

# From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

September 20, 2017

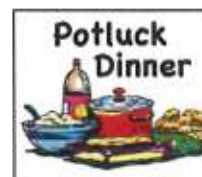
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**APPLE OF MY EYE:** Congratulations to the first "Apple of My Eye" winners of the school year: Declan Ryan, Marion Haggmark, Martha Brookreson, Angela Speranza and Nicholas Sheldon.

**COVERED DISH DINNER:** Families in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 are invited to come for food and fun on Friday evening September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm – 8:30pm.



**HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:** The St. Joseph/St. Robert School Home & School Association gives parents an opportunity to become active members of our school family. To be sure that we are addressing the needs that you see, we are surveying parents for their insights. Please be sure to take a few minutes to complete the Survey Monkey that will be coming out next week. In addition, the HSA already has a number of September activities planned:

- **Thursday, September 21:** First Home and School meeting – 7pm in the dining hall.
- **Friday, September 22:** Covered Dish Dinner for families in Pre-K – Grade 1 hosted by Grade 2 families. The dinner runs from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.
- **See this week's communication folder for more information.**

## FROM THE ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:

### CALLING ALL SJR FAMILIES TO "SHARE THEIR TALENTS"

All of us have been blessed with special talents or interests that we enjoy doing and sharing with others. The school from time to time may have a desire to utilize your talents to benefit the students. For example, in the past we have had parents interested in organizing a chess club, board game club, robotics' club, and a tumbling class after school. These types of programs have generated much support from the student and have been well attended. We are hoping we can add a few programs of this type or any new program that would be of interest to parent organization. On average the programs have been about 4 weeks in length & are held immediately after school for 1 hour.

Please take a few minutes to complete the "Share Your Talents" form included in this week's communication. Please return the form at your earliest convenience. This form will be kept confidential. As always, we thank our families for all they do to support SJR!





**PRETZEL AND JUICE ORDER:** We are trying something new! You are asked to go to our website and order as you would for Hot Lunch. Payment should be sent to school by The ordering link will be deactivated on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

(This order will begin on October 4 and run through December 1<sup>st</sup>.) Milk is \$18.50 and pretzels are \$11.70. The button is on the front page of the school website.



**OKTOBERFEST:** As part of St. Robert's parish Golden Jubilee year, Oktoberfest will be celebrated on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help set up for the event. Sign-up sheets may be found in the narthex of the church after the weekend Masses.

- **Polish Foods:** Volunteers are needed to help cook the Polish food for the Oktoberfest. Cooking will take place on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 4pm in the kitchen in Monsignor Marley Hall. If you are able/willing to assist, please contact Mrs. Dottie Prior at [priors8@yahoo.com](mailto:priors8@yahoo.com) or 215-260-3603.

**EITC FUNDING:** Please take a moment to encourage our state legislators to continue to provide EITC as a source of funding for our schools. Take advantage of the Voter Voice link below. A potential script is attached.

<http://www.pacatholic.org/resources/voter-voice/?vsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f54365%2fRespond>

Additionally, here is a link to determine who your legislators are.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>

**ATTN: 7th & 8th grade Parents:** Just a reminder, the conference scheduling request form was sent home last Wednesday, 9/13. The due date is tomorrow, Thursday 9/21. The conferences are scheduled on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please return your completed request form by tomorrow as we will be setting up the schedule with the forms we have. Thank you, 7th & 8th grade teachers

**JUST A THOUGHT:** *"God loves you wherever you are. God also loves you too much to leave you where you are."* These were the words that Father John used to begin his homily for the evening devotions this past Sunday. What a wonderful thought! No matter **where** we are in our lives, no matter what is happening – God is with us – **AND will move us forward!**



## Share Your Talents

All of us have been gifted with special talents or interests that we enjoy doing & sharing with others! The school community from time to time may want to tap into your family's unique talents. We ask that you take this opportunity to share your family talents or interests by completing the confidential form below. If we would be interested in your family's expertise, your family member would receive direct contact from either Mrs. Jaster or Kathy Williamson. Please include all family members' talents including your children. You may also list relatives that would be willing to help the school with their special interests. Examples of talents/interests could include: theater, art, music, technology (computers, multimedia, video production, software), culinary, special crafts, photography, sports, and service opportunities for students. In addition, your professional career/business may have opportunities to enhance student learning related to health, safety, financial, science, etc.

