

St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN **September 11, 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,

Today, we honor the memory of those who were lost on this day twenty-three years ago and express our gratitude for the courage and resilience demonstrated in the days and years that followed. Let us keep in our prayers all those affected by the events of 9/11 and strive to embody a spirit of hope and renewal in our own lives and community.

If the first week of school is my favorite, this week runs a close second. It's heartening to see our students settling in so well. Our youngest learners are adjusting beautifully to their new routines and procedures, which will serve as a strong foundation for more complex social and academic learning throughout the year.

Our 8th graders are stepping up as safeties, organizing their schedules to assist with morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. They're also gearing up for their roles in our news program, SJR Today, which will keep our community informed throughout the year.

The HSA is already in full swing, with Family Movie Night this Friday evening—let's hope for perfect weather! Look out for more details about the HSA-sponsored Cherrydale Fundraiser, which will help us purchase another cart of Chromebooks. We also have an exciting speaker lined up for the first HSA meeting on Monday, September 23rd. Please plan to attend and check the flyer for childcare registration details.

Next week, our art club, Young Rembrandts, will begin its sessions. Be sure to see the flyer below for registration information. We're also thrilled to have our first meeting Challocese of Philade of the newly formed robotics club this afternoon. A big thank you to our coach, Tom Molz, and our club sponsor, Alliance Holdings.

Thanks for all you've done to get the year off to a great start. Mrs. Durkin





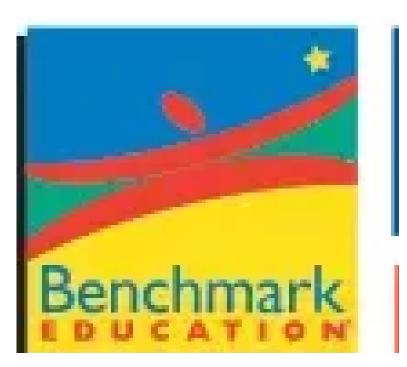


School News!

Mr. Matt Pena began his tenure as our music teacher this week. He will be here on Mondays and Thursdays. Music instruction in elementary school is crucial as it not only enhances children's cognitive and social skills but also fosters creativity, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts. Welcome, Mr. Pena!

We were also delighted to welcome Mr. Larry Rumpf back to school today! He did a band demonstration for students. If your child is in grade 3 they are eligible to participate in beginning strings. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate in all other band instruments as well. Please consider music lessons/ a band experience for your child this year. The benefits last a lifetime!





Young Rembrandts is a popular after-school arts program that meets at SJR on Thursday afternoons. Students in grades K-8 are eligible to participate. Please see the flyer attached for enrollment instructions as classes begin next Thursday, September 19th!

After collaborating with a consultant to review student data, evaluating the successes of our previous reading program, and gathering feedback from students about their reading class experiences, we have chosen a new reading program. Starting this year, SJR students in grades K-6 will use Benchmark Advance. We are thrilled about this new program and look forward to introducing it to our students!



From the Director of Advancement

It is wonderful to welcome our faculty, students, and families back to school for a safe new academic year. I am excited to continue to promote our core school mission "Focused on Faith and Learning". I value "spreading the word" to the community related to our students' many service, academic achievements, and school events. I make every effort to post on our SJR social media sites the many spirited activities we have as quickly as possible so families receive first hand coverage!

LIKE & FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Instagram- @sjrschool and @sjr_homeandschool

Facebook- St. Joseph/St. Robert School, SJR Home and School Association, and SJR Parents Tweet with Us: <u>https://twitter.com/SjrSchool</u>

Please like and share our social media platforms with family & friends!

We have a feature on the homepage of our website called: School Happenings. For those families that do not have Facebook or Instagram accounts, can view our fun video & social media posts via School Happenings. Please check frequently our website homepage

I wish everyone a great start to the school year! I am always available to be of assistance to our families. I can be reached at 215.343.5100, ext. 209 or <u>kwilliamson@stjstr.org</u>.

Please see the flyer in this newsletter to learn more about the EITC Program and how you can redirect the state taxes you pay to our school!



