

St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN August 28, 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,

What an exciting week it has been! It was truly heartwarming to see so many of you at our new family orientation. I'm deeply grateful to our student ambassadors and mentor families for extending such a warm welcome to our new SJR families.

Our Summer Social was equally delightful. The perfect weather allowed the children to play and adults to connect and enjoy each other's company. It truly set a joyful tone and made me even more

eager for the school year to begin!

Our dedicated faculty and staff have been working tirelessly to prepare the classrooms, and it was a joy to welcome them back for our annual Organizational Day yesterday. We came together for Mass, keeping each of you in our prayers.

As we begin this new school year, please know how honored and privileged I feel to serve as principal in such a vibrant and supportive community. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Durkin



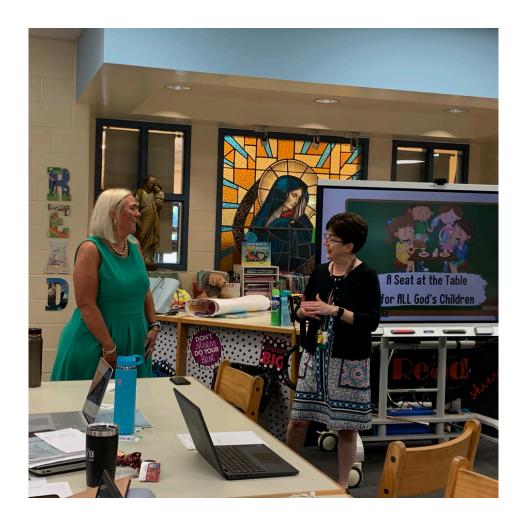


School News - Welcome!



The faculty and staff are looking forward to our first days with students next week. As physical safety is the first building block of a great school year, we gathered for our annual training. We alternate courses each year between first aid and CPR...though each course touches on the other. We are grateful to the Home and School for providing the funds for this important training. We also appreciate the outstanding work of Mrs. Jackie Fink who works with us each year.

Maria Pardini, from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, provided an engaging



opportunity for the faculty and staff to consider the best practices in creating lessons and classroom environments that best nurture and support all students. As part of the discussion, we considered "The Myth of Average." You can view a short video about this part of our discussion here: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=PTpQYDTgq7E

It was wonderful to be back together and exciting to welcome our new faculty members:

Mr. Matt Pena - Music Miss Katlynn Razler - Kindergarten Mrs. Theresa Langley - 6th Grade Homeroom Mrs. Elaine Nicoletti - Our long-term sub in first grade Mrs. Cindy Koons - Our long-term sub in Honors Math when Mrs. McWilliams is out on maternity leave.



A reminder that school begins next week! Please see the flyer below for drop off and pick up procedures and reminders.

Tuesday, September 3rd grades 5th - 8th report to school and Pre-K and Kindergarten have their scheduled visits. Back to School Night for the parents of 5th - 8th graders begins in the cafeteria at 7:00p.m.

Wednesday, September 4th grades 1-4 report to school and Pre-K and Kindergarten continue their scheduled visits. Back to School Night for the parents of 1st - 4th graders begins in the cafeteria at 7:00p.m.

Thursdy, September 5th and Friday, September 6th all students report to school.



Home and School News



Plan to join us at the first <u>Home and School Meeting</u> of the Year on Monday, September 23rd. There will be a brief presentation of Home and School news followed by a presentation by Sister Pat McCormack on how home and school can work together to support the development of your child. Please see the flyer below for more details.

If you would like to reserve a spot for childcare for children ages 3 and up during the meeting, please go to https://forms.gle/YL2B7MkPvrVVZht17





Other Upcoming Events:

<u>SJR Movie Night 9/13:</u>

Please plan to join us for our annual SJR Movie Night on Friday, September 13th. Please see the flyer below for details.

SJR's "Sweet to Meet You" event 9/20:

This sweet event is for students and their families in grades Pre-K through 1st. Please see the flyer below for more information and to sign up through a sign up genius link.

SJR CYO and HSA Golf Outing 9/27:

Please plan to support it by becoming a sponsor or a participant. You don't have to golf to join in the fun - come to the dinner afterwards! See the flyers below for more details.

