

From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

November 19, 2014

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APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to our latest Apple of My Eye winners: Aimee Townsend, Luke Ewald, Hailey McDevitt, Justin Bullard and Nicholas Welte.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: It is official! Pope Francis will be coming to Philadelphia for the close of the World Meeting of Families! In addition, we have received word that all schools of the Archdiocese will be closed for the event – September 23 – 25. I am enclosing a letter in this week's communication about how we plan to make up the lost instructional time.



IT'S A GIRL! Congratulations to Marielle Brown, Pre-K, on the birth of baby sister Madeline on November 7th. Welcome to the SJR Family, Madeline!

GENTLE REMINDERS:

- **Morning Arrival:** Car riders should not be dropped off prior to 7:50am. The teachers, students, and I will be available to assist car riders then. Students who arrive in cars earlier than 7:50 will be sent to CARES.
- **FIVE EXTRA MINUTES:** My offer still stands! Any week when all students arrive on time, we will extend Friday lunch recess by five minutes! So far, we have earned this only once this year.
- **FIRST TRIMESTER:** Marks for the first trimester will close on Wednesday, November 26th. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, December 5th.
- **Weekly Offering Commitment:** Each year families sign a tuition contract with the school/parishes in which they commit to a minimum weekly offering of \$10 to the parish. Please know that this commitment is reviewed and may affect the future costs of tuition if not fulfilled. (If you have any questions about your weekly offering, please contact your parish business office.)



Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING: We have a number of activities as we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday.

- Monday, November 24th: The children who ordered slices of pie will receive them during lunch.
- The children in Pre-K through Grade 8 will attend a prayer service at 9:30am next Wednesday morning in preparation for Thanksgiving.
- Our Kindergarten students are preparing a program of songs and poems for their parents and siblings beginning at 10:30am in the cafeteria.
- Dismissal on Wednesday, November 26th will take place at 12noon. ALL districts will be providing bus transportation at dismissal.
- CARES will be available on Wednesday afternoon for families who have registered.

HOME AND SCHOOL HAPPENINGS:



- **SJR Discount Cards:** Our annual sale of discount cards has begun! We are hoping that each family will support this program by selling 3 cards. Cards cost \$10 and are used to provide discounts at a number of local businesses. Our goal is 650 cards and to date we have sold 125.
- **CYO Super Bowl Party:** Tickets are on sale for the annual SJR CYO Super Bowl Party. Plan on joining us January 31, 2015 for a night with great food, friends, and dancing. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up, serving, and clean up after. We are also seeking donations and door prizes. If you are available please contact Bill Horan [\(215\) 589-5065](tel:2155895065) or Paul Dickson [215-771-4471](tel:2157714471).
For tickets go to www.wagdogs.com/sjrspb Thank you, The SJR CYO Board

FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:

Open House – Thank You

I want to personally thank the SJR family community for adding so much enthusiasm and success to the Fall Open House. We had 13 prospective families tour the school and we are off to a great start to welcoming new families to SJR. We should all be so proud of the “spirit” of our students that toured families. Our students are truly what makes our school “shine”. Thanks is also extended to the Home & School Board for assisting with our success.

Many new families that attended heard about the school through our vibrant “voices” that echo daily the values of SJR. Please continue to spread the word that our Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment is now open. Prospective families can call the school for a tour and to complete registration.



SERVICE CORPS IN ACTION: Our Service Corps has a busy December planned. Some of their activities include:

- **Christmas Poster Contest:** Students will work on posters to decorate the cafeteria. Posters will be due on Tuesday, December 9th
- **Christmas Placemats for PhilAbundance:** Students will decorate placemats to be used for families making use of the food collected for PhilAbundance.
- **Cards for Aid for Friends:** Students will create Christmas cards to be enclosed with meals from Aid for Friends.



HSA/SJR POINSETTIA SALE: Information about our annual poinsettia sale is found in today's information. Deadline for ordering is November 21st.

LESSONS AND CAROLS: Lessons and Carols ~ An Advent/Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 14th at 7:00PM. See flyer in this week's e-folder for more information.







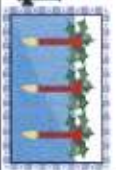










JUST A THOUGHT: What makes SJR special? Our children! This week, I had the opportunity to each lunch with five children who "won" lunch with me. Quite honestly, I was afraid that no one would buy a chance for such a prize! Then I worried that the winners might dread the event. It seemed just the opposite! Over our lunch, the children shared stories of Thanksgiving plans, parades, "Elf on the Shelf" stories, rides through the neighborhood to look at Christmas lights, and much more.

