

# From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

April 19, 2017

[djaster@stjstr.org](mailto:djaster@stjstr.org)



shutterstock - 209505380

**APPLE OF MY EYE:** Congratulations to the latest students who were caught doing something good: Maura Yoos, Jake Warga, Patrick Birkhead, Brian Klumpp and Emma Nucera.



## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- Home and School meeting: Our final Home and School meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday evening beginning at 7PM in the school dining hall. Elections will take place during this meeting.
- See flyer in this week's e-folder for more exciting news.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY:** Congratulations to Madelyn Brennan who will receive her First Holy Communion on Sunday morning during the 12noon Mass at St. Cyril's Church.

**GRADUATION PICTURES:** Our eighth graders will have their graduation portraits taken on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> in their graduation robes.

**ART GOES TO SCHOOL:** On Monday and Tuesday of next week, the students will be participating in Art Goes to School. This program allows volunteers to visit each class and share reproductions of famous works of art. On Monday, the children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 3, and Grade 8 will participate. On Tuesday, students in Grades 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 will participate.



## SERVICE CORPS NEWS:

- Congratulations to Hunter Nucera and Cole Wilcoz who were the winners of the Jelly Bean Jar and Easter Egg Jar!
- Our Service Corps will be holding a Bake Sale next Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Items will cost \$.50 each. Proceeds will go to benefit the family of John Bruno.

## FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:



### Run About Catholic Education (R.A.C.E.) Four Weeks Until the START & Training Has Begun

Never run or walked a 5K before or have you participated in many? Please consider joining our training run/walk! **Training is held every Wednesday evening at 8:30 PM. We have been averaging 10 runners/walkers.** Training includes running or walking the course. The group begins from St. Robert Bellarmine Church parking lot. All levels of runner/walker are encouraged to join the training. For questions, call Bob Williamson at 215.896.5180 or email [kbwrs96@gmail.com](mailto:kbwrs96@gmail.com).

See more news from the Advancement Director in this week's news letter.



**OKTOBERFEST:** St. Robert Bellarmine parish is having Oktoberfest on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> as part of the parish Golden Jubilee celebration. Plans are already underway. The Oktoberfest Committee is looking for someone to take charge of the American Food Booth. If you are able to help out, please contact either Betty Santoro @ [santoea@npenn.org](mailto:santoea@npenn.org) or Joanne Galganski @

[igalganski@aol.com](mailto:igalganski@aol.com)

**HERSHEY PARK TICKETS: LAST DAY TO ORDER HERSHEY PARK TICKETS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>.** See order form in this week's e-folder for discounted Hershey Park tickets.

**SUMMER SOLUTIONS:** Your child worked hard all year long. Make sure that progress sticks. Give your child the advantage of *Summer Solution*. The flyer in this week's e-folder tells you how to order. School Code is SJR18976. Orders are due by May 7, 2017.



It's making a stop again at SJR!

Please stay tuned for all the details for our **FIRST** Scholastic BOGO Summer Reading **Book Fair!**

All grades will visit the book fair during their scheduled library time during week of **May 1st-May 4th.**

The best part...everything will be **Buy One, Get One Free!** Stock up for summer! Look for more information to come home with your child in the coming days!

**FIELD DAY:** Field day is Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help out that day. Please sign up sheet in this week's communication.

**BOX TOPS:** The deadline for boxtops submission is 5/1. Any family who submits 350 boxtops will receive a dress down day and the family who submits the most boxtops will receive 3 dress down days!! Our school has earned over \$2000 this year from boxtops submissions!!! Thank you for participating in this fundraiser. Boxtops can be submitted to Suzanne Sorge c/o Matthew grade 4.

**JUST A THOUGHT:** *"A grateful heart is a magnet for miracles"!*

In this season of Easter, let's all start each day with grateful hearts – and watch for the miracles!

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



## Home and School News



**Rita's Water Ice Spirit Night – Tonight from 5 – 9 pm located on 611 by St. Joseph's Church**

**Our Recycling Challenge/Clothing Drive is taking place Friday morning April 21th. Please have all donations dropped off to school by 8:30 am.**



**HSA General Meeting – Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final meeting for this school year will be taking place on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. In an addition to our regular agenda, we will have our elections, a showcase of excellence, and our drawling of our \$500 tuition winner!**



**Don't forget to sponsor and/or register for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual 5K being held on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Information can be found in this week's communication.**



Saint Joseph/St. Robert School  
850 Euclid Avenue  
Warrington, PA 18976

April 19, 2017

Dear Parents,

Looking ahead, Friday, May 12, 2017 is Field Day. Activities will take place from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. In order to make this day a success I will need many volunteers. If you are available to help please fill out the form below and return to the school office by Friday, May 5, 2017.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Julie McReynolds

---

Field Day Volunteers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.