Take a chance to win Eagles tickets while benefitting SJR! See the flyer below.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



News from our Supporting Parishes

St. Joseph's

St. Augustine is credited as saying: "To sing is to pray twice." St. Joseph's Music Ministry is looking for new members! Children's Choir Grades 2 through 12 practice Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Practice begins Wednesday, August 28th so the children can be ready for their first mass on September 15th. New members are welcome any time throughout the year! Please contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or email at mariaalennon@gmail.com

St. Robert's

Please consider attending St. Robert's ANNUAL FORTY HOURS DEVOTION — September 15-17, 2024 Guest Homilist for all three evenings at 7:00PM Rev. Stephen H. Paolino, Pastor of St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Richboro



A Review of the Morning Drop Off Procedures for School

Morning drop-off can feel stressful during the first days of school. A new routine, or getting back into an old one, can take some time. I'm hoping that this review of the procedures can be helpful.

First of all, if your child can take a bus, please consider having them take the bus to school each morning. In addition to relieving congestion in the drop off line, it can also foster a sense of independence. If you have a Pre-K student, who is not eligible for bussing, or if you choose to drive your child to school, please note the following:

- Drop off for car riders begins at 7:50a.m. Buses may begin arriving a few minutes earlier but that does not impact car riders.
- Please drive slowly through from the time you enter the parking lot 10mph at the most. Give yourself extra time in the morning so you do not rush but, whatever the circumstance, do not try to make up a minute or two by flying into the parking lot at the last minute. Safety first, always.
 Your young child should be seated in the rear passenger seat so that the principal, teacher on duty, or student valet can open the door and let them out. This is designed to be a drop and go process. Please do not exit your vehicle to get your child out of the car. If your child is in a car seat that they can not unhook themselves, please reach back if you are able and unhook them. If this is not possible, the person who opens the door will ask your permission and then unbuckle your child.
- Be patient. Under no circumstances pass the car in front of you in the car line this is really dangerous.
- Use the car lane. Please do not park and walk your child to the front doors a large number of people crossing the bus/car lane can impede the process and decrease safety. That being said, if your young child is having difficulty getting out of the car, by all means pull around, park, and walk them to the door. This should pass as they adjust to their new school or new routine.
- Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten walk immediately into the building after exiting the vehicle.
- Students in Grades 1-8 exit the vehicle and walk to the black top where they gather, weather permitting, before coming into the building when the bell rings at 8:10.

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.







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.

Calling all Pre-k, Kindergarten, and 1st grade families! Come meet some new friends and reconnect with old ones at our annual sweet to meet you event !



SEPTEMBER 20,2024



Please click to RSVP



SWEET TO MEET YOU ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please RSVP by 9/14 down below. We are kindly asking that families contribute toppings for this...

signupgenius.com

OUTING FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, 2024 Bucks Club Iamison, Pa

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Presented by



SHOT GUN AT 12:00 PM | REGISTRATION AT 11 :00 AM

PLAYER \$175

COST PER

INCLUDES: DINNER & 3 hr OPEN BAR IN ADDITION TO : GREEN FEES & CART, LUNCH, BEER ON THE COURSE, SKILL EVENTS AND GREAT PRIZES! SCRAMBLE FORMAT PUTTING CONTEST, LONGEST DRIVE, CLOSEST TO THE PIN G CORNHOLE CONTEST

AVAILABLE SPONORSHIPS

Friends of the Hawk	\$750
Registration Sponsor	\$600
Beverage Sponsor	\$500
Awards Sponsor	\$400
(1) Putting Contest Sponsor	\$300
& Corn Hole Contest (SOLD)	
Hole Sponsor	\$125

DON'T GOLF? JOIN US FOR DINNER 5-8pm \$75/ per Person Includes: Dinner, 3/hr Open Bar & chances to win on many RAFFLE BASKETS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER CONTACT

ED DIXON: dixon22@comcast.net

VENMO @SJRCYO or make CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SJR CYO

