

From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the latest "Apple of My Eye" winners of the school year: Mrs. Puleo, Gavin Allen, Kylie Allen, Nuala O'Neill and Caoimhe O'Neill.

TERRA NOVA TESTING: Our Terra Nova testing continues through this week. Students who are absent will make up the testing on Monday March 26th. We must ship our tests by the end of the day on March 26th.



READING OLYMPICS: Our students in grades 5 & 6 will participate in the Bucks County Reading Olympics next Thursday evening at Mill Creek Elementary School. This year, our teams are:

6 th Grade Record-breaking Readers are:

Mavis Brookreson
Kaylee Chesla
Albert Funk
Michael Funk
Erin Ferello
Nick Striano
Kaitlin Sigda
Julia Yogis
Maura Yoos
Sarah Ferrese
Kate Panepresso

5 th Grade Reading Rhinos are:

Matt Sorge
Keira Brennan
Emma Jacobsen
Billy Stefanik
Martha Brookreson
Molly Zook
Will Buckleman
Philip Buckleman
Ella Traae
Emerson Kiss
Tom McGlinchey
Matt Horan

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:

- **5K RACE:** Our annual 5K RACE will take place on Friday May 11th. RACE sponsorship information is contained in this week's information.
- **Yearbook:** Orders for our yearbook are due. Yearbooks cost \$20/each. They are a wonderful memory book of a wonderful school year. Orders will be taken through March 26th,

SJR Spiritwear Sale: Our spring Spiritwear sale is on! The website is:

<https://sjrspiritwear2018.itemorder.com/>



THANK YOU!: Our Young Disciples Squad would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for our Pot of Gold. Hunter Nucera, grade 3, was our lucky winner! We raised \$250 for the children of Haiti.

CONGRATULATIONS!: Congratulations to Gianna Anzideo who received the Ginny Grey Sportsmanship Award for CYO Region II ! We are very proud of you, Gianna and your modeling of good sportsmanship.



TEA WITH ME: Everyone is welcome to join me for some tea and conversation on Friday morning from 10am until 11am.



INCLEMENT WEATHER: We received word last week that the Archdiocese is forgiving two snow days this year. Looking at the number of instructional hours mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we exceed the minimum requirement. Therefore, no adjustments will be made to our school calendar.

CARES HELP: We are looking to add to our after – school CARES staff. If anyone knows of a high school student willing to assist in overseeing homework and/or playing with the younger children, please contact Ms. Maureen Mealia at mmealia@stjstr.org

EASTER VACATION: We will dismiss next Wednesday at 12noon to begin the start of our Easter vacation. All buses will be available for this dismissal. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 3rd.





FROM THE ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:

Tuition Assistance for 2018/2019 - Deadline Extension – March 30, 2018

Applications for BLOCS Scholarships for the 2018-2019 year will continue to be open until March 30, 2018.

To apply for tuition assistance through FACTS, please visit:

<http://blocs.org/apply-scholarship/>

Should you have any questions, please contact Kathy Williamson at:
kwilliamson@stjstr.org

SERVICE CORPS:

JUST A THOUGHT: As we quickly approach the end of the Lenten season, I thought this Jelly Bean Prayer might be worthy of your time:



Red is for the blood He gave
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.

Black is for the sins we made.
is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.
A bag full of jellybeans
colorful and sweet,
is a prayer, is a promise,
is a special treat.
May the joy of Christ's resurrection
Fill your hearts and bless your life.

The Jelly Bean Prayer was written in 1990 by Shirley Kozak from Stuttgart Germany. She used it in the Chapel system for years.



SJR SCHOOL:
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Home and School Association News and Notes

*St. Joseph/St. Robert School – 8th Annual R.A.C.E.
Kicking Off Our Sponsorship
Please Help Gain Sponsors & Add to Our Success*

Mark your calendar now for our 8th Annual Run about Catholic Education (R.A.C.E) on Friday, May 11, 2018. The evening event will begin at 6:30 pm with the 1K Kids' Race followed by the 2 Mile Fitness Walk & 5K Race at 7 pm. Last year we had over 400 runners/walkers and raised over 17,000.00 dollars. This year the proceeds will again go towards the support of our students' academic advancement. The funds raised come from the generous support of local business sponsors, parishioners, and our school families.

The success of our 8th Annual R.A.C.E. is sponsorship and runner/walker registration. We are kindly asking each school family to assist with reaching out to at least one local business that you may know and/or support on a regular basis. Businesses could include your hair stylist, dentist, doctor, chiropractor, pharmacy, insurance agent, financial advisor, bank, indoor/outdoor home services, restaurants, and retail stores you frequently visit. Please check to see if your business has a matching gift program for nonprofit schools/programs.

All sponsor levels are due April 13th. For each business or family/relative sponsorship you secure, will entitle your family to a complimentary race registration. Please include your name as the SJR contact on the sponsorship form.

Sponsorship forms are in this week's communication. *Thank you for your active involvement in making our 8th Annual R.A.C.E. another great success.*

Online Registration Now Open: Online registration is now open and can be accessed by clicking the RACE logo on the front page of our website: www.stjstr.org. Please register each family member for either the 5K run, 2 mile walk or 1K kids run. Each adult & child running/walking must have a separate completed registration.

There will be a dance this Friday, March 23rd from 3-5pm after school for all K-5th grade students. See this weeks communication for more info or contact Megan Hill for more info or to volunteer at the dance.

