

## ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – Friday, September 9, 2022

**DEAR ST. ROBERT FAMILY** – What a wonderful beginning to this new 2022-23 school year! I am so grateful for all of you, and the first couple of weeks of school have been such a joy for me...and for so many of us. I love being with the kids. This year, Sarah Bushey and I have chosen a theme for our school year; a way to focus our attention together. In prayer and discussion, one theme rose to the surface: **Anchored in Christ**. While we always need to have all our hope in Christ and only in Christ, our hoping in God during these times seem especially important for all of us. This year, I believe God is inviting us to “re-connect” with Him and with one another (in Him), and the life and blessings that this brings. Today, as we settle into our new school year, I know we will face unexpected challenges (and some expected ones too!), opportunities for trusting in God and opening ourselves to His mercy. We will face daily opportunities to choose either to look to God to lead our life or handle things ourselves as best we can. Discouragement, confusion, negativity, division, and fear are not from God. He invites us to look to Him, to trust in Him, to anchor our daily lives in Him. **God is with us in Jesus**. How can we anchor our lives in Him? In prayer, in Sunday Mass, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in daily prayer with Scripture, in being with one another in worship, learning and recreation, in service and sharing our gifts with one another...in all the ways that we choose to love God above all things and one another as Jesus loves us. **I encourage you in your family to ask Jesus what is one concrete way that He is calling you and your family to grow in Anchoring Your Family’s Life in Christ by re-connecting (1) with God directly (and (2) with others**. The ways of doing this are as many as each one of us and the unique gifts God has given us to love. I think for all of us this will mean disconnecting from our devices in some way and reconnecting “face-to-face” with God and each other. Sometimes, our starting point is acknowledging how hard it is to trust in Jesus (“Where are you Jesus in this difficulty in my life? I don’t see how I can trust in you or what that means?”) and asking for His help, and the help of the Holy Spirit. He knows how to help you, lead you, heal you, protect you. Trust in Him with everything in your life, above all your family. **When we are Anchored In Christ, we are truly safe, we find real strength, real truth, real life. Thanks be to God for Jesus!** Fr. Jon

**ST. ROBERT 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – There will be all kinds of activities to celebrate our 100th Anniversary, so mark your calendars for the weekend of September 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Thursday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** - Nationally renowned pro-life speaker Rebecca Kiessling, (who was conceived in rape), will be kicking off our Catholic Teaching Speaker series with a talk on the dignity of every human being.
- **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>-Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** - 24 Hour Exposition and Adoration followed by a light reception after 8:30am Mass on Saturday morning. These 24 hours will include a Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers throughout.
- **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after 10:30am Mass** - There will be a picnic, games/music for the whole family, a school open house, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and an abundance of blessings from our priests (especially for anyone who was baptized or married at St. Robert, anyone who attended the school or is/has been a parishioner over the past 100 years)! We hope you’ll be able to attend all or any part of our celebration. All are welcome, so invite family, friends and neighbors.

**EMERGENCY CARDS** – We have now completed our first three weeks of school. Have you returned your child’s blue emergency card and yellow health form? These items are very important. Teachers use the health form whenever students leave campus and the information on the emergency card is used in the office if your child is ill or hurt and we have to call home. Blank cards/forms are available in the school office. **Please turn your completed items in to your child’s homeroom teacher by Monday, 9/12.**



**NEWSLETTER NOTICE** – Just a reminder that the email system for newsletters will begin next Friday (September 16<sup>th</sup>).

**SPIRIT WEAR AND DRESS CODE SHIRT** – An order form for Dress Code Shirts/Spirit Wear Shirts went home last week. Spirit wear shirts can be worn on jeans and casual days. Dress code shirts can be worn any time. A copy of the order form can be found at the end of this newsletter. Orders, with payment, are due by Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT COUNCIL** is gearing up for campaigns, elections and the beginning of their work this school year. Mrs. Cindy Kelly and Mrs. Krystal Reagan will once again sponsor the Student Council, which is comprised of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Those seeking an officer's position will give campaign speeches explaining their platform on September 14<sup>th</sup>, campaign on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and elections will be held during school on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The results of the elections will be announced to the school at the end of the day on Friday, 9/16. Please explain to your children the importance of voting on merit and not popularity.

