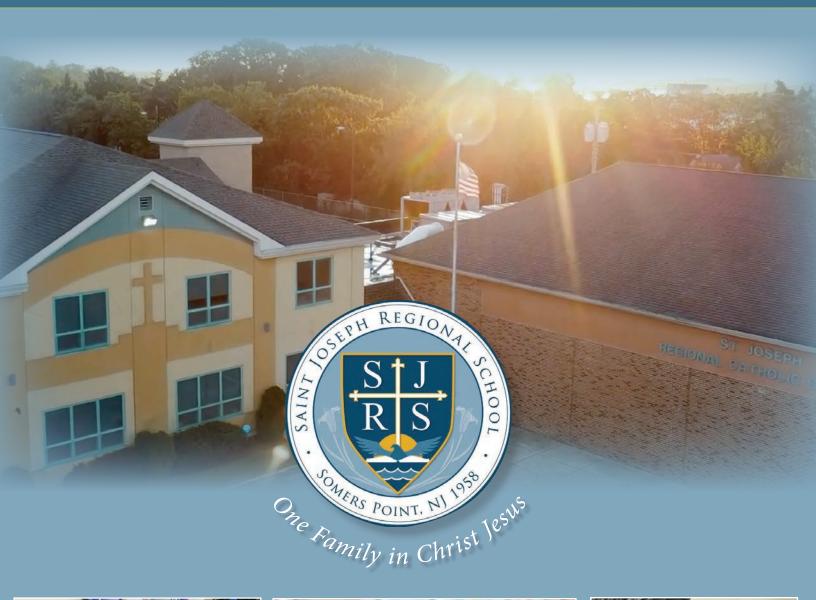
SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023









FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Saint Joseph Regional School Family,

With so much in today's society competing for our children's hearts and minds, Saint Joseph Regional School has become a haven. Our 2022-2023 school year proved that our mission to serve our students was of the utmost importance to the community. It gave families a faith based, academically focused school option for their children.

Our Saint Joseph Regional School students are the center of everything we do. The faculty and staff provide our students with an outstanding educational experience as well as a nurturing social and emotional learning gospel-centered environment. We provide Saint Joseph Regional School students with the core competencies, such as collaboration,



digital literacy, critical thinking and problem-solving, that are required to thrive in today's world.

With each new school year comes new challenges, and opportunities, now more than ever before.

We have identified our spending priorities and continue to focus on:

- Integration of technology into all aspects of our school efforts
- Delivery of curriculum in Religion, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STREAM) as well as English Language Arts (ELA)
- Continued professional development for our teachers to stay on the cutting edge of methods and materials
- School building improvements and enhancements inclusive of our HVAC system, security and continued maintenance

As you may know, tuition does not cover the costs to educate each Saint Joseph student. To sustain our successful school, it takes the continued generosity of supporters like YOU who believe in our mission.

Please join me in ensuring Saint Joseph Regional School continues to provide an exceptional educational experience. Your 2023-2024 Annual Fund donation will foster the development of every Saint Joseph Regional School student.

We are blessed to have you as a partner in our mission. Please remember that 100% of your donation stays here.

May God continue to hold you, your family and friends for peace and good health,

Janice DeCicco Fipp, Ed.D., Principal ance Delices

Janice DeCicco Fipp, Ed.D

A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Family and Friends,

I am blessed to have been enrolled in Saint Joseph Regional School since Kindergarten. I was given the opportunity to be Student Council President my eighth grade year. Saint Joseph Regional provided me with countless opportunities inside and outside the school to become a better student and a better person.



Saint Joseph Regional School will always be family. The faculty and staff give much of their time and talent to assist each and every student. My teachers prepared me for high school, but most importantly they made me feel at home. They shaped me into the independent leader and dedicated student that I am today. I continue to keep in touch with my middle school teachers. I will forever be rooted at 11 Harbor Lane.

Catholic Education, and the foundation that it provides, is more important today than ever before. Saint Joseph's has given me the tools spiritually and academically to succeed in high school and beyond. I received the best education while integrating my Catholic identity. I have started high school at Our Lady of Mercy Academy and look forward to continue to grow spiritually, academically, and give service to others. With your aid, Saint Joseph's can have a more successful future for itself and for all the students who attend.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Grace Sheridan

Grace Sheridan SJRS Class of 2023



8th Grade Student Council Members 2023

TEACHER FEATURE

Mrs. Wilson - 30 Years!



Mrs. Sharon Wilson has been a stable figure at SJRS for 30 years now – the longest that any teacher has taught at SJRS! She has two wonderful children who are also graduates. Mrs. Wilson shares her extraordinary skills in literature and writing with so many students. She always takes the time to get to know each and every one of her students. Many students, both past and present, will tell you that Mrs. Wilson is the reason for their LOVE of reading. She has students not only



praying the rosary, but making rosary beads for others in our community. Over the years, she has introduced many children to the art of quilting. We are so grateful to have Mrs. Wilson here at SJRS!

