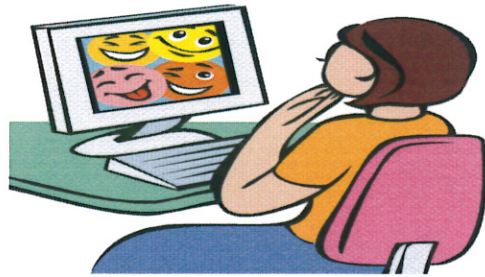


From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

December 2, 2015

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APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for doing something good: Julianna Schweizer, Ryan Sorge, Will Studley, Gianna Radecke, and Hunter Nucera.

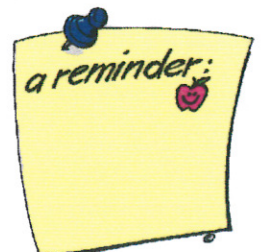
HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Little Elf Shop:** Our Little Elf Shop will be open for business on Tuesday, December 8th. A schedule of when the children will be shopping was sent out last week.
 - If you are interested in volunteering as an Elf Helper, please make sure that your clearances are on file in the parish office.
 - Congratulations to Hannah George who won a \$25 gift certificate to our Little Elf Shop from our Elf Shop Raffle!
 - **SJR CHRISTMAS DANCE:** Friday, December 4th~7:30PM to 10:00PM in Monsignor Marley Hall \$5.00 admission ~ **MUST HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP TO ATTEND which is in this week's communication. We still need parents to chaperone the 6-8 grade dance. Anyone who is interested should contact Kathleen Rosenello at kathleen314@aol.com or 215-791-4231.**
- **Scrip News:** Congratulations to Mrs. Erica Tkach who won a \$25 scrip card through the Black Friday Scrip contest!
 - Scrip is a wonderful way to earn tuition vouchers while you are Christmas shopping! See flyer in this week's communication.



GENTLE REMINDERS:

- Due to the school days lost due to the Pope's visit in September, we will be in session on Tuesday, December 8th.
- Marks close for the first trimester on Friday, December 4th.
- Christmas add-ons: The children may add Christmas socks, ties, and bows to their uniforms. No hats, please!



HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING: Our January Home and School meeting is one that we encourage all parents to attend. We have invited Mr. Bill Brannick, the director of technology for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to address the safe use of technology in school and at home. In an age where children are creating a digital footprint from early on, it is imperative that we work together to ensure their responsible use of technology.



SJR CYO News: The St. Joseph's / St. Robert's CYO is selling tickets for the World Famous Harlem Globetrotters as they come back to Philadelphia. Our players and families are receiving a special discounted ticket to this game. Tickets are \$24 each for lower level seating. The game is Saturday, March 12, 2016, at 12:30 PM. For more information please call Dottie Prior at [215-260-3603](tel:215-260-3603) or Paul Dickson at [215-771-4471](tel:215-771-4471).

JUST A THOUGHT: During the past few days, we have experienced "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday". Many of us can be caught up in trying to find the perfect gift for those we love. Might I offer the following suggestions?



CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

To your enemy, *forgiveness*
To an opponent, *tolerance*
To a friend, *your heart*
To a customer, *service*
To all, *charity*
To every child, *a good example*
To yourself, *respect.*

~Oren Arnold

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PROUD OF OUR PAST,
FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE,
MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!***

*Find the Perfect Gifts
this Year with Scrip*



Who doesn't love picking out their own gifts? By giving a scrip gift card to someone you love this holiday, they can do just that while you earn rebates for your organization! Of course, if you have the perfect gift in mind for someone, or you have a list of presents to check off for your kids, just purchase gifts with scrip and save.

Amazon.com	HomeGoods
American Express	Lowe's
American Girl	Macy's
Athleta	Marshalls
Banana Republic	Nike
Barnes & Noble	Old Navy
Bath & Body Works	Pottery Barn
Best Buy	Restoration Hardware
Build-A-Bear	T.J. Maxx
Crate & Barrel	Target
GameStop	Toys "R" Us
Gap	Ulta Beauty
The Home Depot	Zappos.com
iTunes	

And many, many more!