Every day at SJR is filled with happy children sharing their joy with us! Thank you!

***SJR SCHOOL:
PROUD OF OUR PAST,
FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE,
MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!***

DECEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		First Penance Practice - St. Joseph's 6pm - 7:15pm	Science Explorers First Penance St. Joseph's 7pm	Young Rembrandts SJR Advisory Board meeting 7pm	 First Friday - Mass 8am St. Nicholas Day! Report Card Day Cold Sandwich lunch Gr. 6 - 8 dance	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
 Second Sunday of Advent	 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holiday of Obligation No school		 Little Elf Shop Science Explorers	 Polar Express Day/library Young Rembrandt's	 Pizza lunch Geography Bee 1:15	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 Third Sunday of Advent Lessons and Carols St. Robert Parish 7pm	 Confessions 11am Band Concert 1pm and 7pm		 Milk - \$8.50, Pretzels - \$5.40 Science Explorers	 Young Rembrandts	 Pasta lunch	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
 Fourth Sunday of Advent First Day of Winter		 Milk and Cookies Dismissal 12noon CARES available		 Have a Blessed Christmas!		
28	29	30	31	Classes will resume on Monday January 5, 2015!		
 Feast of the Holy Family						



St. Joseph/St. Robert School

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Mrs. Deborah Jaster, Principal

November 18, 2014

Dear Parents,

Along with the official word of the visit of Pope Francis to the upcoming World Meeting of Families, we have been notified of a change to next year's academic year. It has been announced that there will be no classes for any of the Catholic schools in Archdiocese of Philadelphia from Wednesday, September 23, 2015 through Friday, September 25, 2015.

The instructional time that will be lost for those days must be made up to maintain the educational integrity of our programs. For now, we will be having school on two holydays of obligation for the upcoming school year: December 8th (Immaculate Conception) and May 14th (Ascension Thursday). We are investigating ways to make up the remaining day of instructional time.

Too, looking at the calendar for next year, it appears that due to the lateness of Labor Day, we may be starting in advance of Labor Day. We have contacted Central Bucks School District and are awaiting their decision. As soon as we are notified, we will share the information with you.

As always, I am deeply grateful for your support and cooperation!

I wish you many blessings at Thanksgiving – and always!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deborah R. Jaster



HURRY!! HURRY!! HURRY!!

HSA / SJR Poinsettia Sale

Christmas is just around the corner!! These top quality-florist flowers will look great in your own home or can be the perfect gift for someone you know. Please fill out the order form below and return to school for Janet McGlinchey c/o Matt 7-2006 or Tommy 2-101 by **FRIDAY, November 21**. Enclose payment of Cash or checks made payable to St. Joseph / St. Robert HSA.

Don't forget to choose your colors!

(Please print carefully)

Sizes Available	Colors	Qty / Color	Price
6.5 Pot Size - \$10.00 includes 6 or more blooms per pot	Red (Rd), White (Wh) or Pink (Pk) Available	<u>6.5</u>	
7.5 Pot Size - \$15.00 includes 10 or more blooms per pot		<u>7.5</u>	
8.5 Pot Size - \$20.00 includes 14 or more blooms per pot		<u>8.5</u>	
10 Pot Size - \$25.00 includes 18 or more blooms per pot		<u>10</u>	
<u>Total Price</u>			
<u>Name & Parish</u>		<u>Phone Number</u>	

Delivery will be Thursday, December 11th. Thank you for supporting SJR Home and School, and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Janet McGlinchey
215-491-7389
267-441-4033 cell
janscrazy5@yahoo.com

HSA HAPPENINGS

SJR DISCOUNT CARD



Our sale has started and will run until December 5.

- *Every family who sells 3 will receive a dress down day.*
- *The family who sells the most cards will receive an entire week dress down.*
- *Our Goal is to sell 600 cards. If we reach our goal, there will be a Free Friday afternoon dance party in the school hall after lunch.*

See attached flyer for all the GREAT DISCOUNTS!!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS 2014

Back by popular demand, we will be offering Personalized Christmas ornaments. Order forms were sent home today.

