APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the latest “Apple of My Eye” winners of the school year: Philip Buckelman, Joseph Ewald, Bella Garofalo, Charlotte Kiss and Sofia Mazzarella.

READING OLYMPICS: Congratulations to our Grade 8 Reading Olympics team for winning a green ribbon in last week’s competition. Congratulations to our Grade 7 team for winning a blue ribbon!

BAND CONCERT DATE CHANGE: Our spring Band Concert has been moved to Monday, June 4th to accommodate the change in the date of the Reading Olympics for grades 5 & 6.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:
- 5K RACE: Our annual 5K RACE will take place on Friday May 11th. We are offering a new way to support this event – our own Go Fund Me page! Please share this link with your family, friends, and business associates to help us reach our goal: https://www.gofundme.com/sjr-5k-race?ssid=1230721086&pos=1
- Calendar Correction: We will not be having our “SJR’s Got Talent” Show this year. Keep practicing for next year!

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@stistr.org

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:
See flyer in this week’s communication for information on the After School Enrichment Program.
THANK YOU!: What happens when over 240 children clad in Phillies colors go to the gym for lunch? A Phillies picnic breaks out! Many thanks to Mrs. Daiana Fuller and her wonderful helpers for providing a wonderful lunch – and memory for our students!

LUNCH LADIES: We are quickly approaching the final months of school. I would like to thank our wonderful Lunch Ladies, Mrs. Michelle Studley and Mrs. Diana McDonnell, for all they do for us each week. Wednesdays and Fridays are very special days – and they make all they do look easy! Thank you!

SUMMER SOLUTIONS: Close the Summer Learning Gap! Order Summer Solutions from Simple Solutions. See flyer in this week’s communication for more information.

HERSHEY PARK TICKETS: Hershey Park tickets are on sale. You save 49% off gate prices. All orders are due in the office by April 30th. See flyer in this week’s communication.

JUST A THought: This week, the faculty used a book titled, “Tools and Fuels” as the basis for some faith – sharing. The book’s subtitle is eye-catching: “How Catholic teachers can become Saints, Beat Burnout, and Save the World”. Pretty powerful words! The essence of our discussion was the need for all of us to remember that the work we do is not about us – it is about the Mission of the Church. We were reminded to focus on remaining close to the sacraments, make time for daily prayer, and become a person of the scripture. Following these three strategies, we will learn to shake off cynicism, worry, and embrace a positive, confident attitude.

SJR SCHOOL:
Focused on Faith and Learning
Home and School Happenings—mark your calendars

April 17: SJR Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A

April 19: HSA General Meeting at 7pm. Final meeting of school year. Election of new board members.

April 20: Paper Recycling Challenge—START SAVING YOUR PAPER NOW! PRIZE FOR THE CLASS THAT COLLECTS THE MOST RECYCLABLE PAPER (by weight)

April 25 – 26: Lafferty Drive Fundraiser

WHAT IS LAFFERTY DRIVE??

Lafferty Chevrolet located at 829 W. Street Rd. in Warminster has done this fundraiser with SJR and other area schools for years. It is a simple, convenient, no-hassle way to raise money for our school. Here’s how it works:

1 - Go to Lafferty Chevrolet on Wednesday 4/24 or Thursday 4/26. Show your drivers license and sign in.

2 - Hop in a shiny new Chevy and drive it around the block (Ahhh, new car smell). The salesperson will NOT try to sell you a car or even ask any questions about your current or future cars (I promise!)

3 - Say thanks and goodbye. You just raised $10 if you went on Wednesday and $15 if you went on Thursday. And it only took you about 10 minutes.

Tell the grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors! Take a friend--You can ride together in the same car and SJR will get credit for both families. It does not have to be an SJR family.
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.sjistr.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.

Run About Catholic Education (R.A.C.E.)
Training run this Thursday, April 12th

The SJR 5K R.A.C.E. will be held on Friday, May 11th. This event is a 5K run, or a 2 mile fitness walk. Also, a 1K run is available for the kids. Whether you’ve never run a 5K before or you have run many, please consider joining our training runs! Training will be held every Thursday evening at 8:30 PM. Training will include running or walking the course. The group will begin from St. Robert Bellarmine Church parking lot. All levels of runner/walker are encouraged to join the training. No individual will be left behind! It is a great way to kick off a healthy new year! For questions, call Bob Williamson at 215.896.5180 or email kbwrsw96@gmail.com.