**CALLING ALL 2 YEAR OLDS!** – There's still time to enroll in the St. Robert School 2+1 program for 2022-2023. This popular program gives a parent/adult and toddler (2 years old by 9/1/22 or 3 years old by 9/1/22) an opportunity for a weekly play/social school experience. There will be two 10-week sessions, and the classes are held on Mondays from 9-10 am. Session 1 begins September 12<sup>th</sup> and runs through November 21<sup>st</sup>. Session 2 is scheduled January 9<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$25.00 for one 10-week session or \$50.00 for both sessions. Registration materials are available online at [www.strobertschool.com](http://www.strobertschool.com) or from either the parish or the school offices. The program fee is due at registration and registrations are processed at the parish office.

### **HOT LUNCH NEWS**

- **Price Change** – Just a reminder that the cost of hot lunch is now **\$3.50** NOT \$3.00.
- **New Sandwich Option** – Each day we'll offer a sandwich option along with the regular hot lunch option. The cost for either option is \$3.50.
- **Hot Lunch Requests** (for students not present in the morning for lunch count) must be called in to the school office **no later than 9am**. Students who submit a hot lunch request after the 9am deadline will receive an emergency hot lunch – **NOT** the hot lunch option of the day.

**LAST CALL FOR PAPER COPIES** – This year we are once again working to reduce paper waste by emailing the weekly newsletter and monthly calendar/menu to all school families instead of handing them out to every student in the building. We will also post the newsletter, monthly activity calendar and menu on the school website ([www.strobertschool.com](http://www.strobertschool.com)). This system will begin on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. If you do not have access to a computer, please fill out the form below (**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO**) and return it to the school office. This will ensure that a paper copy of the activity calendar/menu and newsletter is sent home with your child.

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### **Request for Paper Copies** **\*\*\*(One Per Family)\*\*\***

***Info for student who should receive the paper copy:***

\_\_\_\_\_ (Student Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Grade)

\_\_\_\_\_ I want paper copies of the Newsletter and Activity Calendar/Menu sent home with my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)



**BOOSTER MEETING** – Join us for the first Booster meeting of 22/23 to find out what this wonderful parent group has planned for SRS. We are looking for new officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary), as well as members at large. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Media Center. Please email Mrs. Bushey at [principal@strobertschool.com](mailto:principal@strobertschool.com) if you'd like to join the Boosters, but won't be able to attend the meeting. Childcare will be available during the meeting. **Please RSVP the number of students needed for childcare to Mrs. Bobalik at [secretary@strobertschool.com](mailto:secretary@strobertschool.com) by 2pm on Tuesday, 9/13.** You do receive a PIP credit for joining Boosters or for attending Booster meetings. We hope to see you there!

**SCHOOL PICTURES** – Mark your calendar! School pictures will be taken Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Students may wear dress code or their "Sunday Best". Denim, t-shirts, revealing outfits, casual clothing or open toe/heel shoes are **NOT** appropriate. **Everything related to pictures will be electronic this year, so please watch your email for picture packet information.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – We are looking for two people to help on Picture Day (September 20<sup>th</sup>). Picture day volunteers will receive 2 PIP credits. Email the school office at [secretary@strobertschool.com](mailto:secretary@strobertschool.com) if you can help.

**GRASP** – Did your child complete the GRASP program over the summer and receive a certificate and/or medal? If so, please send the certificate/medal to the school office. We will hold on to them and include them in our first semester award assembly in February, so that your child can be officially recognized for his/her achievement.

**PIP REMINDER** – PIP credits are accrued from March to March each year. Don't forget to turn in a PIP credit form if you have any PIP credits that you earned from April 2022 and throughout the summer. PIP statements will go home at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. PIP credit forms can be found on the school website under the "Parents/Community" section.