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List individual family members/relatives & their special talents/interests:

Name & Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete & return the lower portion of this form to the school office marked "Special Talents". Thank you for your kindness & all you do for the school.

Mrs. Jaster & Kathy Williamson



*Support A Baby's Breath  
Crisis Pregnancy Center of Warminster!*



*Run with your FAMILY...*



*Run with your FRIENDS...*



*Run for LIFE!*

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

**WHERE:** Tyler State Park, Earth Center for the Arts Entrance, Richboro, PA  
Route 332 at Number 1 Lane Trail (approx. 1 mile east of Rt. 232)

**HOW:** Register/Donate online at [www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org) or email  
[abbwarminstercpc@gmail.com](mailto:abbwarminstercpc@gmail.com) to receive a mail-in form

***COME RUN, WALK, OR WHEEL!***

All participating  
children will  
receive a prize!

7:30 Registration  
9:00 1-mile Fun Run  
9:10 1-mile Walk  
9:30 5K Race  
10:30 Awards

Medals to top 3  
male/female  
5K finishers in 8  
age categories!

Email Sponsorship Inquiries to: [abbwarminstercpc@gmail.com](mailto:abbwarminstercpc@gmail.com)

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*"... to help a mother see her child take his/her first breath."*

July, 2017

Dear Prospective Sponsor:

It's time for our annual *Run for Life* to be held at Tyler State Park on **October 14, 2017**.

We are a **crisis pregnancy center** that offers free services from our all-volunteer staff:

- pregnancy counseling/ pregnancy tests
- ultrasounds
- housing
- pre-natal classes
- parenting classes
- independence program
- free baby supplies in our baby store

The good news from our center is that LIFE is winning! Through God's grace we are touching hearts and saving lives! Young girls who are unsure of what to do in a crisis pregnancy are able to see their baby on our ultrasound screen! Women are leaving Planned Parenthood for our free and compassionate services. Reggie told us that her baby would not be here without our help. Your support allows us to help women like Reggie who are dealing with the pressure to terminate a pregnancy or the feelings that they cannot parent without support. A Baby's Breath provides non-judgemental compassionate support.

With the help of our sponsors we are able to help families achieve goals, become financially stable, and ensure great futures for the children in our community! With your help we will be able to continue our mission in Warminster serving Bucks, Philadelphia, and Montgomery Counties. Our volunteers are trained to work with clients in an empathetic and objective way. We are privately sponsored and operate as a 501c (3) non-profit organization. For more information, check out our website ([www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org)).

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 at our Annual "5K Run for Life". The event will be at **Tyler State Park, in Richboro, PA., on Saturday, October 14th at 9:00AM**. The proceeds from this event will go toward paying for our monthly operating costs and in helping families in crisis in our community.

**How can you support?**

BE A SPONSOR! Choose the sponsorship level that is right for you.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Klenk, Race Director, at 267-275-4097 or [abbwarminstercpc@gmail.com](mailto:abbwarminstercpc@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
 Catherine Mote

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 610-608-0203

# Home and School Association News and Notes

## HSA Meeting



- The first HSA General Meeting will be tomorrow night, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting will start promptly at 7pm in the school cafeteria. Please join us for this information filled evening to start off the 2017-18 school year.  
Topics of discussion include: upcoming events, SJR's Terra Nova scores, Survey Monkey feedback, fundraising and more. See you there!
- Our Bingo Bonanza has been moved to January 26<sup>th</sup> this year to make room for St. Robert's Oktoberfest (10/15/2017) to celebrate the church's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Covered Dish Dinner for pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade families is Friday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- KidsStuff Coupon books went home this past Monday. Please consider buying this valuable book for yourself and others as a great way to raise money for our school. 50% of each book sold goes directly to SJR.
- Please see additional info and forms in this week's communication re: HSA Membership dues and volunteer forms. We are currently at just over 50% of families paying their Home and School dues. If you haven't done so yet, please send it in soon or register at Thursday night's meeting.

**HSA DUES**

*Please return this form in envelope provided with a check made payable to SJR HSA or cash in the amount of \$ 20.00*

*We thank you for your support !!*

*Family Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Child(ren) Name(s) & Grade(s)*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Phone Number :*

\_\_\_\_\_

*\* Please send in attn.: HSA Membership Dues*

## **St. Joseph / St. Robert School Home & School Association**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to new and exciting year at St. Joseph / St. Robert School! The Home & School Association has many fabulous activities planned for the upcoming year.