HSA Executive Board Nominations are in this week's communication. Please thoughtfully consider who you would like to see be leading the Home and School Association for the next 2 years.



Like and follow the **SJR RACE for Education** page on Facebook for updates and information on the RACE, our sponsors, and other important info.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FORM

Do you know someone who would be a great addition to our HSA Executive Board? **Nominate him/her!** Are you interested in getting more involved at SJR? **Nominate yourself!**

There are three positions which need to be filled on the HSA Executive Board for the 2018-2019 schoolyear. We are seeking a new Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. These positions are currently held by Megan Hill, Jackie Buckleman, and Christine Ferello. If you have questions regarding the duties of any one of these positions, please contact them. They will be happy to explain their roles on the board. Some positions require a greater commitment than others, and many of the duties can be fulfilled at home. Being a board member does not require you to be at school every day or every week. It does allow you to be more involved with your children, their school, and other SJR families.

Please consider completing a nomination form (or two)—our HSA provides many wonderful services for the students and faculty. Serving on the board is both rewarding and fun. Elections will take place at our final HSA meeting on April 19th. Thank you in advance for your help.

I would like to nominate _____ as a candidate for the Home & School Association Executive Board.

_____ I would like to specify the office for this nominee:

_____ Vice President

_____ Corresponding Secretary

_____ Recording Secretary

_____ I would like the nominee to select the position for which he/she would like to run.

***Please return to Brian Zook c/o Molly—5th gr. by Thursday, April 19th



MAY 11, 2018

8th Annual **SJR**
R.A.C.E.
Run About Catholic Education

Friday, May 11, 2018

We are pleased to announce the 8th Annual St. Joseph / St. Robert (SJR) Run About Catholic Education on Friday, May 11, 2018, at St. Joseph / St. Robert School: 850 Euclid Ave. Warrington, PA 18976.

We cordially invite you to participate as a Sponsor of our 8th Annual RACE for Education. We would be grateful for financial support from our local businesses and friends. We also encourage your family participation the day of the 5K, 2 Mile walk & 1K Kids' run. The evening is filled with family fun including a medal for each child who participates in the kids' run, 5K RACE awards for age categories, and an opportunity to stroll the 2 Mile walk. The event will include festive live music, pizza, pretzels, and popsicles. The alumni will have a special tent to socialize with fellow classmates & faculty.

Your generous involvement will be appreciated by the 220 students of St. Joseph / St. Robert School. The funds raised will go to enhance the academic program that supports and challenges our students.

Our sponsorship opportunities range from \$150 to \$500. The advantages & levels of sponsorship are listed on the front of the sponsor form and include a complimentary event registration & t-shirt. New this year will be acknowledging our sponsors on our RACE FB Page: SJR RACE for Education. Like our FB Page & enjoy following the RACE activities leading up to RACE Day.

We thank our sponsors in advance for your generosity as we unite with our SJR students, faculty, staff, & volunteers in making our RACE a fun community event along with providing educational benefits for our students.

For questions, please contact Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

Warm Regards,

The RACE Committee



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8th
Annual

SJR R.A.C.E.

Run About Catholic Education

Friday, May 11, 2018

Location: St. Joseph/St. Robert School (SJR) **Races:** 1K Kids' Race 6:30 P.M. (kids 12 and under)
850 Euclid Avenue 2 Mile Fitness Walk 7:00 P.M.
Warrington, PA 18976 5K Race 7:00 P.M.

Opportunity to Support SJR School:

Level	Includes	Cost
Executive Support	Name with Logo on T-shirt, Race Application, RACE Facebook Page, Marker Sign & Booth Space - Deadline: 04/13/2018	\$500
Corporate Support	Name with Logo on T-shirt, Race Application, RACE Facebook Page & Booth Space - Deadline: 04/13/2018	\$300
Corporate Friend	Name (no logo) on T-shirt, RACE Facebook Page & Booth Space Deadline: 04/13/2018	\$150

**All levels of support include one complimentary race registration.*

To claim registration, please submit a race application by 05/04/2018.

For additional information please contact Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org or 215.343.5100

*** Facebook: SJR RACE for Education ***

SJR 5K RACE Sponsorship Form

Company Name: _____

Individual Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ SJR Contact: _____

Sponsorship Level (please check):

- Executive Support \$500 Corporate Support \$300 Corporate Friend \$150

Please make all checks payable to: St. Joseph/St. Robert HSA, 850 Euclid Avenue Warrington, PA 18976



ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL
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From the Director of Advancement: Kathy Williamson

St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program for Businesses & Individuals

*Did you know that businesses & now you as an individual can redirect your tax dollars toward valuable tuition assistance for our qualified students? In addition, EITC provides a **significant tax advantage for businesses/individuals.***

EITC allows PA business owners to receive a 75% credit for a 1 year commitment or 90% credit for 2 years by directing their state tax dollars to a designated scholarship organization: Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) or Foundation for Catholic Education.

EITC is not just for businesses anymore! Individuals with a state tax liability can now join a Special Purpose Entity (SPE) to take full advantage of the PA EITC program. The individual can gain a 90% tax credit for a 2-year commitment & use the credit for their Personal PA Taxes.

I invite & encourage our school families to share with relatives, friends, and business owners so they may learn more about the value of EITC. In addition, you as a school family may qualify to redirect your tax dollars toward tuition for those fellow students that qualify.

To learn more about EITC & the valuable tuition support for our students, please call Kathy Williamson at 215.343.5100 or email kwilliamson@stjstr.org.