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Reminders

Coronavirus (COVID -19) Update

Later today a letter will be sent out in regards to what precautions are in place in regards to the growing concerns surround COVID-19. Rest assured that we here at St. Joseph/St. Roberts as well as the Archdiocese are working with local and state government offices to ensure that we are following prescribed guidelines to limit the catching and spread of COVID-19.

5K Sponsorship Updates

This year we are asking that all families reach out to at least 1 potential sponsor for our 5k. Families who are interested in seeking out sponsorships are asked to sign up on the SignUp Genius or via email at stjstr5k@gmail.com. Once signed up, you will receive a list of potential sponsors for you to contact. We ask that you please identify who you would like to contact and let us know so that we do not have multiple people contacting the same potential sponsors. Please wait for confirmation that no one has already selected that potential sponsor before reaching out.

Summer Solutions

Once again, Simple Solutions is offering the Summer Solutions program for students. A flyer with information on how to order books is attached. Summer Solutions is a great way to keep your child progressing rather than regressing over the summer. Books are available for \$13.00 each.

Bake Sale Containers

We have a number of bake sale containers left over from our last sale. If your Tupperware dish was never returned please let us know and we can see if it is one of the ones remaining.

Hot Lunch

3/4/2020 – Wendy's
3/6/2020 – Pizza
3/11/2020 – McDonald's
3/18/2020 – Wendy's
3/20/2020 – Pasta

Advancement Corner

EITC Information and Webinars

Attached is a flyer in regards to the EITC program and upcoming webinars. Any questions please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Williamson.

BLOCS Tuition Scholarships

Applications for BLOCS Tuition Scholarships for the 2020 - 2021 school year are now open. Please refer to the attached information as to the application requirements.

Don't Miss Your Children in Action!

If you have not done so already, please take a minute to 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 the school social media pages from our SJR website: www.stjstr.org. **Please Like and share with family & friends!**

Dates to Remember

3/4/2020 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:00
3/6/2020 – First Friday Mass @ 9:00
3/10/2020 – 8th Grade Graduation Pictures
3/11/2020 – Conservation Caper @ 9:00 (K-6)
3/11/2020 – 7th Grade High School Visitation
3/11/2020 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:00
3/13/2020 – NO SCHOOL

High School Info

Below are the dates for Practice Tests for area High Schools.

Wood – March 28, 2020
Lansdale Catholic – March 7, 2020 and March 9, 2020
Gwynedd Mercy – April 25, 2020
Villa Joseph Marie - March 21, 2020
Mount St. Joseph – 3/21/2020



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Home and School

MARCH 4, 2020

CAREER WEEK (MARCH 30TH – APRIL 3RD): Career Week responses are due now. We cannot continue this event without more volunteers. If you can spare just an hour of your time, please consider speaking to our students during Career Week. If you are unable to join us, please help us by reaching out to your friends, family or local community members who may be interested in sharing their careers with our school! Please see the attached form for details. Please contact Kristi Brennan at kris1481@aol.com by **FRIDAY MARCH 6TH** if you can volunteer. Thank you!!!

*****FRIDAY MAY 15TH:** Annual SJR 5K. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please email Brian Hill at FFWR38@gmail.com ***Please note: I incorrectly listed the date of the 5K in last week's Hawk Talk. This is the correct date.**

SATURDAY MAY 16TH: We are excited to announce that SJR is hosting a Family Night at the Trenton Thunder! Please see attached flyer for details.

TUESDAY APRIL 21ST: Our Spring Speaker Program is fast approaching. Information has been attached this week with details. Tickets can be requested via email SJRHSA@stjstr.org. It is a free event but tickets are required. We will also be inviting neighboring schools. We have flyers available if you have a specific school community you would like to invite. Feel free to reach out to Amy Dixon at amykaltneckar@hotmail.com for a flyer.

The HSA received a check today for \$265 from Pat's Select in Warrington from our Spirit Night there in the Fall. THANK YOU!!!

Home and School

SPOTLIGHT ON DR. THOMAS LICKONA

Excerpt from "How to Raise Kind Kids"

Remember you're a character coach. Like a good coach, you're trying to bring out the best in your kids and help them develop their full potential. Doing that will require all the things good coaches do, including "demandingness" and tough love. Good coaches bench players when that's what's needed; effective discipline in a family uses consequences in character developing ways.

Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Basketball team for winning the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Girls Varsity Basketball Championship. The team will continue in competition & travel to Pittsburgh (March 6-8) to compete in the CYO State Championship!

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls JV Basketball Teams for each winning the Region 11 Championships over the weekend!

Congratulations to our 7th and 8th Grade Girls Parish team for competing in the Region 11 Championship over the weekend. We are extremely proud of how hard our girls played all year and how they represented SJR both on and off of the court.

Apple of My Eye Winners for the last 2 weeks

Kate Panepresso
Hannah George
Michael Holly
Zack Eller
Daniel Riach

Golden Platter Award

2nd Grade
5th Grade



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2019-2020 St. Joseph/St. Robert JV Boys CYO
Regional Team - Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Region 11 Champions



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2019-2020 St. Joseph/St. Robert Varsity
CYO Parish Basketball Team - Season
Tournament Runner Up



2019-2020 St. Joseph/St. Robert Varsity
CYO Region Basketball Team –
Archdiocesan Champions



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CAREER WEEK

Career Week was such a success last year, that we are thrilled to start planning it again! If you are excited about your career and the future of our students, please take some time to come in and share that with us!

On the mornings of **Monday March 30th** and **Tuesday March 31st**, we will be hosting our Career Week presenters. Last year, we had the pleasure of welcoming 18 people to SJR (our parents, friends, family, and members of the community) to meet our students and teach them about their career, why they chose it, what they love about it, and any other information about their lives that brought them to where they are today! This is such a fun and unique opportunity for our children to interact with new mentors and get excited for their future! At the conclusion of Career Week last year, our students understood many different career opportunities that were otherwise unfamiliar to them, and we hope to accomplish the same goal this year! We are excited to teach our students first-hand that with hard work and a dream, there are endless opportunities in their future!

We can not have a successful week without your help, ***so please consider joining us for Career Week!*** Or, if you have a friend or family member to recommend, we'd love to have them join us too! If you presented last year, you are welcome to join us again, and we can rotate you to different classes this year! Each speaker will move between 2 or 3 classrooms and spend about 20 minutes in each class. There is no formality to the presentations, so be creative and just be yourself! You may include handouts, an activity, a PowerPoint presentation, and physical props or equipment to show the students. If none of this pertains, a casual chat with the class about what you do it just as great too!

If you or someone you know can join us as a presenter, please complete the form below and we will be in touch with more specific details. We look forward to having you!

Thursday April 2nd: SPIRIT DAY!!

Children may dress up as their future career, dream job, or in the spirit of their future high school or college! Let's get in the spirit, have fun, and BE CREATIVE!





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Presenter's Name:

Relationship to SJR:

Contact Info (Email and Cell):

Career:

Grade/age you'd like to present to (if no preference, please indicate):

Dates/times available (morning of 3/30 or 3/31. If flexible, please indicate):

Additional information will be emailed to our presenters and you will be accommodated as best as possible during your available times. Thank you in advance for your interest in

SJR's CAREER WEEK!

** Please return form to Kristi Brennan c/o Brynn Brennan Gr. 2 by March 2nd.

For scheduling purposes, prompt responses are greatly appreciated. Thank you! **



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— GUEST SPEAKER —
DR. THOMAS LICKONA, Ph.D.

New York Times Best-Selling Author of "How to Raise Kind Kids"

Thomas Lickona, Ph.D., is a developmental psychologist and professor of education emeritus at the State University of New York at Cortland.



How to Raise
kind
kids

And Get Respect, Gratitude, and
a Happier Family in the Bargain

THOMAS LICKONA

Bestselling author of *Raising Good Children*
and *Character Matters*



MONSIGNOR MARLEY HALL
ST. JOSEPH ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

7 PM | APRIL 21ST

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT
BUT TICKETS ARE REQUIRED**



For more information, and to reserve tickets email SJRHSA@stjstr.org



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SJR Family Night at Trenton Thunder