HSA supports our school in numerous ways. We are run entirely by volunteers, and are financially supported by our school families. The events which HSA hosts are too numerous to list. A few favorites include Covered Dish, Little Elf Shop, Walkathon, 5K, Phillies Home Opener, Family Picnic, and Spirit Nights. HSA also provides programs to educate and entertain our students.

HSA loves to treat the students throughout the year. Every student receives water ice the first week of school, lunch at the Phillies Home Opener and Family Picnic. Cold snacks and drinks are provided at the conclusion of the Walkathon. Milk and cookies are a favorite of the students before they break for Christmas. During Catholic Schools Week, HSA treats the students to a fun, interactive assembly. The only way HSA can continue to do all of these wonderful things is with your support.

A major source of income for the Home & School Association is the annual dues drive. We are hopeful that all families will choose to become paid members. Membership has its benefits. All paid members will receive a copy of the SJR School Directory. In order to vote, nominate, and run for positions on the HSA Executive Board, one must be an HSA member. Only paid members who have attended all three HSA meetings are eligible for a \$500 grand prize drawing at the last meeting.

Each family is expected to be a contributing, paid member of the Home & School Association. The annual dues are only \$20.00 per family, and the students receive so much more than \$20 worth of benefits! Please complete the form on the reverse side and return it to school by September 22, 2017. Checks can be made payable to SJR HSA.

Thank you,

The HSA Membership Committee



# SJR HSA VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET SEPTEMBER 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Youngest Child \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Room Parent

Assist the teacher as needed; Coordinate Christmas & end of year gifts.(Gr. K-100, 2, 6)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Covered Dish Dinner  
September 22

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents** - Assist with planning event for Pre-K, K and 1st grade families.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Trunk-or Treat  
October 27th

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Chairperson Needed  
Assist in the planning and coordination of event. Judging costumes, getting prizes, parking, music, food, and anything associated with this fun Halloween party!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bingo Bonanza  
January 26

Assist with one or more aspects of the event (set up, clean up, planning, sponsorships, decorating, food)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teachers'  
Luncheon

Prepare lunch for teachers throughout the year  
\_\_\_\_\_  
October 26    \_\_\_\_\_ December 13  
\_\_\_\_\_  
January 30    \_\_\_\_\_ May 8

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scrip Sales

Sell scrip after mass when you can  
St. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ St. Robert \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Helping Hands

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson  
Assist with providing meals or other help for school families in need

\_\_\_\_\_  
Band Help

Coordinate refreshments for December and spring band concerts

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Yearbook Assist with taking photographs at various SJR events  
Assist with assembling yearbook

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch Monitor Volunteer as needed at lunch (12:20-1:00)

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5th & 6th grade Halloween Dance October 28 \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Chairperson  
Assist chair(s) with planning, set up, and chaperoning the Halloween Dance for 5th and 6th grade

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Little Elf Shop December 13 Assist with set up, crafts, shopping, or clean up

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Father/Daughter Dance February 17 Assist with decorating, set up, clean up

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Recycle Challenge April 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson  
Assist with collecting and weighing papers as they are dropped off during morning arrival

\_\_\_\_\_  
Walkathon November 10 Help plan and coordinate annual walkathon, set up and clean up on the day

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5K May 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Chairperson  
Assist with organizing event (collecting donations, contacting sponsors, choosing prizes, set up, etc.)

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Talent Show  
April 14

Help organize acts and refreshments

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Family BBQ  
May 11

Assist with planning, cooking, set up, clean up

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8th Grade  
Graduation  
Dance June 8

**Seventh grade parents** - work as a team to plan, decorate, and organize dance for graduating class

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8th Grade  
Graduation &  
Social June 13

**Seventh grade parents** - Plan, decorate, and organize social following the graduation ceremony

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Hot Lunch

Help coordinate the orders of, and the distribution of hot lunches on Fridays throughout the school year.

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Used Uniforms

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Chairperson Needed\***  
Someone needed to help coordinate the collection of and Resale of used uniforms at various events and as needed throughout the school year.