Home and School News



We had a great time welcoming the new year with our Water Ice Dance Party on Friday! We're looking forward to a fun and fantastic year!

Tuesday, 9/17: Please support our school and get a wonderful treat at <u>Rita's on our SJR Spirit Night!</u> You can go after school, during the evening, or after you attend Forty Hours at St. Roberts! It runs from 3:00-9:00p.m. Just mention SJR!

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:

SJR Movie Night 9/13:

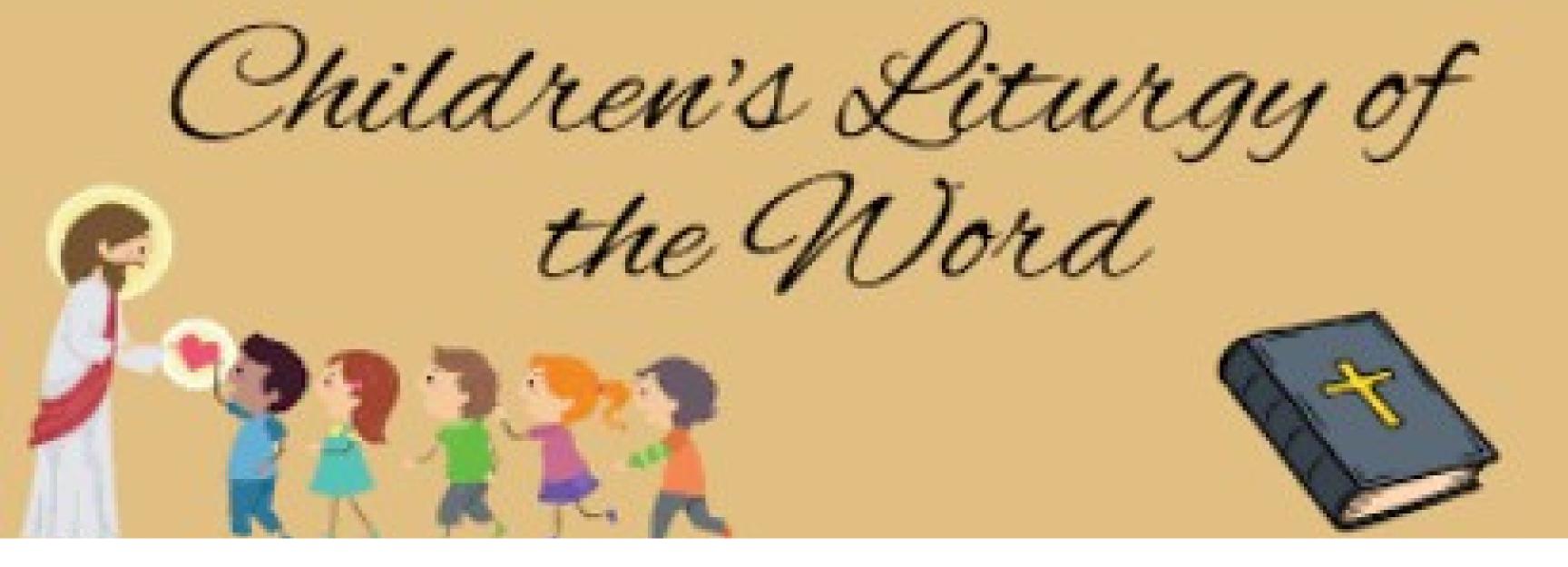
Please plan to join us for our annual SJR Movie Night this Friday, September 13th. Please see the flyer below for details.

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. Or come to the dinner afterwards! See the flyers below for more details.



News from our Supporting Parishes

St. Joseph's

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

St. Robert's offers a Children's Liturgy of the Word opportunity during the 9:00a.m. Mass beginning October 13th. Mrs. Heeney, the Director of Religious Education for the parish, is looking for some volunteers to assist with this program. It's a wonderful opportunity and volunteers work in pairs. Please see the flyer below and prayerfully consider participating.