Come out and join your SJR Family for a fun night at the ballpark

Saturday May 16th at 7pm

Arm and Hammer Park

1 Thunder Road

Trenton, NJ 08611

Trenton Thunder VS. Erie Sea Wolves

\$8 per ticket

Family Name_____

_____Number of Tickets X \$8 = _____Total enclosed

Tickets should be sent home with _____Grade

*Cash or check accepted. *Please make check payable to SJR HSA

***** All orders with payment should be submitted to Carolyn Shimp c/o Kelsey
Grade 2 no later than April 17th



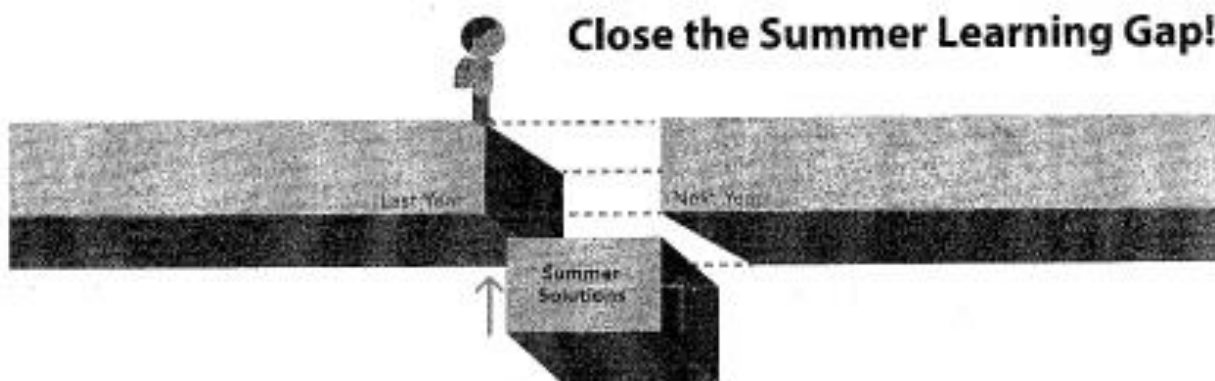
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**Summer
Solutions.**
Minutes a Day—Mastery for a Lifetime!

**Simple
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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 \$13.00.

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 1, 2020**



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ROTARY CLUB OF
WARRINGTON, PA



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8 AM to 11:30 AM

Giuseppe's

1380 Street Rd., Warminster, PA 18976

\$7.00 for adults (Kids 5 and under are free)

Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Milk, Juices, Coffee & Tea

Entertainment by Magic Steve



All proceeds benefit the
"I Like Me" Reading Program
Presented by Warrington Rotary
at all Elementary Schools in Warrington

Titus Barclay Mill Creek
St Joseph/St Robert

For more information on the program,
visit www.ilikeme.org

Join us for a good breakfast!

Rotary Club Of Warrington
PO Box 135 • Warrington, PA 18976
Email: info@warringtonparotary.org
www.warringtonparotary.org

Good for 1 FREE Breakfast per student

Warrington Rotary Pancake Breakfast

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EITC 2020 Spring Webinars

**Wednesday, March 11th
at 10:00 am**



**Tuesday, March 24th
at 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, April 23rd
at 2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, May 7th
at 12:00 Noon**



Email jneeld@foundationforcatholiceducation.org for login information



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ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL
FOCUSED ON FAITH AND LEARNING

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)

Your PA Personal and Business Taxes can be redirected to St. Joseph/St. Robert School for use as tuition assistance for our qualified students.

EITC is a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania program that has allowed PA businesses to make donations to financial aid programs at schools like St. Joseph/St. Robert School in exchange for tax credits of up to 90% of the donations. Now individuals can also take advantage of these tax incentives.

If you pay \$1,000 or more in PA taxes, please consider learning more and take advantage of the 30-minute EITC Webinars offered through the Foundation for Catholic Education. For additional information, please contact Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement at kwilliamson@stjstr.org.



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Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) Tuition Scholarships

Applications for the BLOCS Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year are open. It is recommended that you visit: www.Blocs.org and review the FAQ. It is very important that every SJR family review and apply even if you are over the annual income. Families can apply who have students enrolling in grades Pre-K through 12th.

Applications for tuition scholarships are completed through FACTS by visiting: <http://blocs.org/apply-scholarship/> The application fee is \$30.00 & all submissions are strictly confidential.

Applying for financial scholarship through FACTS has never been easier because **this year you can use your 2018 tax return**. In fact, if you applied for aid for the 2019 – 2020 school year, you can reapply without re-submitting your tax return, since FACTS already has your 2018 return on file. You may also wait until next year and upload your 2019 tax return.

