

# From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

February 1, 2017

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**APPLE OF MY EYE:** Congratulations to the "Apple of My Eye" winners for the last week of 2016! These children are celebrated for being "caught doing something good": Mckinley Cresswell, Eloise Buckleman, Grace Moffett, James Shaeffer and Mairead McDermott.

**THANK YOU!:** Last week, I received the following note from Erica Sheehan:  
Hi Mrs. Jaster,

Yesterday Colleen and I found out the exciting news that we were chosen to dance in THON 2017!!!! We are so incredibly excited for this opportunity, but we really could not have done it without yours and the SJR community's support. The money you raised got us an extra ticket in the lottery, and it could have been that 1 ticket that got us the spot to dance! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. At the end of THON weekend, when the total is revealed, remember that each and every one of you contributed to that total. The impact you all are making on the lives of children and families fighting cancer is unbelievable. I am so proud to be an SJR alumna! You guys made a huge difference in the THON community and do not ever forget it!

Thank you again,  
Erica Sheehan



**Thank You!**



## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Catholic Schools Week:** The Home and School is providing an assembly for the school on Friday morning @ 10:15AM to celebrate the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week. Also, please check out the Home & School flyer in this week's communication.

## FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:

**Tuition Assistance for 2017/2018 – Submission Deadline: March 31, 2017**

Attached to this week's communication is information regarding the application process for financial aid for next year. It is also recommended that you visit: [www.Blocs.org](http://www.Blocs.org) and review the FAQ. It is very important that every SJR family review, and if you qualify it is strongly recommended that you apply. Families can apply who have students enrolling in grades Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup>. Families with one dependent must have an annual income of less than \$91, 620. For each additional dependent, you can make an additional \$15, 270 per child.

*Through the generosity of businesses that have allocated their tax dollars to SJR, we were able to provide tuition assistance to 34 students for the 2016-2017 academic year.*

To apply for tuition assistance through SmartAid, please visit:

[www.SmartAidForParents.com](http://www.SmartAidForParents.com). The St. Joseph/St. Robert school code is 91062. You will need your 2016 tax return completed for the application process.

### **Exciting News – Bucks Happening 2017! Start Casting Your Votes**

It was a rewarding recognition for St. Joseph/St. Robert School to be the top Finalist in 2016. It would be fantastic to be the WINNER this year! We are excited to announce our nomination for Bucks Happening 2017 under the category of Private Schools! We all work so hard every day to make our school SHINE in the community. Now we have to get all our students, families, relatives, friends, and parishioners to cast their vote.

Let us have fun and watch our votes add up! Please take a quick minute to vote! Just log into the front of the schools website: [www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org). Click the 2017 Happening Logo, and register your vote. There is one vote per email address. If you have more than one email address, please cast a vote with each email! Facebook email addresses are not valid. You can also vote by accessing the Bucks Happening Link below. Voting ends at midnight on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for taking the time to make every vote count! **Also, please share our website or Bucks Happening Link with all those you know so they can support us with their vote.**

After you place your vote, if you are not currently following our school on Facebook, please take a moment to click the Facebook (F) Icon on the upper right corner of our website front page. Then go to our front Facebook page and like us. It is a wonderful way to observe frequently how our students shine in action both spiritually and academically.

Thank you for all you do to support our school.

<http://bucks.happeningmag.com/happeninglist/2017-kids-private-school/>



**SJR CYO NEWS:** Please come out and help support our CYO program at our annual Super Bowl Party Saturday, February 4, 2017, from 7:30PM until midnight in Monsignor Marley Hall. Tickets are \$40 each for buffet dinner, soups, salads, coffee, desserts, beer and DJ. We will also have, Super Bowl block pools, 50/50's, gift baskets and door prizes. Tickets are \$40 each. For more information call Paul Dickson [215-771-4471](tel:215-771-4471).

**PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA:** Joe Corbi's Fundraiser starts today, February 1<sup>st</sup> and ends February 17<sup>th</sup>. Any family who sells 12 items or more will receive a free box of Mrs. Fields Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough. Any questions please contact Mrs. McGlinchey @ 215-491-7389.

**Re-Registration Form Reminder:** Please return your Re-registration form to let us know if you are return to SJR for the 2017-2018 school year. Forms were due last Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**JUST A THOUGHT:** As of this writing, we are halfway through our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. What a wonderful week it has been so far! Our Open Houses gave families and parishioners an opportunity to see the teachers and children interacting and see the wonderful student work products on display.

To me, the most important thing on display was the positive attitude of all involved: students, faculty, staff, and families! We are blessed to have such a deep-felt mutual respect and support.



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





# St. Joseph/St. Robert School

850 Euclid Avenue  
Warrington, Pennsylvania 18976  
Telephone: 215.343.5100  
Facsimile: 215.343.7434

*Mrs. Deborah Jaster, Principal*

January 25, 2017

Dear Parents,

We are already making preparations for the upcoming academic year. To do so, we ask that you inform us of your intentions to return for the 2017 – 2018 school year by Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>?

Upon receipt of your intent to return, you will receive your tuition contract. Completed tuition contracts with \$150 registration fee per child are due by Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance!

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Student Name

Returning to SJR for grade

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We will not be returning to St. Joseph/St. Robert School for the coming academic year.

Student Name

Reason for leaving

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School Name  
2017 – 2018 School Settings

**Access Application**

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

**School ID**

School Name: xxxxxxxx

**Application due:**

**Supporting documents due:**

03/31/2017

**Eligible Grades**

List Grades

**Smart Aid Application Fee: \$25**

**Required Supporting Documentation**

*Applications submitted without documentation will not be finalized.*

- 2016 tax returns before 3/31/17

**Submitting Documentation**

Documentation is not submitted at the time the application is completed. Documentation must be submitted after the filing of 2016 taxes. Application IDs must be included on all documents. Failure to include your ID will delay processing of your application.

- Direct Upload: [www.smartaidforparents.com](http://www.smartaidforparents.com) (login with your username and password)

**Contact Information**

- Phone Support: (800)-360-8027
- Email Support: [support@smartaidforparents.com](mailto:support@smartaidforparents.com)

**Notification of Financial Aid**

Once your application is processed, a financial aid recommendation will be forwarded to (**School Name**). All final financial aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any) will be made by (**School Name**). If you have not received notification regarding financial aid, contact the financial administrator at(**School Name**).



### 1. Online Application

Visit: [www.smartaidforparents.com](http://www.smartaidforparents.com)

### 2. Section 1 – Household Information

Parent/Guardian: Enter the parent or guardian's contact information. Dependent: Enter all dependents that live in the household. For dependents in college, select the "attending another private school" status option.

### 3. Section 2 – Selecting A School

Enter your school's five-digit code or name in the search box. If you want to search for schools near you that are participating in the Smart Aid program, you can search by city and state. Make your selection by checking the select check box. Once a school or multiple schools are selected, you will then need to select the student(s) you wish to apply for aid at the appropriate school(s). After the school(s) have been selected, you will then need to select the upcoming grade for the student, student code (if applicable), and expected tuition (if applicable) for the upcoming year. Clicking "next" after each section will allow you to move on to each subsequent section.

### 4. Section 3 – Income & Expenses

Enter any income the household receives; employment, business or supplemental. If the work status is selected as 'employed', 'self-employed', 'unemployed, receiving benefits', or 'disabled, receiving benefits,' you will be required to enter this income source in the appropriate section before moving through the application. Please enter all expenses as they pertain to your household.

### 5. Section 4 – Assets & Debts

Enter all assets and debts as they pertain to your household.

### 6. Section 5 – Special Circumstances

Check off any special circumstance that pertains to your household. If no option available best describes your household's circumstance, please check 'other' and describe your situation. This information is confidential and will only be available to designated School Administration and Smart Aid staff.