From Our Band Demonstration



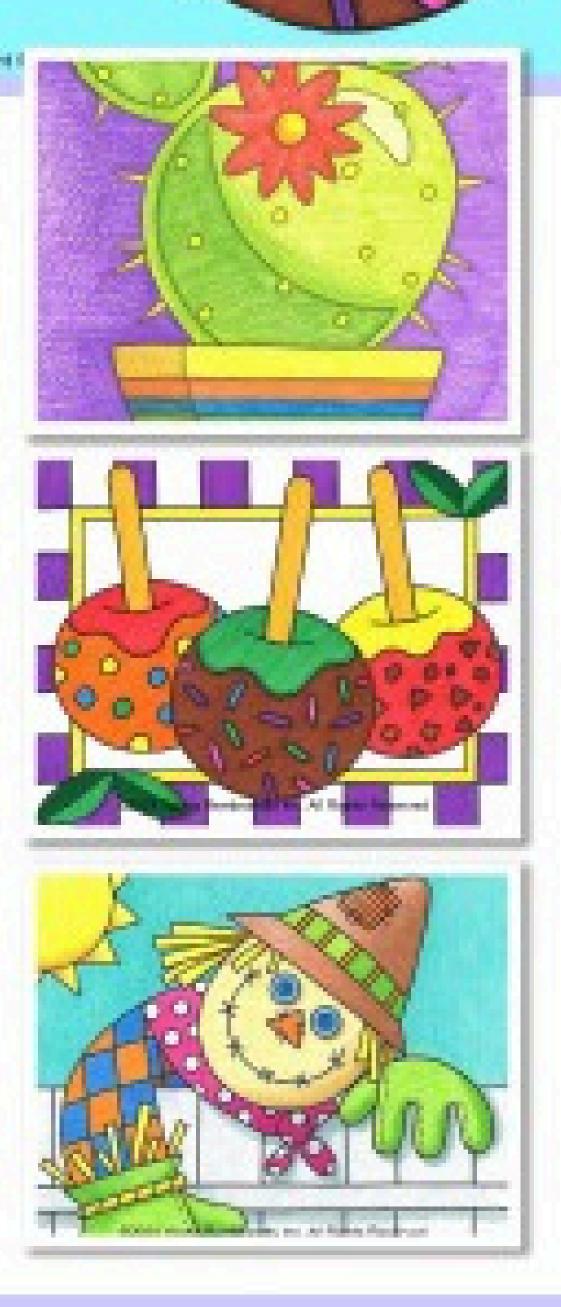


Please join the virtual meeting to learn more about getting your child in grades 3-8 involved! (Link was in Sunday Reminders.)

Elementary Drawing Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts



ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

Join us at ST JOSEPH ST ROBERTS

Make this a memorable time by signing up your elementary child in a Young Rembrandts drawing class. Your child will learn about design, composition and illustration using our unique step-by-step drawing method. Besides strengthening your child's drawing and coloring skills, he or she will also learn about art history as we present lessons featuring a master artist. Don't miss out, enroll now!



Classes Thursday 3-15 PM - 4-15 PM 09/19/2024 - 11/14/2024 (No class 10/31)

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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, September 10 at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, September 25 at 10:00 AM

Thursday, October 10 at 12:00 PM

Monday, October 21 at 3:00 PM

<u>Click here to sign up for</u> <u>an upcoming webinar</u>



DEAR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, & STUDENTS

Welcome back to another amazing school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer. As we settle back into the school year routine remember to make healthy food choices! Whether you're hitting the playground or diving into your favorite books, remember to stay positive and patient when getting into your school year groove.

WELLNESS CORNER



Sleep is so important! When we sleep well, our bodies and brains get a chance to recharge. A good night of sleep helps us pay attention in class and perform better at our favorite activity! So, let's remember to have a cozy bedtime routine, like reading a cool story or snuggling up with a favorite stuffed animal. Sweet dreams make for even sweeter days!

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is the most important meal of

2024

the day! Eating breakfast improves energy levels and the ability to concentrate. NDS provides students will a well-balanced breakfast to get them ready for the school day! Each breakfast consists of a whole grain entree, two servings of fruit, and a half pint of low-fat or fat-free milk. Make sure to stop by your schools cafeteria in the moming to get your delicious breakfast!