2022 - 2023 SJRS EVENTS & HAPPENINGS



Family Bingo





Statue Blessing

Father Mohan and the Saint Monica Parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, in AC offered us a Beautiful Sculpture of the Holy Family When Rocky Raccoon Tipped and Broke Our Saint Joseph Statue. Father Santa Teresa blessed our gift with Grade 2 and 3 students from our "I Attend Mass Club".

-Rosary Club

The Rosary Club met once a week after school to make rosaries for patients at the Shore Medical Center. During the 2022-2023 school year, students made a total of 203 rosaries to share their faith and prayers with those in need.





STEAM Club

STEAM club was created by Grade 3 teacher Mr. Giardina after school and was so popular he had to hold the club on multiple days for different grade levels! Students completed the aluminum foil boat buoyancy challenge their first week.

K-8 Buddies Saint Joseph Regional school has a unique program given our school is filled with Prek through Grade 8 students. We match up a kindergarten student each year to a grade eight student. These "buddies" develop a bond like no other. They have lunch together weekly, they enjoy holiday celebrations, and have special time reading and visiting. Many share friendships that last beyond their years at Saint Joseph Regional.

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave true footprints on your heart." - Eleanor Roosevelt









2022 - 2023 SJRS EVENTS & HAPPENINGS



Hawk Walk (Student 5K)

Students completed our 3rd annual HawkWalk during their physical education classes starting in October. Our students and families fundraised over \$33,000 in one week! Prizes were offered to our students for the top fundraisers, the highest level of participation by class and for meeting a personal goal of at least \$50. For those who fundraised \$100 or more, they were given the opportunity to silly string our Principal Dr. Fipp!



PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton: An Inspiring Documentary.

David & Patricia Hughes arranged for the Gateway Theater to play the movie PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton: An Inspiring Documentary in March 2023 and donated the proceeds to Saint Joseph Regional School. Thank you, David and Patricia, for all that you do for our community and for our students!



Chess Club

Grade 1 teacher Sister Judy and Grade 4 teacher Mrs. Christy supervise our weekly chess club. In May, they organized a Chess Evening at our school. Chess players joined us and from Wildwood Catholic Elementary. It was a wonderful evening.

Tea & Cake Auction - Celebrating Dr. Fipp's 50 years in Education!

toasted our Principal Dr. Janice Fipp for 50 years as an educator & enjoyed delicious savories & sweets. Thank you to our guests for supporting our school & to all who donated cakes or desserts to our auction! Thank you to our grade 8 students for donating your time to help work our event. Most importantly, thank you to the Lloyd Family for all of your expertise with planning our event!





Read Across



Service Projects and Community Outreach Every month we have a community outreach through the

are as a Saint Joseph family!





Thank You Volunteers!



I Attend Mass Club

Sisters of St. Joseph. Community outreach is part of who we

Introducing the Founding Members!





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> We are thankful for and appreciate the continued support of family, friends, and local businesses.

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2023 SPRING GALA DONORS

Saint Joseph Regional School had a memorable evening at The Flanders Hotel celebrating 2023 Gala Honoree, the Klemic Family. We are forever grateful for all that they do for our children, school, and our local community!

Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, and most importantly our families and our guests!

We also want to give a huge round of applause to our Gala Co-Chairs: Betsy Beattie-Barnes & Janine Lohmann Walker. Your dedication & endless efforts made this night a huge success!



Gala Special Honoree ~ The Klemic Family

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ATHLETICS

Saint Joseph and St. Vincent's Varsity Girls had a once in a lifetime opportunity to play Basketball at Boardwalk Hall March 11 during the Women's Final of the MAAC Tournament, where the winner went on to the NCAA March Madness. It was a great opportunity for the two Catholic schools to get parents and community supporters out to Atlantic City to watch a basketball game and also support our student athletes. Our school is forever grateful to Dr. Mukesh Roy and parent supporter Michael Bray for coordinating this wonderful opportunity.

SJRS





Softball





SJRS Alumni SPOTLIGHT*

SJRS Class of 2020 Graduate Madelyn Abbott was named a finalist for the "Old Grad Award" for representing the most outstanding female high school student athletes in Atlantic County. She is a standout athlete in Soccer, Swim, and Lacrosse for Holy Spirit High School. What an amazing accomplishment! Congratulations, Madelyn!

SJRS Class of 2016 Graduate Drue Nicholas won the Joseph H. Patterson Cup in Wayne, PA and made history! Drue shot a 7-under par 63 in the first round, the lowest first round score in tournament history! We are very proud of you, Drue!

SJRS Class of 2020 Graduate Jack Hierholzer was awarded a scholarship to the New York Film Academy for his dedication as a Performing Arts Student with the Cappies of Southern New Jersey -SNJ Program. We are proud of your hard work and dedication, Jack!

In year 2015, Maddy and Macey Valtri wrote & illustrated two books: the Adventures of Sea Stone and The Big Splash. They joined SJRS in 7th grade & graduated from SJRS Class of 2020. They shared their love of writing and reading with our community. They sold their books at school and local parishes. Maddy and Macey fundraised a total of \$1,225 for Saint Joseph Regional School! We are so very blessed and grateful!



