

From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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APPLE OF MY EYE: Watch this space beginning next Wednesday for the names of our weekly "Apple of My Eye" winners. We celebrate our children getting "caught" doing something good! The first winners will be announced on SJR Today on Friday morning and published next week.

SCHOOL TIME: Once again this year, I want to encourage our families to be punctual each day. Any week when all children arrive on time, (Monday through Friday), I will extend Friday lunch recess by 5 minutes! Let's see how many extra minutes we can win this year!



BUSING: Buses will be provided by our school districts beginning the first day of the school year. I ask for patience as the drivers become accustomed to their routes and the new students. Hopefully, the transition to a new school year will be a smooth one. If problems persist, please notify the Office and we will contact the Transportation Director of the appropriate school district.

GYM UNIFORMS: The children in grades 1 – 4 may wear their gym uniforms to school each Wednesday on their gym day. Too, the students in grades 5 – 8 are to wear their gym uniforms each Thursday for their gym day.



ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI PARISH JUBILEE: This year marks the Golden Jubilee of the founding of St. Robert Bellarmine parish. The Jubilee Year will begin this Sunday, the feast of St. Robert Bellarmine, with Mass at 11:00am celebrated by Bishop Fitzgerald. The parish will also begin the celebration of Forty Hours that day. Evening services will be led by Father John Stokely beginning at 7pm each evening Sunday through Tuesday.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Families in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 are invited to come for food and fun on Friday evening September 22nd. RSVPs are due to Mrs. McGettigan by Friday, September 15th.





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:

- **Saturday, September 16:** Movie Night in the school parking lot with the movie "Boss Baby"
- **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. RSVPs are due by Friday September 15th.
- **See also, Volunteer form, HSA Dues form, and Ad form for the directory in this week's communication.**



FROM THE ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:

WELCOME

Again, I welcome our faculty, students and families to a new academic year. I am excited to continue to promote our core school mission "**Focused on Faith and Learning.**" I value "spreading the word" to the community related to our students many service, academic achievements, and school events. I make every effort to post our spirited events by the end of the school day so families receive first hand coverage!

Like and Follow us on Facebook: St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School and Tweet with Us: <https://twitter.com/SjrSchool>. In addition, you can follow us on Instagram: SJRSchool. You can also access our FB, Tweeter, & Instagram pages from our SJR website: www.stjstr.org.

I am always open to new ideas to "**highlight**" SJR and available to be of assistance to families. I can be reached at 215.343.5100, ext. 209 or kwilliamson@stjstr.org.



LET'S COOK! After school Chef's Training Program for grades 6, 7, and 8. Class is limited to 12 students. See more info in this week's communication.

HOT LUNCH: Our weekly hot lunch program will begin September 27. To order, please visit our website: www.stjstr.org under the Parents Tab. The first order will run from September 27 until October 27. Each week, we offer "Wendy's Wednesday" and a varied menu each Friday. Orders must be placed online but paid by check sent to school. Orders must be placed by Wednesday September 20th. Late orders or payments will not be accepted. Any questions?



Please contact Mrs. Michelle Studley: mrsstud@verizon.net

MINI-THON DANCE: Our students in grades 7 & 8 have been invited to a dance at Archbishop Wood High School on Friday, September 22nd. Admission is \$10 to benefit Archbishop Wood Mini-thon and the Four Diamonds Foundation.



JUST A THOUGHT: This past Monday marked the sixteenth anniversary of the events of September 11th. It amazes me that all of the children in my school have never known a world without a fear of terrorism.

However, September 11th also was a date that will forever be remembered as a day of great courage and faith. One remarkable man, Father Mychal Judge, who perished that day, prayed the following prayer each day. His prayerful words are powerful ones:



Mychal's Prayer:

**Lord, take me where You want me to go,
let me meet who You want me to meet,
tell me what You want me to say,
and keep me out of Your way.**

***SJR SCHOOL:
Focused on Faith and Learning***

Home and School Association News and Notes



SJR MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30pm in the school parking lot.

Bring a chair, a blanket and your family! Some refreshments provided. Feel free to bring your own.

