



*One Family in Christ Jesus*

# SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL



## ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021



*The Year of Saint Joseph*

12.8.20 ~12.8.21

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Saint Joseph Regional School Community,

In so many ways this past year has been an incredible testament to our amazing school. Saint Joseph Regional School faculty and staff have been able to navigate so many challenges. During all the challenges of the past year our faculty never lost sight of our mission at SJRS, which states; we strive to foster the development of the whole child academically, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually in a gospel centered environment. We continue to help our students develop strong, healthy relationships with God. It is clear that our faculty is completely dedicated to the success of the Saint Joseph Regional school students. That dedication is the driving force to provide SJRS students with the 21st century skills, and education the students need and deserve in this ever-changing world.

With your generosity this past year we were able to purchase a Soundproof Partition for our Pre-Kindergarten classroom. We have upgraded our IT infrastructure, asphalted our back lot, replaced our kitchen freezer as well as provided necessary upgrades to our HVAC system. We have also been able to provide resources to our teachers for professional development opportunities. The SJRS students are the direct beneficiaries of your generosity, but future generations of St. Joe's students will benefit from improvements made at this time.

Educating future leaders of our church and community is an extremely rewarding profession. We are truly blessed to partner with you for such an important mission.

Thank you for being our partner. I encourage you to continue your support for our 2021.2022 Annual Fund.

May God Continue to Keep You, Your Family and Friends Close for Peace and Good Health,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice DeCicco Fipp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janice DeCicco Fipp, Ed.D

# A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Family and Friends,

I am blessed to be given the opportunity to express to all of you my appreciation for my time at Saint Joseph Regional School. Many years back, my parents made the important decision of where I would be attending school, they chose here, and little did I know that decision would benefit me a whole lot. Saint Joe's gave me countless opportunities inside and outside of school, helping me to become a better student, and more importantly a better person.

I strongly believe that a good education and being a smart individual are the key to almost everything, and Saint Joe's delivers that great education to any student who steps forth into the building. I have learned a lot of important lessons, important material for my coming years in school, and most importantly I have learned more about my Catholic faith. I have also gained many leadership skills through being elected Student Council President that I will be using as an incoming freshman at Holy Spirit High School and throughout my entire life.

Here at Saint Joe's, I became part of a family. Whenever you needed anybody, they would be there to help without any hesitation. I made many friends with whom I will keep building on our friendships, and for some, with whom I will move on to Holy Spirit and continue our education together. The friends I made and the memories I have made throughout my years will never be forgotten.

The time I have spent here at Saint Joseph's Regional School was truly amazing. I pray for a great future here at Saint Joe's and for all the students within it. With your aid, Saint Joseph's Regional School can have a more successful future for itself and for all the students.

Sincerely,

*Matthew Abbott*

Matthew Abbott  
SJRS Class of 2021



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## Why do I teach at Saint Joseph Regional School?

I have taught first grade at Saint Joseph Regional School for 17 years. Each year has been rewarding and exhilarating for me. Teaching at Saint Joseph's has filled my heart with lasting memories of little ones bursting with energy and enthusiasm to learn EVERYTHING. There is no better feeling than guiding these youngsters as they discover they are reading on their own, and able to do so many new things.

First grade is a huge year of growth that is amazing to watch and be a part of!

I look forward to welcoming my students to our classroom each morning. Their toothless grins are infectious and they fill me with joy.

Also very important for me, is that I am teaching my young students about the Catholic Faith and in doing this it has strengthened my knowledge and relationship with God. I enjoy practicing and living my faith daily through prayer and by example.

Teaching makes every day a new adventure, and teaching in Catholic School allows me to share my love of teaching with my students while always instilling a love for God and the Catholic Faith.



## Debbie Gentile

Debbie Gentile  
First Grade  
SJRS

We ♥ Teachers!