Madelyn Abbott '20



Drue Nicholas '16



Jack Hierholzer '20



Maddy & Macey Valtri

*SHARE YOUR NEWS – we want to hear from you! Please send your alumni updates and achievements to: alumni@sjrs.org



Our families had the opportunity to explore the Elements of Art and Design through the eyes of our beautiful Kindergarten through Grade 8 Students at Saint Joseph Regional School.



SJRS hosted a famous Artist Meet & Greet, featuring: Vincent Van Gogh, Yayoi Kusama, Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Dale Chihuly and Frida Kahlo. Students dressed up as Claude Monet, Yayoi Kusama- The Princess of Dots, Vincent Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo & played their parts well for our artist meet & greet. Beautiful student art work on display. Thank you to art teacher Liz Katz for bringing your vision to life. We appreciate your passion & hard work!





Our families had the opportunity to come see the wonderful science experiments of our middle school students. It was the opportunity for them to display their work and explain their projects to family, friends, students and our faculty. Also displayed was the amazing Biome's made by Mrs. McFadden's students, they used their imagination and talent in producing their science project.















Katie's Korner concluded its fifth year as a welcoming and joyful reading area, where children are invited to come and enjoy a good book, and where teachers may bring their students to share a special book. Katie's Korner was created in 2018 in memory of former SJRS student, Katie Simpson, an avid reader and a young woman who loved life and her family. In addition to enjoying the vast

collection of beautiful books in the reading corner, students are inspired by guest authors and artists in Katie's Korner Afterschool Klub, where reading and crafting are combined. A large bulletin board borders Katie's Korner and its monthly messages promote and encourage reading and happiness. Our hope is that students will be energized, inspired, and touched with a new appreciation for reading.

Just to mention a few of our 2022/2023 activities.....We first welcomed Donna Kissam, who engaged the children in a fun interactive activity with the book *The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't*

Afraid of Anything. Tim Smith, a local artist, led an exciting acrylic painting workshop of the Phillie Phanatic for the 5th Grade students where the students created beautiful and fun paintings. Author and artist, Laura Statuti, presented a wonderful reading of *Butterbean and the Not So Quiet Farm.* Laura treated the children to a complementary copy of the book and they all loved taking home a stuffie of Butterbean! A special connection is made when children are given the opportunity to meet a real author! Amy McDermott, sister of Katie, provided an exciting reading of *The Circus Ship*, dressed in a ringmaster costume, while props and accessories were provided for the students. Children then created a beautiful collaged lion to coincide with the book. And we really enjoyed the clay bracelet project with the 6th graders.

We are grateful to our guest readers and volunteer assistants, Reenie Friedrich, Phyllis Simpson, Noel Tobiasen, and Patrice Popovic. Another exciting year is planned for "Katie's Korner" with fresh and updated décor. We would love you to share any ideas you may have! Or, perhaps you would like to join our committee or donate hardback books from our wishlist. Please contact Maureen Sullivan at 609-214-2835 or Lisa Weiss at 609-214-3542.

SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS UPDATE

This past school year we had 5th graders that were very excited and filled with lots of energy to work in our school garden. We also had 2 of their dads help us out. A big thank you to them. Mr. House and Mr. Mays along with Paul Ludgate, Mrs. Lacy and Sister Judy. With all our improvement by the garden area we still worked on our Saint Francis Corner and our garden area near the greenhouse. A fun time filled with many garden ideas. We also designed garden t-shirts for the club.

We are looking forward to another great year with many new ideas.

Blessings,

Sister Judy 🎤 🥔 🌽









Dear SJRS Families and Friends:

Welcome back to another great year at Saint Joseph Regional School. It is always a pleasure to walk into our school and see the students in the classrooms and hallways filling them with laughter and excitement about learning.

Our teachers and staff members have been working hard in preparing for the new 2023-2024 school year. We have made some improvements to the inside and outside of the school over the summer all under Dr. Fipps guidance. We hope you approve!

It is truly a privilege to serve as Chair of the school board and to be part of a community of parents, students, teachers, and friends who take care of each other and strive to build positive relationships and support academic and religious growth.

"Great things in business are never done by one person: they're done by a team of people." ~ Steve Jobs

We have the best team!

God bless.

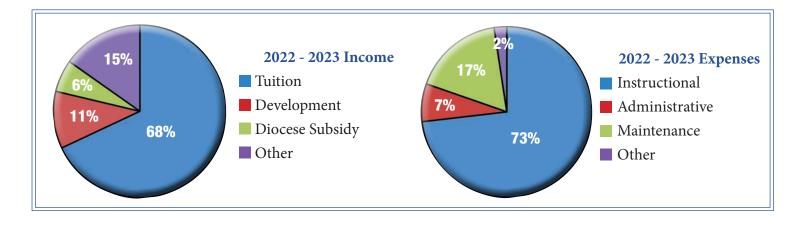
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Saint Joseph Regional School

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