

**Saint Joseph/Saint Robert Parish
Junior CYO
Welcomes You!**



Welcome to Saint Joseph/Saint Robert Junior CYO! You are receiving this letter because your child is either new to Saint Joseph/Saint Robert School/Prep program or she/he is now eligible to participate in the SJR Junior CYO program. The CYO program focuses on growth within spiritual, service, social and sport activities. Your child does not have to participate in the sports program to participate in the spiritual, service or social areas of our program. However, we do expect and stress if she/he does participate in any sport that they make a strong effort to participate in the spiritual, service, and social areas. To that effort we have blackout dates for practice and games, when there is a scheduled spiritual, service or social event. A calendar of events will be sent home at the beginning of the school year. The calendar of events and list of blackout dates can be found on the Junior CYO website.

The following provides some general information related to our program.

Website Links

Link to SJR Junior CYO program: www.sjrhawkscy.org

Link to Region 11: Saint Joseph/Saint Robert is a part of this region within the Archdiocese:
<http://www.region11cyo.org/>

Spiritual/Service/Social Events

A tentative calendar of events for the year is sent home at the beginning of the school year outlining spiritual, service and social events. The calendar of events is also posted on the Junior CYO website. As previously mentioned practices or games are not scheduled on those days to give your child the best opportunity to attend these events.

Saint Joseph/Saint Robert Junior CYO also has fundraisers throughout the year

Sports

Sign-ups for these sports are announced in the weekly newsletter, Saint Joseph/Saint Robert Sunday Bulletin and the Junior CYO website. All registrations are done through www.wagdogs.com. Registration fees vary by sport and can be paid online or sent through the school or Parish. Registration is open for approximately one month and starts approximately one month before the start of any practices.

Saint Joseph/Saint Robert Junior CYO offers the following sports:

Fall

Registration – July 1st through July 25th

Season - August 1st until October 31st

Cheerleading	N/A	Girls	Grades 4 th through 8 th
Cross Country ²	N/A	Boys/Girls	Grades 4 th through 8 th
Football ¹	Varsity	Boys	Grades 7 th and 8 th
Football ¹	Junior Varsity	Boys	Grades 4 th through 6 th
Soccer	Varsity	Boys/Girls	Grades 7 th and 8 th
Soccer	Junior Varsity	Boys/Girls	Grades 5 th and 6 th
Soccer	Instructional	Boys/Girls	Grades 3 rd and 4 th
Volleyball	Varsity	Girls	Grades 7 th and 8 th

Volleyball	Junior Varsity	Girls	Grades 5 th and 6 th
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Winter

Registration – October 1st through October 24th

Season - November 1st until February 28th

Basketball	Varsity	Boys/Girls	Grades 7 th and 8 th
Basketball	Junior Varsity	Boys/Girls	Grades 5 th and 6 th

Spring

Registration – January 9th through February 20th

Season - March 1st until May 31st

Baseball	Varsity	Boys	Grades 7 th through 8 th
Baseball	Junior Varsity	Boys	Grades 5 th through 6 th
Softball	Varsity	Girls	Grades 6 th through 8 th
Softball	Parish League	Girls	Grades 4 th and 5 th
Track ²	N/A	Boys/Girls	Grades 4 th through 8 th

¹ Denotes the Saints football team. These teams are made up of 3 other parishes in addition to Saint Joseph/Saint Robert. They are Saint Cyril's, Saint Vincent's, and Nativity of Our Lord. Sign-ups occur in the spring after Mass at each of the parishes. For additional information please visit www.saintscyo.com

² If your child is interested in running, please check with the AD, Track and/or Cross Country Coaches. There may be opportunity for them to compete in grades 1 through 3. Note- this will be at the coach's discretion.

Coaching/Volunteering

Archdiocese policy requires that anyone wanting to coach MUST have their Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearance completed and attends the Archdiocese Coaching Orientation (if coaching a sport) and the Safe Environment Training prior to interaction with the children. The Athletic Director can not submit a coach's name with the sports roster to the Archdiocese unless ALL four have been completed. If you are planning on coaching please allow 6 - 8 weeks for this process.

- Link for Criminal Background check can be found through SJR's Junior CYO website, the Region 11 website or at <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>. This can be obtained instantly online. Cost is \$10.00.
- After receiving the criminal background check you must apply for a Child Abuse Clearance. This form is on the SJR Junior CYO website or Region 11 website. This must be mailed and a copy of the Criminal Background Check must accompany the Child Abuse Form.
- Safe Environment Training can be found by visiting www.virtus.org for available dates and more details.
- Coaches only must attend a Coaching Orientation. Available dates can be found on the Region 11 website.

Copies of your background clearances and class attendance must be submitted to the Saint Joseph/Saint Roberts CYO President via Saint Joseph/Saint Robert School, Prep or Saint Joseph/ Saint Robert Parish Office.

General Information

From time to time we may publish pictures of our events on the parish website or in local newspapers. The Photo Release Form is completed for each sport at the time of registration on

Wagdogs. For our members not participating in a sport we request that you fill out a Photo Release Form found on the Saint Joseph/Saint Robert CYO website.

Communication is done primarily through our weekly newsletter. The newsletter is e-mailed on Wednesday afternoons with other school/Prep information. The weekly newsletter may also be found on the Saint Joseph/Saint Roberts Junior CYO website.

In recognition of the students' accomplishments during the year, a banquet is held in June. Children are acknowledged for their leadership, spiritual, service and sports excellence. This is an event for the entire family and a great way to end our year!

Contact Information

Should you have any questions about the CYO program, please contact an Executive Board member:

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The full list of Executive and Advisory members can be found at www.sjrhawkscy.org

Anyone wishing to address the CYO Board with a question or concern is invited to attend a quarterly meeting or contact Dom Anzideo 215 491-4881

As always, we are grateful for your support and cooperation.

Thank you and God bless you. We look forward to you joining our program!

The Saint Joseph/Saint Robert Junior CYO Board