PRAYER CORNER

Bless our schools with laughter and learning. Help our teachers teach well and help us to learn with jay. Thank You for all You give us each day. Amen.

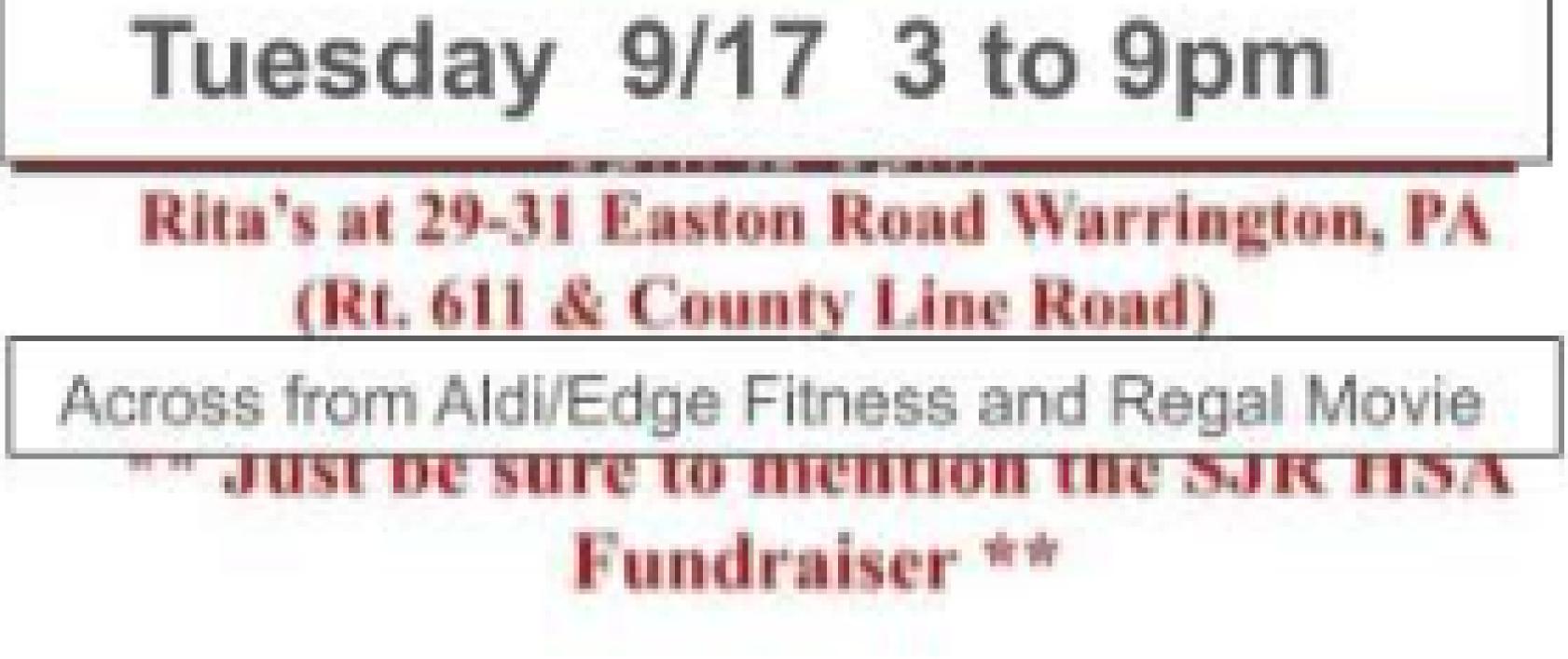
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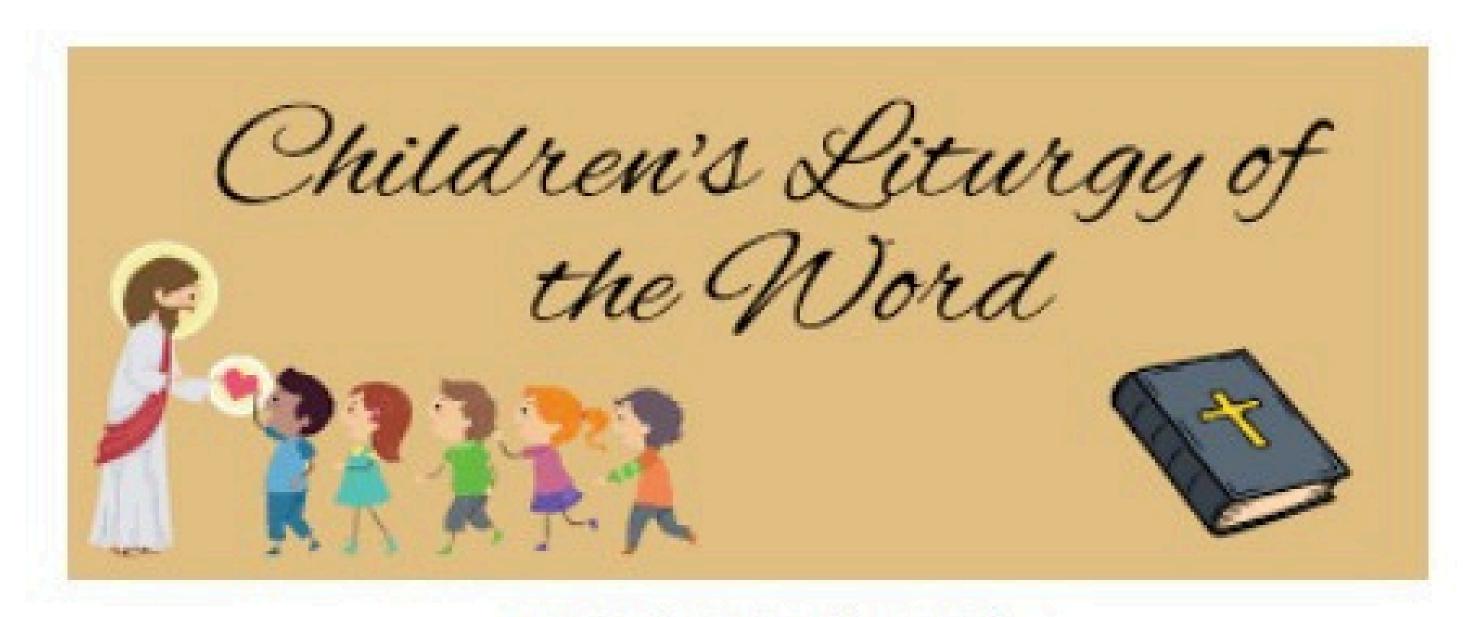
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NDS School Lunch Program