**7<sup>th</sup> Annual R.A.C.E**  
**On-Line Registration Now Open**

On-line registration is now open and can be accessed by clicking the RACE logo on the front page of our website: [www.stjstr.org](http://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.

The RACE will include entertainment, food, age group awards, and prizes. The first 400 runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt. We hope all SJR families will register and enjoy a truly wonderful evening of family fun.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual R.A.C.E.**  
**Corporate Friend & Friend Due May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Please Help Gain Sponsors & Add to Our Success**

Mark your calendar now for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Run about Catholic Education (R.A.C.E) on Friday, May 19, 2017. 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 \$16,174.00 dollars. This year the proceeds will go towards the academic advancement that is used to support our students. The funds raised come from the generous support of local business sponsors, parishioners, and our school families.

The success of our 7<sup>th</sup> 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, pharmacy, insurance agent, financial advisor, bank, indoor/outdoor home services, restaurants, and retail stores you frequently visit.

**Corporate Friend & Friend are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are asking each family to consider the "Friend" level of \$50.00 sponsorship.** For each sponsorship you secure, will entitle your family to a complimentary race registration. Please include your name as the SJR contact on the sponsorship form.

**The Sponsorship form can be accessed by clicking the 5K logo on our website.** In addition, the Sponsorship form is again in this week's communication. Thank you for your active involvement in making our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual R.A.C.E. another great success. For questions or assistance with possible sponsors, please contact Kathy Williamson at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org) or 215.343.5100.

**From the Director of Advancement: Kathy Williamson**

**“EITC Awareness Weekend – April 29 – 30, 2017**

**Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program – Significant Tuition Assistance for our qualified students & a significant tax advantage for businesses/individuals**

EITC allows Pennsylvania 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 Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS).

***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.***

Business owners or individuals that re-direct and designate their tax dollar contribution to St. Joseph/St. Robert School can provide valuable tuition assistance to our qualified students.

After all the Masses the weekend of April 29 – 30, a representative from the school will be available in the narthex to discuss the tax advantages, benefits, and the process involved for business owners or individuals to direct tax dollars to EITC to benefit our students.

We invite our school families, business owners, representatives who work for a business, and interested individuals to stop by the table after Mass to learn more about the EITC Program. Interested school families can also call Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement at 215.343.5100 or email [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org) for additional information.



# EITC AWARENESS WEEKEND APRIL 29-30, 2017

Significant Tax Advantage for Businesses and Individuals  
Significant Tuition Assistance for Families

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) is a tax credit that many businesses and individuals in Pennsylvania are eligible to receive.

The program offers the donor a PA tax credit of 75% for a 1 year commitment and a 90% tax credit for a 2 year commitment.

This donation can be designated to a Catholic School to help offset tuition for students who would otherwise not be able to attend a Catholic School.

## Individuals

Individuals with a tax liability can now join a Special Purpose Entity (SPE) to take full advantage of the PA EITC programs.

- Use the Credit for Your Personal PA Taxes
- 90% Tax Credit for a 2-Year Commitment
- Currently Recruiting Members
- Designate to a Catholic School of Your Choice

Contact one of these approved scholarship organizations!

**Foundation For Catholic Education - 610.793.8503**

[jineid@foundationforcatholiceducation.org](mailto:jineid@foundationforcatholiceducation.org)

**BLOCS - 484.704.2300**

[info@bloccs.org](http://info@bloccs.org)

## Businesses

PA businesses can contribute up to \$750,000 to the program. C-Corps, S-Corps, LLCs and Limited Partnerships are eligible to participate.

- Available to Those Who Do Business in PA
- Receive a 75% Credit for 1-Year Commitment or 90% Credit for 2-Years
- New Businesses Can Apply by July 1st
- Designate to a Catholic School of Your Choice





The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
P.O. BOX 2049, 654 FERRY ROAD DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901  
www.livingcrownofmary.com, livingcrownofmary@gmail.com  
p: (215) 345-0600



**The Living Crown of Mary - Suggested Announcement:**

One photograph is all that it takes for you to become visible in the Living Crown of Mary. We invite you to join the Pauline Fathers and Brothers from the American Czestochowa located in Doylestown, PA, as they resolve to honor Mary in this Jubilee year of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coronation of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Begin by taking a picture of yourself or someone you love, and then include your intentions, resolutions, and spiritual gifts in order to crown Mary with your heart. Upon receiving all of your images, a grand and marvelous mosaic of Our Lady of Czestochowa will be created from all the pictures. You will also receive a the image of Our Lady as a sign that you are a precious jewel in the Living Crown of Mary. For more information, log on to: [www.livingcrownofmary.com](http://www.livingcrownofmary.com)