### 7. Section 6 – Submit

If your school uses family school codes, please make the appropriate selection. Agree to Smart Aid's terms and conditions, then click SUBMIT to complete your online application.

**Please be sure to enter all fields with accuracy.**

#### Frequently Asked Questions

***Q: Who should complete this aid application?***

A: Whomever the child resides with should complete this application whether it is a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, or legal guardian. There is a section within the application where you can enter contributions from non-custodial parents and relatives.

***Q: Why do I need to input my spouse's information if I am remarried and they are not legally responsible for my children?***

A: Smart Aid's calculation works off of the total household income, therefore including all income, whether the party is legally responsible for your children or not. Our system however, does take into effect your spouse's expenses as well as their income. It is important to list all expenses that are asked of within the application.

***Q: I do not have the required tax documents. HELP!***

A: You are required to include ONLY tax information from the 2016 return. These should be uploaded after you have filed your 2016 return. If you are asked for a specific line from a tax document that you have not yet completed, please estimate the projected amount.

***Q: How will I know if I qualify for aid or not?***

A: We do not disclose information about the results of your application. All final tuition aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any); will be made by your school. For the date award notices will be given, please contact your school directly.

***Q: What if I want to edit my application?***

A: Once an application has been submitted and paid for it can no longer be edited by a parent. However, if changes are necessary a written statement with the change (including the application ID), should be sent to [support@smartaidforparents.com](mailto:support@smartaidforparents.com).

# HSA FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS



- Father Daughter Dance  
February 18 from 7 – 9 pm  
Deadline for tickets is Feb. 6



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Chick fil a Spirit Night  
February 22 from 4 – 8 pm  
Who doesn't like a night off from  
Cooking?!

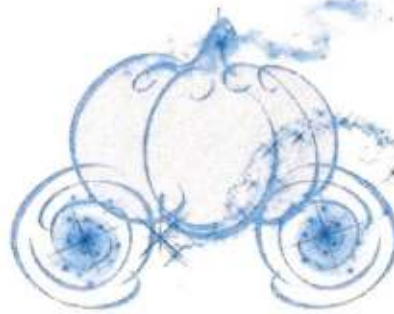


**Donut Day is February 28.**

## 2017 SJR FATHER/ DAUGHTER DANCE



All SJR ladies (PreK-8th) are invited to attend with their favorite guy. (Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, Friend)



**WHEN:** Saturday, February 18, 2017    **TIME:** 7PM- 9PM

\*pictures start at 6:30pm

**PLACE:** SJR Dining Hall

**COST:** \$25 per family

Enjoy a special evening filled with dancing, music, games, and good friends!

\*All families receive a framed photo to remember the evening.

\*Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

Please return the bottom portion by Monday, February 6th to Amy Dixon % Maggie Dixon K102.

**Advanced ticket sales only! No tickets will be sold at the door. 2/6/17 is the absolute deadline.**

The \_\_\_\_\_ family plans to attend the dance.

Ladies names: \_\_\_\_\_ Escort's name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*make checks payable to SJR HSA

Volunteers needed!!!

Set up: \_\_\_\_\_

Clean up: \_\_\_\_\_





## SJR CYO ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY

Saturday, February 4, 2017

7:30 – Midnight

Monsignor Marley Hall

860 Euclid Avenue

Warrington, PA 18976

Appetizers, buffet dinner, soups, salads,  
beer, coffee, and desserts.

Catering by Jimmy Ro's / [www.jimmyros.com](http://www.jimmyros.com)

DJ by Ron Fasano / [www.ronjaxdjs.com](http://www.ronjaxdjs.com)

Door Prizes / Silent Auction

To purchase tickets go to [www.wagdogs.com/sjrspb](http://www.wagdogs.com/sjrspb)

Tickets \$40 each

For more information call

Paul Dickson 215-771-4471

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