(Go to shopwithscrip.com for a full list of retailers)

There are only TWO more order dates before Christmas!
Orders placed by December 7th will be in by December 11th
Orders placed by December 14th will be in by December 18th

Saint Joseph/Saint Robert School
Christmas Dance

Friday, December 4, 2015

7:30PM - 10:00PM

Monsignor Marley Hall

\$5.00 admission

*All students attending the dance
must have a signed permission slip*



SJR HSA Dance Permission and Participation Agreement

BOTH parent and youth understand that any violation requiring dismissal from a dance will result in revocation of the youth's SJR HSA Dance Permission and Participation Agreement and disallow any future dance attendance.

Code of Conduct:

1. Participant will remain inside designated dance boundaries during the dance. Participant will be warned once. A second violation will result in dismissal from future dances.
2. Participant will obey the requests and instructions of any SJR HSA designated adult: chaperone, dance monitor, site monitor, security person or any SJR HSA person-in-charge. Failure to do will be deemed a violation of the **Code of Conduct**.
3. Abusive language and/or actions used toward any participant or adult will not be tolerated and is cause for immediate dismissal.
4. Clothing: may not have any reference to drugs, alcohol or sex. They may not be unchristian in nature. Shorts and skirts will be modest with regard to tightness and length. No midriff tops, tank tops, low cut pants, see-through clothing or bras/straps showing. If clothing is found to be objectionable, wearer will be asked to call parent(s) for a change of clothes before he/she will be allowed to enter the dance.
5. There will be no inappropriate dancing or public displays of affection.
6. All dance participants are minors; therefore, no inappropriate activity will be permitted.

Please complete this form and bring form with you to the dance. Please print legibly:

A) Participant

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____

School participant attends _____ Parish _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

B) Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Last name _____ First name (s) _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

C) Emergency contact (please print)

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to dance participant _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Dear SJR Families,

The Home and School Association invites you to remember our "Specials" teachers and staff at Christmas. These 12 individuals do not have a homeroom but have a tremendous impact on all of our children at SJR. Please know that participation is voluntary. If you would like to contribute, a suggested gift would be \$ 10 per family. Please send your cash or check made payable to SJR HSA to Nicole Wade, c/o Alyssa grade 6 by Friday, December 11th.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!

Nicole Wade
njw626@yahoo.com



AOP TECH PARENTS

Follow AoP Tech on Social Media!

AoP Tech is now on social media to help parents and teachers all across the Archdiocese stay connected. Follow and stay in the know as AoP Tech looks to bring you an inside view of our schools and provide you as parents with great tech advice. Working together we will create the digital citizens of the future!

On Twitter

Follow us on Twitter!

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On Facebook

Families, Teachers, and Administrators alike can "like" our page for the latest in tech news and trends, as well as, tips for keep our students safe online.

[AoP Tech Facebook Page](#)

Helping Children Learn Digital Etiquette



Before you

THINK

- T** = Is it True?
- H** = Is it Helpful?
- I** = Is it Inspiring?
- N** = Is it Necessary?
- K** = Is it Kind?

Parents know the value of, and help instill, good manners in their children. You teach them to say "please" and "thank you", you model being polite, and you encourage you kids to be kind to others. However, today's world also requires us to help students to learn digital etiquette. As our world becomes increasingly globally connected, our online manners matter!

Our Archdiocese of Philadelphia schools already help to instill these skills and values in our students. Teachers include lessons on digital citizenship throughout the curriculum.

At home, parents can also help guide students.

Working together will help set the example for our children in this fast paced world. It is also a fantastic way to talk about the example of faith and love we should share in our world!

- **THINK Before You Post** - It is always good idea to take a moment and reread a message or post. Doing so provides a chance to reevaluate the context of a message. AoP Tech loves the THINK acronym pictured above as a great guideline to online posting or texting.
- **Walk Away** - Frustrations and aggravations can escalate quickly in the digital world, especially since it's hard to know the tone or context of a message. Normally, we learn to rely on voice and visual cues to help us, but the digital world is different. Help your child to know if they see the drama on the horizon, sign off and walk away. Together they can talk it out with a trusted adult or friend before saying something regretful.
- **The Golden Rule Matters** - Remind children to never say anything online that they wouldn't say face to face. Or if an online conflict needs to be resolves, it is better to speak in person. Being kind is more important than being right, and spreading gossip doesn't benefit anyone. A great life lesson for all!