# 2020 - 2021 A Snapshot of St. Joseph Regional School



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**Blessing Bags**



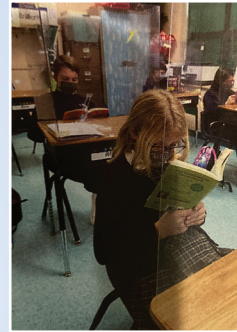
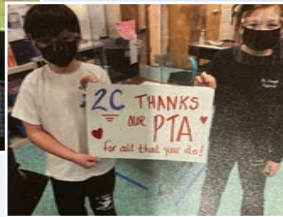
**food drive**



**SJRS Christmas Tree**

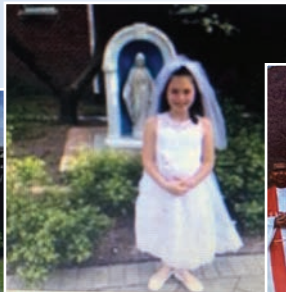


**Read Across America**



*Catholic Schools Week*

**Communion**



**Confirmation**

**smiling faces**



*From a Friend  
to A Friend*

*I shall pass through this world but once.  
Any good, therefore, that I can do  
or any kindness that I can show to  
any human being, let me do it now.  
Let me not differ or neglect it,  
for I shall not pass this way again.*

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## SJRS GRADUATING CLASS 2021





# SJRS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## Eagle Scout: Vincent E. Yacovelli - Troop 94

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*Vincent, your Saint Joseph Regional School family is very proud of you!!*

## Student Art



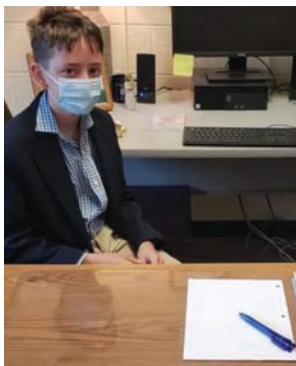
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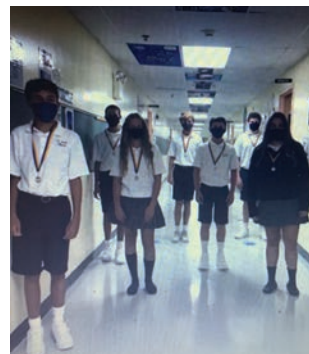
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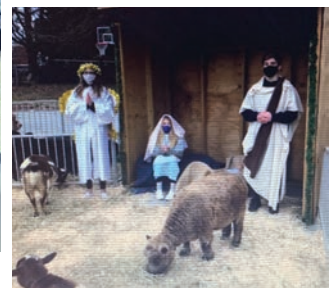
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Principal for A Day



Student Council



Live Nativity



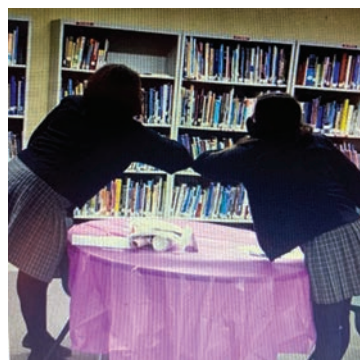
# Katie's Korner

"Katie's Korner" is a cozy reading area where students are inspired to value reading and treasure story books! It was created in 2018 in memory of former SJRS student, Katie Simpson. Children are invited to come and enjoy this nurturing reading area, filled with pops of color and a tremendous selection of beautiful books, located outside of Dr. Fipp's office.

We also have a monthly "Katie's Korner Afterschool Klub" where volunteers combine reading and crafting into a fun activity for students in grades K-5. As with many gatherings in the 2020-2021 school year, the Afterschool Klub did not take place because of Covid. We look forward to starting again this October with a guest reader joining us each month.

As part of our to stay connected with the students, the "Katie's Korner" Committee was able to present an amazing seminar on Etiquette for the 8th grade girls in March of 2021. Presented by Marie Ilg, the girls were treated to two seminars called, "Be Your Best Self!" We are grateful to our generous sponsors for helping us with this very successful presentation.