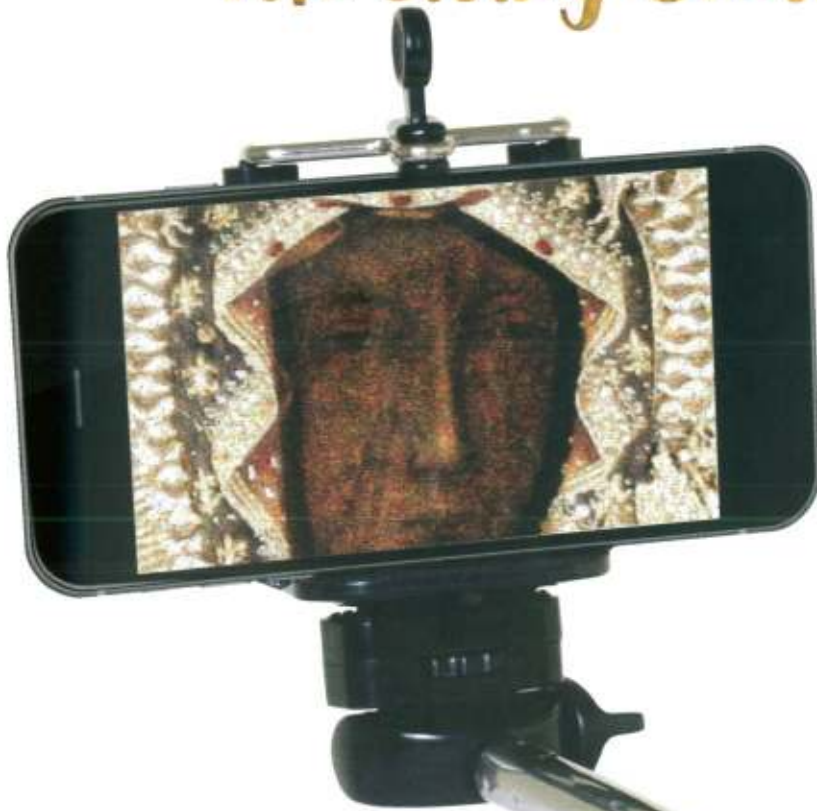
# DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE A SELFIE?



*The Living Crown of Mary*

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
invites you to be a part of

## "The Living Crown of Mary"



Let's build together  
the Image of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
from our photos and spiritual gifts

**Step 1** Send your photo  
in electronic format

**Step 2** Offer a spiritual gift to Mary

**Step 3** Take Mary into your life

### Additional information:

Mary has decided to communicate with us through the Icon.  
We can do the same. Bring your photo (in paper) personally  
and leave it in the Shrine Office (in Visitor Center) or mail it to us:

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
"The Living Crown of Mary"

P.O. BOX 2049

654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown PA 18901

find more  
information  
on our website:



[www.livingcrownofmary.com](http://www.livingcrownofmary.com)





**JOIN LIVING CROWN OF MARY ! LET'S BUILD TOGETHER**

**THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**

Example of JESUS TRUST IN YOU project in Poland.



**20,000** photos from around  
the world







# SUPERCHARGE YOUR SUMMER

YOU'RE INVITED TO  
NORWOOD-FONTBONNE ACADEMY  
OPEN HOUSE & TOUR

TUESDAY, APRIL 25  
Sessions at 5:45pm and 7:00pm

RSVP ONLINE TODAY!  
[www.esfcamps.com/chestnuthill](http://www.esfcamps.com/chestnuthill)



CAMPS &  
EXPERIENCES



This summer, **GSK Science in the Summer™**, a free, fun science education program for students entering grades 2-6, is returning to local libraries with a brand new course – the **Science of Sports!** The free program is sponsored by GSK, administered by The Franklin Institute and held at local libraries in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

*Please help us spread the word about this free educational program to the families of elementary students in your area! **Registration begins in May** at [www.scienceintheshummer.com](http://www.scienceintheshummer.com).*

This year, students will explore the science of sports as they learn how science is used as a tool to help athletes improve their performance. Behind every professional basketball player, gymnast, swimmer, and sprinter is a team of scientists who help athletes excel in their sport, from trainers, nutritionists and physical therapists to statisticians and equipment engineers. Students will learn about these scientists and tackle basic scientific concepts through fun, hands-on activities like experimenting with healthy sports drink recipes and creating their own bouncy balls.

GSK Science in the Summer™ is a great way to encourage continual learning over the summer. The program is designed to get kids involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning at an early age through stimulating and fun coursework to instill kids with a lifelong love of learning and discovery.

***We appreciate your help in making families and students aware of this exciting program.*** We also encourage you to share the program information online and/or on social media.

For more information, including class locations, dates, times and registration, visit [www.scienceintheshummer.com](http://www.scienceintheshummer.com).