Beginning October 13th 9:00 Mass

This is a wonderful program for children ages 4 through 10 to hear the Sunday readings on a level that will help them to understand them better and grow closer to our Lord.

For us to be able to offer this program, we would need volunteers to work with the children. *Ideally, if we have at least 6-7volunteers, it would mean you would only need to present to the children once every 6-7 weeks.* High school students and children in 7th grade and older are welcome to volunteer as aides.

If you feel God is calling you to help our young people grow closer to our Lord, please contact Donna Heeney at 215-343-9433 or by email at donnaheeneydre@gmail.com Materials and training would be provided. Please respond by **September 30th** so we would have enough time to order materials and provide training.

ICE CREAM

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 -A link was also sent via email



SWEET TO MEET YOU ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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

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

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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.



Nativity of Our Lord CYO is pleased to invite 6th, 7th and

8th grade members to a CYO Dance on Saturday, September 21st from 7-9pm in the Nativity Community Center/Gym. All students must be currently enrolled for the 2024-25 school year in grades 6th-8th and registered parishioners within Nativity, OLGC, St. Cyril or SJR parishes.

Advanced <u>ONLINE REGISTRATION</u> and online permission form required. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please see flyer for details. Tickets will be available through the regeistration link from 9/3-9/20. Also, if you are interested in being a chaparone, please sign up <u>HERE</u>. Please contact us at <u>info@nativityofourlordcyo.org</u> with any questions.