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. Nominations are due by this Friday, 4/13.
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 school year. 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
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: 860 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 the medals for those who participate in the kids’ run, 5K RACE awards for age categories, or an opportunity to stroll the 2 Mile walk. The event will include festive live music, pizza, pretzels, & 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 and t-shirt. New this year will be acknowledging our sponsors on our RACE Facebook 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@stistr.org.

Warm Regards,

The RACE Committee
8th Annual

SJR R.A.C.E.
Run About Catholic Education
Friday, May 11, 2018

**Location:** St. Joseph/St. Robert School (SJR)
850 Euclid Avenue
Warrington, PA 18976

**Races:**
- 1K Kids’ Race: 6:30 P.M. (kids 12 and under)
- 2 Mile Fitness Walk: 7:00 P.M.
- 5K Race: 7:00 P.M.

**Opportunity to Support SJR School:**

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*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@stjistr.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
After School Enrichment Program

Interactive Presentation: “Healthy Friendships” (2 Part Program)

Invited Audience: Students (Girls) in Grades 6th, 7th & 8th

Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 & Monday, April 23, 2018

Time: 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

Where: School Library

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 11th

Program Description: The girls will participate in valuable interactive discussions & activities to become EMPOWERED to develop healthy relationships with their girlfriends. Content will include qualities of healthy & unhealthy friendships, skills to be assertive in their relationships, understanding of the pros & cons of social media, and ways to set healthy boundaries with friends in person and on social media.

Presenter: Dr. Dawn H. Haaz is a licensed psychologist in PA and Founder/CEO of Girls Empowered, nonprofit 501 (C)(3). Dr. Haaz is honored to have been selected as one of 19 Emerging Leaders in Bucks and Eastern Montgomery Counties by the Bucks County Courier Times, Intelligencer, and Central Bucks Family YMCA for 2017. Visit Dr. Haaz’s website: www.girlsempowered.org to learn more about Girls Empowered and her customized workshops & programs for girls.

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Enrichment Program: “Healthy Friendships”

Registration Form

Please return completed by: April 11th
Attention: Kathy Williamson, Advancement Office

Student Name: _______________________________ Grade: ___________

Emergency Contact: __________________________ Phone #: __________________

E-mail: ______________________________________
Close the Summer Learning Gap!

Summer learning loss puts students at a serious disadvantage. This is when skills and knowledge are lost over the summer months, causing students to move backwards instead of progressing.

By spending just minutes a day with Summer Solutions, students get the practice they need to keep moving forward. It was designed to help students return to school after summer break confident in the skills they’ve already learned and ready to master new ones.

Your child worked hard all year. Make sure that progress sticks. Give your child the advantage of Summer Solutions.

Each book is $12.00.

School Name:  St. Joseph-St. Robert School
Go to www.summersolutions.net
To place your order, enter your school code: SJR18976
The school code expires on:  May 6, 2018

Order Early!  Orders placed before May 1, 2018 will be entered in a drawing for a $250 Amazon Gift Card.
(No purchase necessary to enter the drawing.
For Rules: https://simplesolutions.org/blog/sweepstakes)
Four attractions for one low price!

Hersheypark | The Boardwalk at Hersheypark | ZooAmerica
& Hershey’s Chocolate World Attraction

Enjoy a savings up to 49% OFF regular gate admission

Over 70 rides and attractions including 13 coasters
FREE Admission to ZooAmerica when entered from Hersheypark
Hershey’s Chocolate World Attraction - the #1 visited corporate visitor center in the world
Prepaid Meal Tickets
Award-winning live entertainment
*Added value with the Hersheypark Preview Plan (see below)

Special Order Form Required:
(This is a special offer available to the friends and families of your organization)

Orders must be received by **Monday April 30th, 2018**

Tickets will be distributed at our School/Parish, on or before the week of May 25th, 2018. A distribution plan will be communicated.