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St. Joseph / St. Roberts CYO/HSA	 > Lunch > Dinner Plus 3-Hour Open Bar > Beer on Course > Skill Events 	Maureen Peddicord 1451 Rosewood Lane Warrington, PA 18976
21st Annual Golf Outing	> Great Prizes	Check payable to SJR CYO
	* Putting Contest	Venmo @SJR-CYO
FRIDAY	* Longest Drives * Closest to the Pin	Limit of 128 players so register early We can NOT hold spots w/o \$\$\$\$
September 27, 2024	* Corn Hole Contest	Your Name or Foursome:
12:00 Shotgun Start	AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS ERIENDS OF THE HAWK - \$750	1.)
Registration @ 11:00	BEVERAGE SPONSOR - \$600 AWARDS SPONSOR - \$500	2.)
The Bucks Club	PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR - \$300 CORN HOLE SPONSOR- \$300 HOLE SPONSORSHIP - \$125 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP - \$1,250	3.)
Jamison, PA	Please view the "Avaiable Sponsorships" Flyer for	4.)
	additional information.	DUE BY 9-13-2024
		Total \$:
	Write in your company name here!	
		CALL FOR INFORMATION :
	Check payable to SJR CYO	Ed Dixon 267-918-6846



SJR CYO/HSA 21st Annual Golf Outing

Benefiting the Saint Joseph/Saint Robert CYO and HSA Friday, September 27, 2024 The Bucks Club - Jamison, PA

AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS

\$2,500

PRESIDENTIAL SPONSOR

Includes two foursomes, banner at event and sign

\$1,250

CORPORATE SPONSOR

Includes foursome and banner at event

\$750

FRIENDS OF THE HAWK

Includes foursome and a sign on the course

\$600

REGISTRATION SPONSOR

Includes banner at registration table

\$500

BEVERAGE SPONSOR

Includes signs at clubhouse and at beverage area on course

\$400

AWARDS SPONSOR

Includes sign at hole and sign at dinner

\$300

PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR

Includes sign at hole and at putting green

\$300

CORNHOLE CONTEST SPONSOR

Includes sign at game

\$125

HOLE SPONSOR

Includes sign at hole

I would like to be a ______sponsor. SPONSOR INFORMATION/ COMPANY NAME:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : St Joseph / St. Robert CYO MAIL TO: Maureen Peddicord 1451 Rosewood LaneWarrington. PA 18976 Contact Ed Dixon for info: (267) 918-6846

Annual Family Movie Night Friday School Assault



School Lot opens at 6:30 PM Showtime approximately 7:15 PM This is **not** a Drop Off Event! **Parents must supervise their children at all times.** Please bring your own snacks and chairs or blankets. This is a **FREE** event! The Playground is **CLOSED** during the movie!

E.A.G.L.E.S....EAGLES!



EAGLES GAMEDAY RAFFLE \$25 PER ENTRY 4 CLUB LEVEL TICKETS H-LOT PARKING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 8:20 PM VS. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS VALUED OVER \$1,000 PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SJR'S NEW READING PROGRAM

Complete the attached form and send to Kate Moyer OR Venmo @SJR-HSA List your first & last name in the comment Drawing October 11, 2024 Checks made out to SJR HSA



EAGLES RAFFLE

Complete this form and return to SJR Attn: Kate Moyer. The drawing will take place via Facebook Live on Friday, October 11th. \$25 an entry

Please make checks out to SJR HSA.

Family Name: _____

Number of Entries:

Amount Enclosed: _____

Plan to join us for the first Home and School meeting of the year.

Event: HSA Meeting Speaker: Sister Pat McCormack "Home, School, and Student Success " Date: Monday, September 23, 2024 Time: 7:00p.m. Location: SJR Dining Hall



Sister Pat McCormack, an international educational consultant, will be joining us at the first Home and School Association meeting on Monday, September 23rd to share her valuable insights on creating a thriving partnership between home and school. "Guiding the lifelong process of soul formation is the primary responsibility of parents. It is also the mission of teachers. Both parents and teachers contribute vitally to the soul formation of a child when they communicate genuine affection and foster lifelong development of security, autonomy, initiative and industry."

Sister Pat is a dynamic and thoughtful presenter and we are thrilled that she can share her insights with our school community. Please plan to join us!

We will be offering childcare for a limited number of children ages 3 and up. Please look for more information to follow with sign up information.