



THE ST. ROBERT

REPORTER

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Fueling the light of Christ through faith, service, and academic excellence.

WEEKLY EDITION

September 11, 2026

Mrs. Bushey's Buzz

Dear St. Robert Families,

What a great week at St. Robert! First, I want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who made Parent Information Night a priority this week. I know how busy family schedules are. Between practices, homework, work schedules, dinner, and everything else that fills our evenings, giving up a night is not always easy. Your presence mattered, and I am so grateful you were there@

One of the most important ingredients in a successful school year is a strong partnership between home and school. Our teachers spend a tremendous amount of time preparing not only to teach your children, but to know them, challenge them, encourage them, and help them grow. Parent Information Night gives us an opportunity to make sure we begin the year on the same page - with shared expectations, open communication, and a common goal: helping each child become the person God is calling them to be.

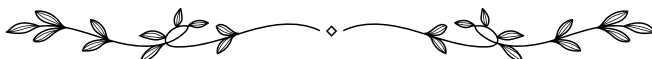
That partnership doesn't end with Parent Information Night. Please stay connected with us. Read the newsletter, check FACTS, reach out to your child's teacher when you have a question, celebrate the good things happening, and let us know when your child needs a little extra support. We want to work with you. Your children are at their very best when they know the important adults in their lives are working together.

I also hope you'll make plans to join us on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. for our Protect Young Eyes parent presentation, Digital Discernment: Creating a Tech-Ready Home in the AI Age. This is another important opportunity for us to partner together as we help our children navigate a world that looks very different from the one many of us grew up in.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for continuing to show up - for them and for St. Robert!

We are growing. We are learning. *We are answering the call.*

Mrs. Bushey



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:
CHARITY



SAINT OF THE WEEK:
ST. JUAN DIEGO



SONG OF THE WEEK:
LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

**UPDATED YEAR LONG
CALENDAR LINK**

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE SRS
GOOGLE CALENDAR**



LOOKING AHEAD

SAT., 9/19

- Holy Smokes Parish/School
Feast Day Gathering

FRI., 9/25

- **NO SCHOOL (NOTE: This is a new day off and has been added to the calendar to reflect this!)**

SAT., 10/3

- Cheers to Chargers event at Powers HS 4-6pm

FRI., 10/9

- Powers Homecoming Family Parade, Tailgate and Football Game

FOOD SERVICE

We are so happy to have a new system set up in FACTS for lunch accounts! We are now "PrePay" for lunch! Please follow these steps to login and add funds to your lunch account. It will work like a debit account. For example, if you add \$100 to your child's account, it will minus \$4.25 each lunch, or \$2.75 for each breakfast. All meals will show up as "lunch" under cafeteria.

1. Login to your Family Portal.
2. On the left side, choose "Financial"
3. You should have a window pop up to "PrePay"
4. Click that button and add funds! It's that easy!
5. Accounts will be charged each Tuesday for the lunches from the previous week.

Please let Mrs. Bobalik know if you have questions on this.

We are still awaiting notification from the State of Michigan regarding whether St. Robert will qualify to provide meals at no cost to all students under the state's recently approved budget. Until that determination is made, the current meal prices are listed on the school menus in the links below.

Please complete the Free & Reduced-Price Meal Application here: [F&R Application](#)

(Please submit digitally to bkushon@strobertschool.com or send the paper copy in with your child to school.)

Please click here for monthly menus and any updated meal pricing: [September Menu](#)

WE NEED A FEW EXTRA HANDS!

We are looking to fill a few important spots at St. Robert - both volunteer and paid!

Lunchroom Volunteers

In order to keep our students properly supervised (and our lunchroom running smoothly!), we could use some extra hands on deck, particularly during our lower elementary lunch. There is always a teacher on duty, but we are looking for 1-2 consistent volunteers who may be available Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to help with our lunch program.

Can't commit every day? We still need you! If you are available to volunteer even one day a week, we would greatly appreciate the help. Please contact Mrs. Belott in the office if you are interested or able to volunteer.

EXTRA YEARBOOKS

We have a few extra yearbooks that are able to be purchased for \$18! Come to the office or send money in with your child and we will send it home with them.

PROTECT YOUNG EYES

I am SO excited to share a preview of something we are bringing to St. Robert this fall! Part of our mission at SRS is not only to educate our students, but to protect them, form them, and equip their parents and grandparents to do the same. In today's world, that means helping our children learn to navigate technology, social media, online content, and AI with wisdom, confidence, and faith. This fall, we are bringing a special program to SRS focused on digital discernment and creating tech-ready homes, with opportunities for our staff, parents, and students.