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View the Hersheypark operating calendar at [www.Hersheypark.com](http://www.Hersheypark.com)

* Ticket holders may also take advantage of the FREE Preview Plan. Present a pre-purchased ticket the day before your planned visit, and visit Hersheypark for 2 ½ hours prior to park closing when the park closes at 10:00 PM and 3 ½ hours when the park closes at 11:00 PM.

For order forms, questions or additional information about this program, please contact your Parish office.
The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is once again working with Hersheypark® to offer tickets at a substantial discount to the friends and families of your parish/school. **Advance Payment is required!** Please note that tickets are valid for one day during the 2018 Summer Season. Please check www.hersheypark.com for complete hours of operation.

Complete and submit this ORDER FORM along with full payment: Checks made payable to the school/Parish office by: **Monday, April 30th 2018**

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**ADD-ON** discount Meal Tickets to your order @ $11.99 each. Enjoy a meal at multiple locations, with a variety of menus.

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**THIS OFFER ENDS on Monday, April 30th 2018**

Note: **Tickets are valid one day April 27th - Sept 30, 2018**

Take advantage of these early bird savings, NOW!

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**Prepaid Meal Ticket:** Choose a meal at up to 20 food venues. All meals include entree, side and one fountain drink or regular hot drink.

|                |                            | $12.99| $11.99 1.00 OFF   |         |       |

**ORDER GRAND TOTAL** $
Save the Date

Archdiocesan May Procession
Sunday, May 6, 2018
at 2:00 pm

Come honor the Mother of Jesus and our Mother.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
18TH STREET AND THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19103

Children who have received Confirmation
and their First Holy Communion
are invited to wear their sacramental attire for the May Procession.
If children from your parish will be joining the May Procession,
please contact the Office for Divine Worship at worship@archphila.org.

Any Parish or High School Choir is invited to sing the May Procession.
If you are interested in singing,
please contact Ms. Charlene Angelini at cangelini@archphila.org.

ANOTHER SAVE THE DATE

ARCHDIOCESAN ROSARY
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 5:30 PM
6:30 PM Sunday Mass to follow
Saturday, April 21 — Adult Gathering

National Speaker: Thomas Smith
Bible Study Author (Ascension Press), Mission and Conference Speaker
Website: thomas@gen215.org.

"Thomas Smith is in the top 10% of the best Catholic speakers today. He has the rare gift of connecting faith with life, the head with the heart. I cannot recommend him more highly."
— Dr. Timothy Gray • President of the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colorado

Saturday Schedule

9:45 AM—Coffee and Refreshments

10:15 AM—Presentation: 7 Keys for Faithfully and Fruitfully Sharing Your Faith

12:00 — Lunch ($15.00)*

12:45 PM — Presentation: The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Our Faith

2:15 PM — Depart

Location: Church Narthex and Monsignor Marley Hall

PLEASE RSVP to Joan Fitzpatrick (jfitzaff2@verizon.net) by Wednesday, April 18 before noon, so we can have an accurate count for set-up and the lunch order. *You can bring a check (made out to St. Robert Bellarmine Parish) or cash on April 21.
Free will offerings accepted to cover other costs.

Our next Bible Study is called

FULFILLED: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism

Have you ever been unable to explain the "why" of Catholic beliefs? Have you ever wondered why the Old Testament sounds so different from the New Testament? In the Old Testament, God began building a plan and laying a foundation for the beautiful traditions of the Catholic Faith.

THIS IS A GOOD STUDY FOR BOTH NEW AND SEASONED BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS!

Fulfilled explores the biblical roots of the Catholic Faith. It uncovers God’s consistent design for our worship of him and his relationship with us. Learn where the blueprint for the Catholic Faith was laid out in the Old Testament and how Jesus fulfilled it in the New Testament.

Dates: Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 12  Time: 7:00—8:30 PM

Parish Meeting Room

The cost is $30.00 (checks payable to St. Robert Bellarmine)

Includes Book and Study Guide

Forms are in the narthex and on the parish website, first page left side.