



# SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025



*One Family in Christ Jesus*



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Saint Joseph Regional School Family,

With so much in today's world competing for our children's hearts and minds, Saint Joseph Regional School continues to stand as a haven of faith, learning, and community. Our 2024–2025 school year reaffirms that our mission—to serve our students with excellence in both faith and academics—remains vital to the families who call SJRS home.

At Saint Joseph Regional School, our students are truly at the center of everything we do. Our dedicated faculty and staff work tirelessly to provide an exceptional, gospel-centered education that nurtures both intellect and spirit. We continue to develop core competencies that prepare students to thrive in today's world—collaboration, digital literacy, critical thinking, and problem-solving—all grounded in Catholic values.

With each new school year comes both challenges and opportunities. Now more than ever, we are focused on the priorities that strengthen our school community:

- Integration of technology throughout all aspects of learning
- Faith-centered instruction, with Religion woven into every subject
- Ongoing professional development to keep our teachers at the forefront of effective education
- Building improvements, including HVAC upgrades, enhanced security, and continued maintenance

As you know, tuition alone does not cover the full cost of educating each Saint Joseph student. The continued generosity of supporters like you—those who believe in our mission—makes all the difference.

I invite you to join me in ensuring that Saint Joseph Regional School continues to provide an exceptional Catholic education for every child entrusted to our care. Your 2025–2026 Annual Fund donation directly supports our students, our teachers, and the future of our school. **Please remember that 100% of your contribution stays right here at SJRS.**

We are truly blessed to have you as a partner in our mission.

May God continue to bless you and your family with peace, good health, and joy.

With gratitude and blessings,

Janice DeCicco Fipp, Ed.D., Principal



Janice DeCicco Fipp, Ed.D



# A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Family and Friends,

I have been at Saint Joseph's Regional School for more than half of my life—since first grade all the way to eighth—and what I've learned here has greatly impacted my identity as a student, a Catholic, and a human being. In my years of education at St. Joe's, I learned about the language arts, math, science, history, music, Spanish, and more. This school has prepared me for the next step, equipping me with the skills to handle more challenging classes in high school. More importantly, I learned about God, His extraordinary love, and what it means to be a Catholic. Now, I understand my faith and demonstrate Christian values like kindness and forgiveness every day.



This was all possible thanks to the teachers, staff members, and students of SJRS. The teachers taught me how to write essays and solve equations, but they also taught me life-long skills that will take me far in life, like patience and perseverance. The staff aided me in every way, reminding me that in this school, I never have to face challenges alone. The friends I made here brought times of joy and fun, as well as comfort in moments of strife. I am who I am today because of St. Joe's. I would not be walking into high school the same person I am without having met all the people that I did.

I am grateful for having gone to St. Joe's. To all the students here, you are privileged to be able to go to this school. Enjoy your time here. Remember to forgive others for their mistakes, as you will make mistakes too, and seize every opportunity.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

*Talena Nguyen*

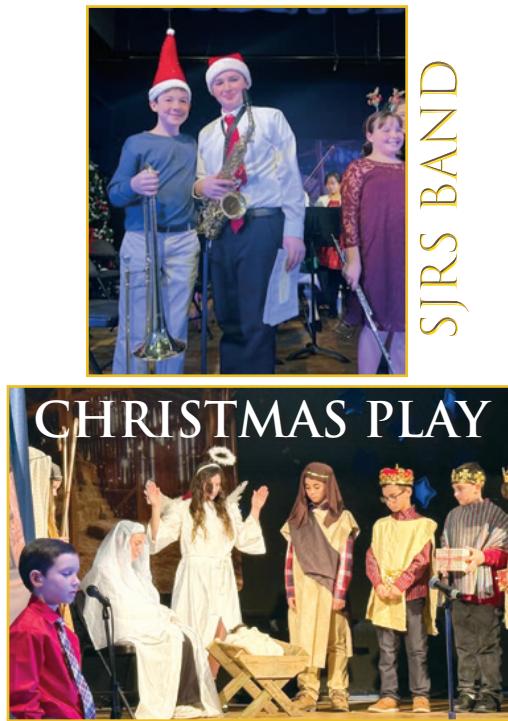
Talena Nguyen  
Student Council President  
Class of 2025



8th Grade Student Council Members 2025

# 2024 - 2025 SJRS EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

## BISHOP MASS



## LIVING NATIVITY



# 2024 - 2025 SJRS EVENTS & HAPPENINGS



## TEACHER FEATURE

Our school community came together to honor and surprise two extraordinary teachers, Debbi Gentile and Antoinette DiPalma who are retiring after years of loving and dedicated service to Saint Joseph Regional School. With heartfelt words, gifts, and special moments shared by students, we celebrated the lasting impact these two remarkable educators have made in the lives of so many.



## ALUMNI CORNER

SJRS graduate Drue Nicholas won the 125th BMW Philadelphia Amateur at Aronimink Golf Club in June. Nicholas became just the 25th person to win both the Philadelphia Amateur and the Patterson Cup. Congratulations!



## Police Chief for a Day

Thanks to our 2025 Casino Night silent auction, one lucky student spent the day as Somers Point's *Police Chief for a Day*—touring the station, learning from officers, and representing SJRS in our community!