Save the Dates!

Friday, September 25 — NO SCHOOL

Our staff will participate in professional development focused on better supporting and protecting our students in today's digital world.

Wednesday, October 7 @ 6:30 p.m.— Parent Presentation

“Digital Discernment: Creating a Tech-Ready Home in the AI Age”

This is a 90-minute, parents-and-caring-adults-only presentation that will provide practical tools to help families build healthy technology habits, strengthen connection, and create safer digital environments at home.

Friday, October 9 Separate Grade Level Student Presentations

Students will also participate in developmentally appropriate presentations during the school day, and parents will be welcome to attend.

The RSVP link and more details will be coming next week! This is just the beginning of more opportunities we hope to provide our parents this year as we work together to raise and protect our kids.

I am so excited to bring this to SRS!



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council elections for 5th-8th graders, sponsored by Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Kovel, will take place next week.

Speeches: Wednesday 9/16

Campaigning: Thursday 9/17

Elections: Friday, 9/18

Passing out items (buttons, pencils, stickers, etc.) is not allowed. Please remind students to vote based on merit, not popularity. Results will be announced Friday afternoon!

P.T.O. NEWS

Want to stay informed, get involved, and make a difference at our school? Join the PTO!

Our Next Meeting is Tomorrow!

Date: Saturday, September 12

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: SRS Library

GCCS NEWS

Please [click here](#) for the invitation to the Powers Middle School Parent Social and Information Night. This is designed for 6th - 8th grades, but all are welcome!

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

10
YEARS

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YEAR

Fr. Brian Lenz
PASTOR

Fr. Christian Salata
PAROCHIAL VICAR

JOIN US FOR FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP &
A CELEBRATION
OF OUR PRIESTS!

HOLY SMOKES

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
19TH, 2026

AFTER THE 5PM MASS

★ FREE WILL DONATION ★

SEVERAL TYPES OF SMOKED MEATS AVAILABLE!



**WE ARE ASKING PARISHIONERS
TO DONATE SIDE DISHES FOR THIS EVENT!**

If you can provide a side dish that serves
8-10 people, please email Tim at
ocia@srbccatholic.com no later than **SEPTEMBER 5TH!**

please join us!



Cheers To **CHARGERS**

Celebrating our
POWERS CATHOLIC FAMILY
CURRENT & FUTURE PARENTS
ALUMNI • STAFF • FRIENDS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 6:00 PM
POWERS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
1505 W COURT STREET, FLINT
FOOD & BEER • TENT • DJ • SCHOOL TOURS • 50/50 RAFFLE

You're Invited!



POWERS CATHOLIC
MILESTONE
REUNION
HAPPY HOUR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
POWERS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

RSVP HERE

JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS
CRAFT SHOW
AND
MARKETPLACE

DECEMBER 5TH, 2026
FROM 9AM TO 3PM

St. Robert School Activity Center
310 N. Cherry St. Flushing, MI

St. Robert School PTO presents the 49th Annual
Christmas Craft Show and Marketplace.
Shop local vendors and handmade gifts all while
supporting our school!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VENDOR?
SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION:



SPECIAL NOTICES

Saint Robert School – ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

September 11, 2026 – In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we had inspections performed at our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection findings are part of our asbestos management plan and have been on file in the school administrative office since that time.

The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of asbestos materials every three years. Accredited asbestos inspectors performed these re-inspections in 2024 and recommended action we should take to safely manage each asbestos material in our buildings.

The results of the re-inspection are on file in the management plan in the school's administrative office. Anyone is welcome to view this plan at any time during normal school hours. Please contact us if you have questions about the asbestos in our school.

Saint Robert School – MEDICATION POLICY

Please review the St. Robert Medication Policy. This policy is in existence for the well-being of all students and not intended to inconvenience. Students **may not** bring and administer their own medication in school unless specific written approval from a doctor and written permission from a parent is provided. This is a safety hazard to your child and other children.

