FIRST LEGO CHALLENGE

SJR is starting a robotics club to participate in the First Lego Challenge. Friendly competition is at the heart of Challenge, as a team of students in grades 6th - 8th engage in research, problem-solving, coding, and engineering - building and programming a LEGO robot to navigate the missions of a robot game in competition.



If your child is in grades 6-8, please use the information below to sign up. Meetings would be scheduled weekly. More information will follow.

INDICATE YOUR INTEREST

Please copy and paste this link to respond:
<https://forms.gle/STSBNF341opyNaZE9>