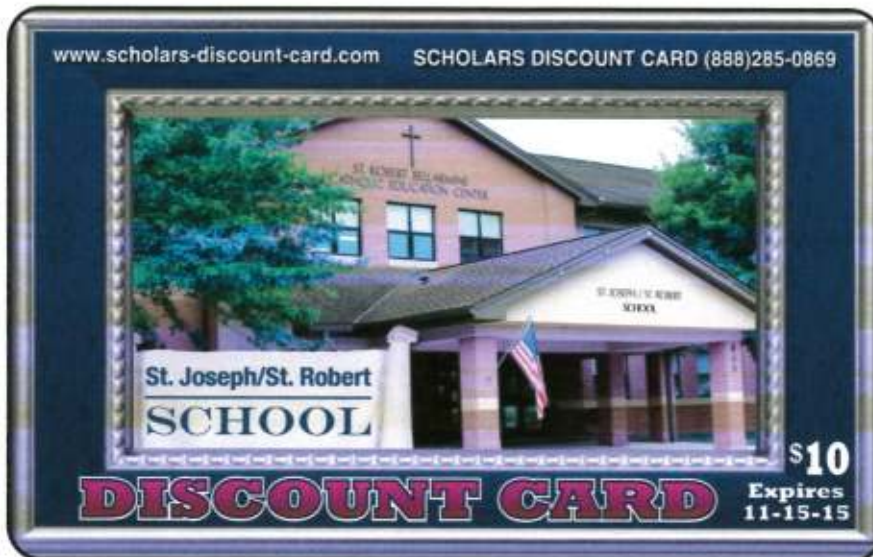
All orders must sent in by next Wednesday, 11/26.



Special thanks to Janine Edwards & Kathleen Sigda for a wonderful afternoon for Moms, Grandmoms, & daughters to be together. Thank you also to Mike Bukowski, and all the parent helpers who helped make it a great day!!

WAS HERE

THE CARD THAT GIVES YOU MORE...AND THEN DOES IT AGAIN!!



USE THESE OFFERS OVER & OVER AGAIN EVERYDAY FOR A FULL YEAR!!!

APPLEBEE'S (1745 S. Easton Rd, Doylestown) 10% OFF (excludes alcohol, tax & gratuity)(Max discount \$10)	CARMEL KITCHEN (1613 Main St, Warrington) 10% OFF total purchase	DAIRY QUEEN (1111 Easton Rd, Warrington) 10% OFF entire order
IHOP (150 Easton Rd, Warrington) 10% OFF entire bill	JAMISON POURHOUSE (2160 York Rd, Jamison) 10% OFF food purchase (excludes alcohol)(not valid with any other offers, specials)	MENCHIE'S FROZEN YOGURT (872 W. Street Rd (only), near Five Guys) 10% OFF your fro-yo cup purchase
PEP BOYS (982 W. Street Rd, Warminster) 10% OFF purchases (excludes sale items / promotions)(Warminster location only)	PIZZA PLAZA (788 W. Street Rd, Warminster) 10% OFF purchase (excludes alcohol)	ROSEMORE CLEANERS (1009 W. County Line Rd, Warminster) 15% OFF total bill
UNO CHICAGO GRILL (1661 Easton Rd, Warrington) 10% OFF dine-in check (excludes tax & alcoholic beverages)(max discount \$10)	WARRINGTON PASTRY SHOP (1380 Easton Rd, Warrington) 10% OFF total purchase (limit 1 discount per day per card)	WARRINGTON PIZZA (626 Easton Rd, Warrington) 10% OFF purchase (excludes alcohol)
WENDY'S (620 Easton Rd, Warrington) 10% OFF total purchase	YUM YUM BAKE SHOP (500 W. Street Rd, Warminster) \$1 OFF one dozen donuts	ANGEL ROSE FLORIST (2810 Pickertown Road, Warrington) 10% OFF purchase of \$30 or more (excluding wire service)
DOMENIC GRAZIANO FLOWERS & GIFTS (518 York Rd, Warminster)(90 James Way, Southampton)(134 Veterans Lane, Doylestown) Receive 10% OFF flowers / gifts / gift baskets (excluding delivery & wire service)	SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SPORTS (1661 Easton Rd, Warrington) 10% OFF all non-sale items (can not be combined with other offers or discounts)(not valid on prior purchases)	

IMPORTANT: Present card at time of order. Valid at participating locations only. Not valid with any other offers or discounts. Limit one use & one free item per visit per day. 2 for 1 discounts are for equal or lesser value.

GET IT NOW!

SJR DISCOUNT CARDS

November 17 -- December 5

What is this year's fundraiser?