Medication Policy

State of Michigan school code requires that all medicines given at school shall have a **doctor's order / parent permission authorization form, which includes dosage, signed and on file at school** in order to administer the medication. This includes all over-the-counter medication such as Tylenol, cough medicines, cough drops, nasal spray, etc. Authorization forms must be filled out, signed by a doctor, AND signed by a parent before any medication (prescription or OTC) can be administered at school. **The school cannot administer medication if the completed form has not been returned.** Forms are available in the school office. The doctor and parent permissions may also be faxed to the school office at (810) 659-4002. **This policy complies with State of Michigan School Code.** Please understand compliance with the policy is required for the health and safety of all students. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. Thank you for your support.

- o Medication (prescription and OTC) must come to school in its original container (no medicine sent in baggies), and liquid medication must include a measuring spoon/cup.
- o Inhalers – Students may possess and use metered dose or dry powder inhalers for the relief of asthma symptoms while at school, on school-sponsored transportation, or any school-sponsored activity when APPROVED BY A PHYSICIAN AND REQUESTED IN WRITING FROM STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN.

MRSA-WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW – Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is a type of "staph" bacteria that causes skin infections that can't be treated with certain antibiotics. It is sometimes mistaken for a "spider bite". Symptoms may range from minor to serious, including skin redness and swelling, "pimple-like" red bumps, boils, rash, fever, headache and malaise. Infections can spread quickly to other parts of the body or to other people. **How can you avoid getting or spreading MRSA?**

- Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially after touching wounds or bandages.
- Do not share personal items (towels, bar soap, wash cloths, razors or clothing) even among family members.
- Seek care immediately at first signs of infection (red, swollen, painful, warm, draining pus).
- Keep wounds clean and covered with a dry bandage, especially if the wound is draining (follow your healthcare provider's instructions on proper wound care).
- Wash clothes, towels and sheets in water with laundry detergent at hottest suitable temperature. Add bleach, if desired (check label instructions). Dry in dryer at hottest suitable temperature – do not "line dry".
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces (for example, doorknobs and phones frequently, and shared sports equipment between uses) according to item label cleaning instructions. Types of cleaning/disinfecting products include soap and diluted bleach, Lysol® and Original Pine-Sol®. Follow label instructions for appropriate dilutions and contact times to be sure that surfaces are cleaned properly.

Information on the risk, treatment and prevention of MRSA is available on the following websites:

www.michigan.gov/mdch or www.cdc.gov/mrsa.

Advisory to all Parents

Pursuant with Regulation 537 of the *Michigan Compiled Laws*, this notice is to inform you of St. Robert School's Integrated Pest Management Plan.

It is the goal of our school to maintain the integrity of the school building and grounds, to protect the health and safety of students and staff, and to maintain a productive learning environment. Pesticides will be used only as a last resort when other pest prevention and non-chemical control measures are not feasible, unavailable or ineffective.

You have the right to be notified prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. To request prior notification, please complete the information below and submit to:

Mr. Fred Fras
Maintenance Supervisor
St. Robert School
214 E. Henry St.
Flushing, MI 48433

You may contact Mr. Fras at (810) 659-2503 if you have any questions.

Pesticide Notification Form

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Student's Name _____

Student's Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please Check One

☐ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled treatment inside the building.

☐ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled treatment on the outside perimeter of the building.

☐ Both of the above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Weekly Newsletter & Activity Calendar / Menu

- A weekly Newsletter will be emailed to all families each Friday. The newsletter will also be available online at srbschool.org.
- A monthly Calendar and Menu will be emailed to all families at the end of the previous month, and will be available on the school website.

SRS Website - The website (srbschool.org) will give you an overview of all facets of our school activities, athletic schedules, school year calendar, paperwork, flyers, handbook and important timely announcements.

School Facebook Page - Please take a moment to follow our page at facebook.com/SRBCatholicSchool

School Instagram Account - Please take a moment to follow our account at instagram.com/strobertparish



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POPCORN PRE-ORDERS

This year we will again be preordering popcorn, and families will be billed through FACTS. There will be 10 popcorn days during the school year.

Please complete the form below to let us know if you would like your child to participate, and how many bags you would like them to receive each popcorn day. Each bag is 50¢. We will not be collecting any money at school.

For Example - IF YOU ORDER

1 bag per day = \$5.00 for the year

2 bags per day = \$10.00 for the year

If your child is absent on popcorn day, the money for that popcorn will be considered a donation to the PTO. Thank you for supporting our school!

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026**

(ONE FORM PER STUDENT)

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Number of Bags Per Popcorn Day _____

Amount You Agree to be Billed \$ _____