- The first HSA General Meeting will be next Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7pm in the school cafeteria. Please join us for this information filled evening to start off the 2017-18 school year.
- Our Bingo Bonanza has been moved to January 26th this year to make room for St. Robert's Oktoberfest (10/15/2017) to celebrate the church's 50th anniversary.
- Covered Dish Dinner for pre-K to 1st grade families is Friday Sept. 23rd
- Kids Stuff Coupon books will be coming home next week.
- Please see additional info in this week's communication re: HSA Membership dues, Directory advertising, and volunteer forms.

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, 4, 5, 6)

_____ Covered Dish Dinner
September 22 **2nd 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)

_____ Box Tops Cut and sort box tops from home and return to chairperson

_____ 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

Yearbook

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

Lunch Monitor

Volunteer as needed at lunch (12:20-1:00)

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

Little Elf Shop
December 13

Assist with set up, crafts, shopping, or clean up

Father/Daughter
Dance
February 17

Assist with decorating, set up, clean up

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

_____ Chairperson _____ Co-Chairperson

5K
May 18

Assist with organizing event (collecting donations, contacting sponsors, choosing prizes, set up, etc.)

Talent Show
April 14

Help organize acts and refreshments

Family BBQ
May 11

Assist with planning, cooking, set up, clean up

8th Grade
Graduation
Dance June 8

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

8th Grade
Graduation &
Social June 13

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

Hot Lunch

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

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.

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

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)

Phone Number :

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

Advertise Your Business in the St. Joseph/St. Roberts School Directory!!

The ads were a great success last year and really helped with the expenses for the printing of the directory. As you know our directory is given to each member of the Home & School Association, which means that your ad will be seen by over 200 parish families. Wouldn't it be better for school families to hire someone they know and can trust for repairs and services such as plumbing and electric, rather than to look up a stranger in the yellow pages?

DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS IS Friday, September 22nd
Return bottom section to Brian Zook, c/o Molly Zook - Gr. 5

I would like to include an ad in the 2017-2018 School Directory.

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

ELECTRONIC COPY AVAILABLE YES ___ NO ___

WAS AD IN LAST YEAR'S DIRECTORY? YES ___ NO ___

FULL PAGE AD-----\$75.00

HALF PAGE AD-----\$50.00

QUARTER PAGE AD/BUSINESS CARD -----\$25.00

*Please make all checks payable to St. Joseph/St. Roberts Home & School Association.
Please do not fold or staple ads.*

Let's Cook! with Chef Monica

learn to cook delicious food, anywhere



specializing
in
healthy &
allergy-friendly
cooking

- birthday parties
- group events
- cooking lessons

WHO:	6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Students
WHAT:	After-School Chef's Training Program
WHERE:	St. Joseph/ St. Robert School
WHEN:	Thursdays from Oct. 5th to Oct. 26th 3:15pm to 4:15pm
HOW MUCH:	\$90/student* *price includes ingredients, supplies, and apron

Chef Monica is passionate about teaching others how to cook and how to be creative in the kitchen!

www.letscookpa.com

After School 4-week Chef Training Program for Kids

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

Instructor: Monica Sellecchia, Certified Chef

Join me in this exciting and educational Health and Culinary Arts Training Program! In a matter of 4-weeks, we will learn how to chop, blend, bake and more! We will focus on traditional and seasonal recipes. We will learn fun culinary techniques and healthy eating facts. There will be plenty of delicious dishes to be sampled and enjoyed! Let's get cooking!

- 🍷 Learn how to make healthy, easy and fun snacks and dishes!
- 🍷 Learn how to balance meals, identify food groups, and be mindful of nutritional information!

Classes will be offered on **Thursdays**

Classes will be held at **St. Joseph/ St. Robert Catholic School** from

3:15pm to 4:15pm starting **October 5th**

Cost: \$90 (includes chef's apron, cooking ingredients and supplies)

*Please make checks payable to "Monica Sellecchia"

*Registration is due by **September 26th**

***The class is limited to 12 students, so sign up soon!**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact E-mail Address: _____

***Are there any existing food allergies or food sensitivities?**

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail at letscookpa@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. Thank you! -Chef Monica

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