**SUPPORT OUR VETERANS** – The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Assembly #2211 requests your assistance in helping veterans. The donation list is for veterans at the Saginaw VA Hospital (of items not supplied by VA or Dept. of Defense).

- **PERSONAL ITEMS & CLOTHING** (No Food Items Please) – Toothbrushes, Disposable Razors, Toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Body Wash, Non-Alcoholic Mouthwash, Laundry Detergent, Combs/Brushes, Men's & Women's T-Shirts, Women's Underwear, Men's Briefs Med-3x, Men's & Women's Sweatpants & Sweatshirts, Men's Socks & Shoes Size 8-13, Men's & Women's Coats and Gifts Cards (Gas-Meijer, Walmart) \$10-\$50.

Please place donations in the box near Mary's Room. This collection will run through September. Thank you for your generosity. Questions? Contact: Tom Roke (810) 635-2535 or Matthew Hartmann (810) 659-8153.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, 9/12	9-10am, 2+1 begins
Tuesday, 9/13	Spirit Wear / Dress Code Orders due
Wednesday, 9/14	8:36-9:21am, 8 <sup>th</sup> Confessions 12:15pm, Student Council Speeches (Gym) 2:45pm, Dept. Chairs Meeting (Media Center) 6pm, Boosters Meeting (Media Center)
Thursday, 9/15	Student Council Campaigns 8:30am, Mass
Friday, 9/16	Student Council Elections 24 Hour Exposition / Adoration

# Spirit Wear & Dress Code Apparel Form

(Due Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>)



## Dress Code Apparel

These items can be worn as part of the daily dress code

**Quarter-zip Sweatshirt.....\$20**  
(navy or red in Youth S-L, Adult S-XL)

**(DC) Crewneck Sweatshirt .....\$15**  
(navy or red in Youth S-L, Adult S-XL)

**Boys & Girls short-sleeve polo.....\$13**  
(navy or red, white XS, S, M, L)

**Women's short-sleeve polo.....\$13**  
(navy, red, white, S-XXL)

**Men's short-sleeve polo.....\$13**  
(navy, red, white, S-XXL)

**Long-sleeve polo.....\$15**  
(navy, red, white, Adult S-XXL)

**ADD \$2 for all XXL sizes**



## Spirit Wear Apparel

These items can be worn on jeans and casual days

**Hooded Sweatshirt.....\$20**  
(navy or red in Youth S-L, Adult S-XXL)

**(SW) Crewneck Sweatshirt .....\$15**  
(navy or red in Youth S-L, Adult S-XXL)

**Youth T-Shirt .....\$10**  
(navy or red, S, M, L)

**Adult T-Shirt.....\$10**  
(navy or red, S-XXL)

**Youth Long Sleeve T-Shirt.....\$12**  
(navy or red, S, M, L)

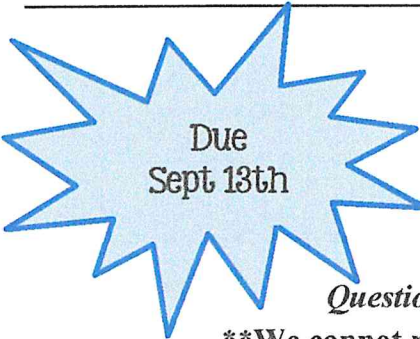
**Adult Long Sleeve T-Shirt.....\$12**  
(navy or red, S-XXL)

**Car Decal-4x6 White SRS Logo.....\$5**

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	COLOR	SIZE	PRICE

Subtotal           \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
6% Sales tax       \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**GRAND TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_



**RETURN PAID ORDERS TO SCHOOL**

**\*Make Checks payable to: St. Robert**

*Questions? Krystal Reagan (kreagan@strobertschool.com)*

**\*\*We cannot refund money or make exchanges after orders are placed.**