New families applying for financial scholarship for the first time will need to complete the application and submit the necessary documentation to FACTS to be eligible for EITC scholarship. Once you complete an online application, you will need to send the following information to FACTS to finalize the application process:

* Copies of your 2018 or 2019 Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Williamson at Kwilliamson@stjstr.org or 215.343.5100, extension 209.



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FREE Tax Preparation!

*Did your household make \$56,000 or less in 2019?
If so, you may be eligible for **FREE** tax preparation!*

Bucks County Opportunity Council's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) opens on February 1st!



February 1 through April 15. Tax preparation is available on a first-come, first-served basis and only during the below scheduled dates and times. Returns are completed based on available volunteers! There is no guarantee of service. Please bring **ALL** of your tax documents with you- See back of flyer for a list of documents needed. **NOTE: For joint returns, both taxpayer and spouse must be present!**

	Quakertown	Warminster	Bristol	Newtown
Evening Hours	Wednesdays 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Wednesdays 4:00 pm-8:00 pm	Tuesdays 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	N/A
Weekend Hours	Saturdays 9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Saturdays 9:00 am -2:00 pm	Saturdays 9:00 am -2:00 pm	Saturdays 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location	Bucks County Opportunity Council 136C Mill Road Quakertown 18951 (next to Goddard School)	St. Andrew's United Methodist Church 999 York Road Warminster 18974	Bucks County Opportunity Council 721 Veterans Hwy Bristol 19007	St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church 136 N. Congress St. Newtown, PA 18940

Additional tax preparation available on the following dates & times ONLY:

9:00 am to 2:00 pm at 100 Doyle Street, Doylestown: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 9.
Address: BCOC, 100 Doyle Street, Doylestown.

Other Options for Free and Low Cost Tax Preparation Assistance:

- Visit WWW.MYFREETAXES.COM – Free to file, no income limit.
- AARP for Senior Citizens 888-687-2277 http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide
- Campaign for Working Families 215-454-6483 <http://www.cwfphilly.org>

BCOC's VITA program is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service with support from, Bucks County Foundation, First National Bank & Trust Co. of Newtown, and BB&T.

Please see other side for additional important information.



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Documents required for Tax Preparation:

Bring the following information for everyone in your household:

- **Photo ID:** Valid driver's license, government or state issued ID is acceptable.
- **Social Security Cards:** SSN or ITIN document for you and all your dependents.
- **Date of birth and relationship:** make a list of ALL of your household members.
- **Current address:** it may be different from the address on your employment records.



Additional Documents:

- **W-2s:** for each job held in 2019, for each person in the household filing a return.
- **1098s:** for school loans, mortgage and property tax payments.
- **1099s:** showing any other income: unemployment, social security, school loans, health care reimbursement, state tax refund, gambling winnings, or subcontractor work.
- **Uber, Lyft etc.:** You must print and bring income statements (1099-misc, 1099-K, year-end summary statement), as well as mileage logs, & other receipts.
- **SSA-1099:** Social Security Benefit Statement
- **1095-A, B or C:** for proof of healthcare insurance.
- **Income/Interest Statements:** received for any savings accounts or investments.
- **Bank Account Numbers:** bring a "blank check" or a "letter" from your bank with your routing and account number for refund direct deposited.
- **Last Year's Completed Tax Return**
- **Business Expenses:** Self-employed expense receipts and mileage logs with totals.
- **Charitable Donations:** list of contributions with receipts or statements and totals.
- **Childcare Expenses:** daycare name, full physical address and phone number with Tax ID # or Social Security number of Child Care Provider and proof of payment statement for full year.
- **College Forms:** 1098-T/1098-E with college statement and all receipts.
- **Educator Expenses:** "out of pocket" supply receipts for each teacher or aide, grades K-12.
- **Homeowners:** Form 1098 mortgage interest statement or 2019 real estate taxes paid receipt.
- **Medical Expenses:** Doctor, pharmacy, hospital, and supplemental premium statements.
- **Property Tax/Rent Rebate:** provide **PA 1000 RC** form from your landlord or proof of rent paid for the year, or a paid stamped copy of property taxes. Benefits are eligible to Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters with half of Social Security income not included in calculations.
- **Retirement/IRA:** 2019 proof of contributions or withdrawals and year-end statements.