## Day of Service 2025

## Vet Day



## Fire Prevention Day



## Food Drive

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and appreciate the continued  
support of family, friends,  
and local businesses.***

# 2025 SPRING GALA - CASINO NIGHT

**Saint Joseph Regional School introduced an exciting new direction for our annual Spring Gala — our first-ever Casino Night.** Hosted at the beautiful Great Bay Country Club, the event was a tremendous success and drew record participation from families, parishioners, alumni, and community supporters. Guests enjoyed casino table games, dancing, raffle baskets, dinner, drinks, and a spirited silent auction. As one of our most important fundraising events of the year, the Spring Gala plays a vital role in supporting school operations, enhancing student programs, and ensuring continued growth for Saint Joseph Regional School. We are deeply thankful for our generous sponsors and all who attended — your support made this event possible and impactful. Mark your calendars—Casino Night returns on March 21, and we can't wait to build on last year's excitement!



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Your generosity and support have made our Casino Royale Gala an extraordinary success!*



# SJRS SPORTS



Baseball



Softball



Basketball



Hawk Walk



## SJRS GRADUATING CLASS 2025



# 'TIS THE SEASON FOR...



GIVING TUESDAY



Read Across America 



Valentine Buddies ❤



Daddy Daughter Dance



EASTER 2025



# Katie's Korner



**Katie's Korner** is a special reading area at St. Joseph Regional School, created in memory of alumna Katie Simpson, to inspire a love of reading in a warm, welcoming environment and help cultivate a community of readers. Teachers are encouraged to use the space with their classes or small groups throughout the year. The Katie's Korner team offers classroom visits that include a story read-aloud and a related craft activity, connecting reading with creativity. In addition, the team of Katie's Korner volunteers brings guest artists and authors to meet with the children, making reading an exciting and enriching experience for all students. Students in grades K-3 are also welcome to borrow books from Katie's Korner. For more information, please contact Lisa Weiss or Maureen Sullivan.

## School Garden NEWS UPDATE



**Another terrific and exciting year in our school garden.** Once again a BIG thank you to Jim House, Paul Ludgate, Mrs. Christine Lacy and Sister Judy. Our energetic 5th and 7th graders who are in our school garden club who built once again a new area of our garden. As our garden expands it is getting better and better. This year the garden club built a new Sensory Garden.

**Adding a Sensory Garden to our school's successful vegetable garden has been wonderful.** It would be especially beneficial to grades PreK 3 to Grade 2 when teaching curriculum standards. Grades 3-8 would benefit from its calm atmosphere. We also added a book box with all kinds of books related to our garden theme for the teachers to share with their students. Possible plants that will engage all five senses such as:

**Taste:** mint, cherry tomatoes, mignonette strawberries, ...

**Smell:** lavender, hyacinth, lily of the valley, sweet autumn clematis, honeysuckle, chamomile,

**Touch:** Lamb's ear, ornamental graces, rosemary, salvia also smooth stones that surround the bed as well as some smooth pottery for mint...

**Sound:** grasses that will move, plants that will attract winged friends; butterfly bush, black eyed susan, lavender, spider wort, also wind chimes.

**Sight:** colorful plants such as: Dahlias, Phlox, bearded iris, (the list is endless...).

At the beginning of this school year September 2025, we are planning on having an official ribbon cutting ceremony to bless all that will use the garden and what will grow to help enhance our learning in our new school year.

With all our improvements the garden area is filled with wonderful herbs and vegetables, a fantastic pumpkin patch and now our new addition with our sensory garden.

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

Blessings and peace,

*Sister Judy*



Dear Parents, Friends and Alumni,

As summer comes to a close and backpacks are packed once again, we welcome a brand-new school year with excitement and hope.

We want to take this opportunity to extend our deepest thanks to all who make our school community strong. Dr Fipp, the staff, volunteers and families. Together, we create an environment where every child can learn, grow and feel loved.

Let's move into this new year with faith, teamwork and excitement for all that's ahead.

God Bless,

*Barbara A. Ridge*

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School Board President

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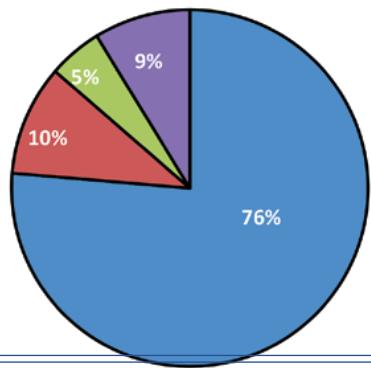
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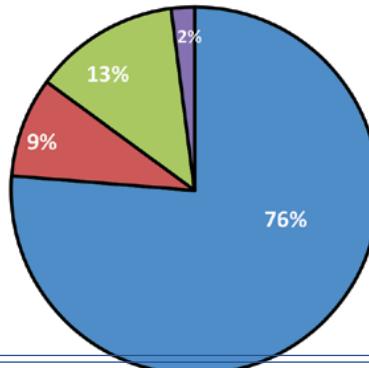
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### 2024 - 2025 Income

- Tuition
- Development
- Diocese Subsidy
- Other



### 2024 - 2025 Expenses

- Instructional
- Administrative
- Maintenance
- Other



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**February 7, 2026**

Saint Joseph Regional School

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

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**April 19, 2026**

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