

Russ Janowiak Dedication Award

Every year, as a part of the annual year-end Athletic Banquet, the St. Robert Athletic Association presents the Russell J. Janowiak Award to one 8th grade girl and one 8th grade boy who have participated in the athletic program. These recipients are recognized for their dedication to St. Robert athletics and service to the school and/or parish and community. Nominations are open to any school or parish 8th grader who has participated in athletics.

This prestigious award started in 1996, one year after the St. Robert community lost parent, coach, and parishioner Russ Janowiak to cancer. Russ was an active member of the St. Robert Athletic Association and longtime coach of the St. Robert Angels baseball team. Parents, teachers, coaches, neighbors, friends, and relatives are welcome to submit nominations. Nominations are kept confidential and the two recipients are selected by a committee appointed by the Athletic Association. Nominations are due by April 10th to the school or parish office marked "Janowiak Award attn:Lynn Frieseke." The award will be presented at the Athletic Banquet on Thursday, April 26.

The criteria used in the selection process represent some of the values held and displayed by Russ throughout his life. Athletic ability is not considered in the process. The criteria are outlined below:

- Dedicated participation in St. Robert athletics
- An evident sense of team spirit and good sportsmanship
- Active participation in school and/or parish activities
- Evidence of dedication and service to St. Robert School and/or Parish community
- Evidence of service to others outside the school/parish community
- The ability to face adversity and persevere with a positive attitude

Understanding this is completely voluntary and confidential, if you were to nominate one female and one male student athlete for this award, who would it be and why?

Female Nominee: _____

Male Nominee: _____