We would love you to share any ideas you may have! Or, perhaps you would like to join our committee. Please contact Maureen Sullivan, the Art Teacher at SJRS, or Lisa Weiss at 609-214-3542.



## School Garden News Update

This school year was a little different when dealing with our school garden. Covid didn't stop us from using our school garden but it just put a different twist on how each class engaged the garden. A special shout out and thanks goes out to Paul Ludgate and Louise Nunan who so generously give us many hours to prepare our garden each year. We also welcome aboard a young gardener Van who is a Boy Scout that helps us maintain the garden by weeding and watering which is so helpful throughout these summer days. Once the garden is prepared for planting some of the classes planted and harvested different veggies that they learned about and tried maybe for the first time. Our garden is thriving and producing much harvest. We look forward to another school year filled with exciting new ways to enrich our class curriculum by utilizing our school garden.

Happy Gardening,  
*Sister Judy*







Dear SJRS Families and Friends:

Welcome back to all returning families and a big WELCOME to all our new families. I would like to thank our dedicated team of teachers and staff for their unwavering commitment to prepare our students academically, emotionally, and spiritually for high school and life beyond.

Thankfully, we have remained open throughout this pandemic. We all can see firsthand how essential it is to provide students with consistent educational opportunities. Your continued support will help us ensure that our children can achieve their highest potential.

We look forward to the 2021 -2022 school year and pray that this year will continue to be safe and healthy for all our families.

Many blessing to all and thank you for your continued support.

Barbara A. Ridge

*Barbara A. Ridge*

Board Chair, Saint Joseph Regional School

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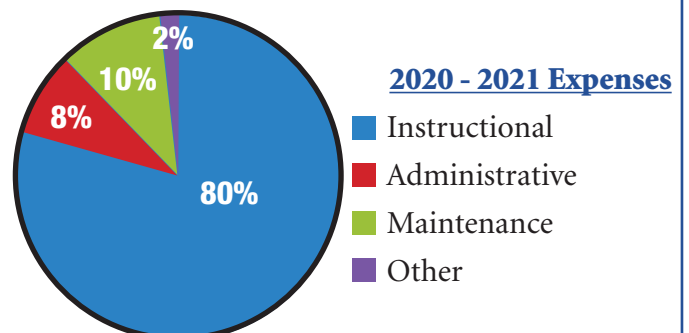
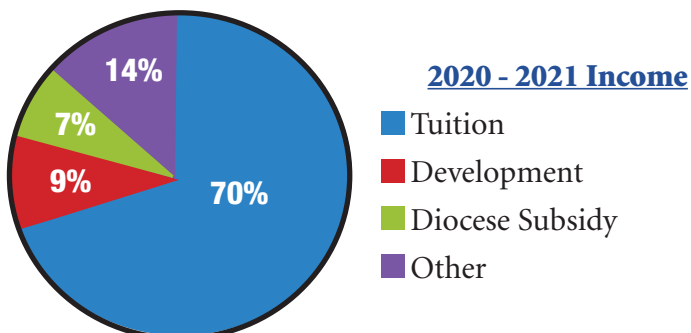
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# YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



## Prayer to St. Joseph

Good St. Joseph,

As you led the Holy Family, watch over our families.  
Help our family and all families to know and share God's love.  
In our family relationships, may we find healing and seek to be holy.  
May our fathers help us to become faithful disciples  
of Jesus who share our love for Him.

As foster father of Jesus,  
watch over all who serve as spiritual fathers.  
In a special way, bless our Holy Father, our Bishop,  
and our priests.

May they follow our humble example in their  
fatherly care for the people of God, the Church.

With Mary, you raised Jesus the High Priest.  
You know our needs for priests.  
Please raise up good and holy priests from our  
families to serve the people of our diocese.  
May our children and grandchildren hear and say  
“yes” to the call of Jesus, just as you and Mary did.

Good St. Joseph, pray for us.