We are selling discount cards. These are cards which have the look, feel, and size of a credit card. They fit in your wallet, and are easy to always carry with you. No forgetting this coupon! These cards offer discounts at 17 local merchants and restaurants for an entire year. They can be used an **unlimited** number of times.

How much do these cards cost?

Each card costs only **\$10**! Hard to believe that something which offers so much could cost so little. In almost no time, the discounts received will far exceed the \$10 investment.

What are our goals as a school? As individuals?

As a school, we hope to sell a minimum of 600 cards. Easily, we could far exceed that goal. As individuals, we are hoping that each family will sell at least 3 cards. These make awesome Christmas gifts for friends, family, hairdressers, mail carriers, babysitters, neighbors, etc.

Are there any rewards offered for selling the cards?

Oh yes, and the rewards are great!

- Any family who sells 3 cards will receive a **dress down day** for each member of the family.
- The family who sells the most cards will receive a **DRESS DOWN WEEK** for each member.
- If our school reaches its goal of 600 cards, the entire school will celebrate with a dance party on a Friday afternoon in December -- a whole afternoon with no schoolwork!!!!

.....Over for Order Forms.....

SJR DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER

November 17 - December 5

Please use the order forms for all orders. All orders will be filled and sent home the day they are received. Be sure to fill out the form completely, and send it in a clearly marked envelope. You can place numerous orders during the three weeks of the drive. Orders can be sent in immediately. The first orders will be filled and sent home on November 17.

SJR DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER

Family name _____.

Name & grade of all students _____.

of cards _____ **Amount enclosed** _____.

Send order home with _____ **Grade** _____.

-----Please make checks payable to SJR Home & School Association-----

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Send order home with _____ **Grade** _____.

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Lessons and Carols
An Advent/Christmas Program
Sunday, December 14, 2014
7:00 PM



We are looking for young people to help portray the characters involved in the Nativity Scene as well as those involved in proclaiming the coming of Christ. You will be actors only, no speaking is involved.

High School, 7th and 8th students will portray the main characters.
5th and 6th Grade students will be cast as shepherds and angels.

Practices will be held on
Thursday, December 4th from 7:00 to 8:15 PM
Thursday, December 11th from 7:00 to 8:15 PM

We hope many of you will join in helping to celebrate the joy of the Advent and Christmas seasons!

I would like to participate as an actor in Lessons and Carols

Name _____

Grade _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please return this form to School, PREP or Barb Palo no later than December 1st.

You can also email this information to Donna Heeney at donnaheeneydre@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and cooperation
Donna Heeney and Barb Palo



SJR CYO ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY



Saturday, January 31, 2015

7:30 – Midnight

Monsignor Marley Hall

860 Euclid Avenue

Warrington, PA 18976

Appetizers, buffet dinner, soups, salads,
beer, coffee, and desserts.

Catering by Jimmy Ro's

www.jimmyros.com

DJ by Ron Fasano / www.ronjaxdjs.com

Door Prizes / Silent Auction

Tickets \$35 each or 10 for \$300

To purchase tickets go to www.wagdogs.com/sjrspb



WANT TO HELP? HOST A FAMILY!

Host Families can offer visitors a spare bedroom for a small nightly fee. This is a great opportunity to provide visitors an affordable trip where they experience life in a Philadelphia area home.



THOUSANDS WILL VISIT
FOR THIS
INTERNATIONAL EVENT
FROM SEPTEMBER
22 - 27, 2015.

HOMESTAY OFFERS A
HIGHLY AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCE TO THOSE
VISITING FOR THE
WORLD MEETING OF
FAMILIES.

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EASY TO SIGN UP
ONLINE.

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UNDER "HOST A FAMILY" OR
EMAIL US AT
HOST@WORLDMEETING2015.ORG.

Knights of Columbus Council #4160 Proudly Presents...



MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 7

Doors Open – 6:30 PM

Dinner Stations – 7:00 until 9:00 PM

Dancing – 8:00 until 11:00 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Auditorium
East Ashland Street, Doylestown

Live Music by:



Includes Dinner, Beer, Wine & Setups

(BYOB permitted, must be over 21)

Door Prizes & Raffle Items

\$45 per person / \$85 per couple

Proceeds benefit OLMC & St Joseph/St Robert Schools and other Catholic Charities

To reserve tickets please mail form below or call Mark Majdosz: (215) 491-2352

Please reserve # _____ Tickets @ \$45 per person or \$85 per couple

Name _____

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

Phone # _____

(Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #4160)

Send to: Mark Majdosz
2314 Birch Court
Warrington, PA. 18976