## From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster February 15, 2017 djaster@stjstr.org





**APPLE OF MY EYE:** Congratulations to the latest students who were caught doing something good: Emma Yogis, Hannah Outland, Hailey McDevitt, Michael Holly, and Vincent Black!

**TUITION INFORMATION 2017 – 2018:** Included in this week's information is a chart detailing the newly – approved tuition rates for the coming academic year.

#### **HOME AND SCHOOL NÉWS:**



- **Joe Corbi's Fundraiser** continues through this Friday, Feb. 17 the Delivery date is projected for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March @ St. Robert's Hall. Any questions, please call Janet McGlinchey at 267-441- 4033.
- 2nd Annual Talent Show will be taking place March 25<sup>th</sup> Whether your talent is singing, dancing, karate, magic, telling jokes, playing an instrument, etc., we want you to share it with us. Each act should be no longer than 3 minutes in length. You can do it as an individual or a group. Auditions will be taking place at lunchtime in a few weeks so start
- practicing and stay tuned.
- Chick fil a Spirit Night coming on Feb. 22 so mark your calendars!
- Donut Day: Home and School will treat the students to a donut on Tuesday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. The order form is in this week's communication. Orders are due by Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- SJR Lafferty Drive will be held March 7 & 8. ABSOLUTELY NO SALES PITCH
- You simply show up at Lafferty Chevrolet located at 829 W. Street Rd.
   Warminster and take a test drive. They will give us \$10 per driver on Tues.
   Mar. 7 and \$15 per driver on Wed. Mar 8. Ask a neighbor, friend, or family
   member. Simply say you are there to drive for SJR. It's always fun to drive something new!

**PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST:** We have received word that three of our eighth grade students are winners in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest! The students were to write about: "The America I Believe In".

Congratulations to: 1st Place: Joe Horan

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Julia Fellmeth 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Samantha Waltrich



**CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT SURVEY:** The annual Continuous Improvement Survey is available online through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information about this survey is contained in this week's communication. Thank you in advance for your participation!

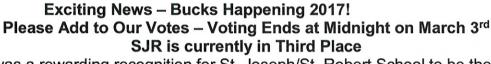
**YEARBOOK SALE:** Our annual yearbook sale will take place begins this week and runs through Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Yearbooks will cost \$20.00. We are also asking your help in getting pictures for inclusion. If families would download the free app: ReplayIT app or go to <a href="https://www.replayit.com">www.replayit.com</a>

Order forms are contained in this week's information.



**MILK AND PRETZEL ORDER:** The new milk and pretzel orders are due next Wednesday. Milk: \$15.00 Pretzels: \$9.60

#### FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:



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: <a href="www.stjstr.org">www.stjstr.org</a>. 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.

Thank you for all you do to support our school.

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

**TEA WITH ME:** Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> is the next Tea with Me. Mrs. Christa Speranza and Mr. Brian Zook (President and Vice President of the Home and School Association) will be joining me from 9AM – 10AM in the faculty room. We hope to start a conversation about the upcoming 5K or alternative fundraising ideas. All are welcome!



**YOUNG REMBRANDTS:** New sign-up sheet for Young Rembrandt. See flyer in this week's communication.

**JUST A THOUGHT:** As we approach the celebration of Presidents' Day, I thought these words from President John F. Kennedy were very appropriate:

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John F. Kennedy



Let's try to take special care to **use** words of appreciation and **live** them!



SJR SCHOOL: Focused on Faith and Learning

February 14, 2017

Dear Parents,

In preparing our budget for the upcoming school year, the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2017 – 2018 academic year.

Grades 1 – 8 (Supporting Parish Members)

|                | Total Amount | Monthly Payment |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| One Child      | \$3300       | \$330           |
| Two Children   | \$6350       | \$635           |
| Three Children | \$7155       | \$715           |
| Four Children  | \$8160       | \$816           |

Non-supporting parish members will be charged an additional \$520 per child.

Out of Parish families: \$6000

We continue to make every effort to conserve our financial resources while still providing a quality Catholic education to our children. In addition, our sponsoring parishes continue to provide a scholarship to each child enrolled in our school. The actual "cost per pupil" projected for the current year is \$4700 with the current tuition rate of \$3000/student.

We encourage our families to make regular use of the Scrip program as a means of saving on tuition. Too, families in need of assistance are encouraged to speak with their pastor about their situation. Finally, families are encouraged to make application to the EITC program for further tuition assistance.

Many thanks for your continued understanding!



## Tuition Rates for the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year Paid in ten (10) monthly payments beginning July 1, 2017.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$150 per student due at time of registration.

#### Early Childhood Program

#### Pre-K and Kindergarten

|          | Total Amount | Monthly Payment |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Full Day | \$4150       | \$415           |
| Half Day | \$3500       | \$350           |

#### Non-parish members

|          | Total Amount | Monthly Payment |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Full Day | \$4350       | \$435           |
| Half Day | \$3700       | \$370           |

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#### St. Joseph/St. Robert School

850 Euclid Avenue Warrington, Pennsylvania 18976 *Telephone*: 215.343.5100 *Facsmilie*: 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  $27^{th}$ ?

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>.

| rnank you in advance:                 |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
|                                       |  |
| Student Name                          | Returning to SJR for grade                       |
|                                       |  |
|                                       |  |
|                                       |  |
| We will not be returning to St. year. | Joseph/St. Robert School for the coming academic |
| Student Name                          | Reason for leaving                               |
| -                                     |  |
|                                       |  |

Dear Parents.

I write to say thank you to those families who have completed this year's Continuous Improvement Survey and to encourage our remaining families to take part in this very important part of efforts to maintain a school culture focused on continuous improvement.

Here is the link to the survey:

https://www.research.net/r/aops-pf

#### As reminder;

- The survey will be open until March 3, 2017.
- All information gathered is secure (you don't have to provide your name).
- Since parents from each elementary school and high school in the Archdiocese will be completing the survey, we ask that if you have students at both the high school and elementary school level you complete the survey at each school.
- For data accuracy, we ask each family to complete the survey once.

In the coming weeks, I will update you on our school response rate.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks for all that you!

Mrs. Debbie Jaster

## SJR ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

#### Milk & Juice Order Form 2016-2017

Amount Due: \$15.00 For Dates: 2/27/17 to 4/11/17 Due: 2/22/17

Fill out one slip for each child. Payment can be made in cash or check payable to SJR. Separate checks must be written for milk and pretzels. Do not combine the two totals. Thank you!

| Milk & Juice Order Form | Milk & Juice Order Form |  |  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Chocolate Milk          | Chocolate Milk          |  |  |
| White Milk              | White Milk              |  |  |
| Lemonade                | Lemonade                |  |  |
| Total Due:              | Total Due:              |  |  |
| Student Name:           | Student Name:           |  |  |
| Grade: Room:            | Grade: Room:            |  |  |
| Payment sent withRoom)  | Payment sent withRoom)  |  |  |
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| Lemonade                | Lemonade                |  |  |
| Total Due:              | Total Due:              |  |  |
| Student Name:           | Student Name:           |  |  |
| Grade: Room:            | Grade: Room:            |  |  |
| Payment sent with Room) | Payment sent withRoom)  |  |  |

## SJR ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

Amount Due: \$9.60 For Dates: 2/27/17 to 4/12/17 Due: 2/22/17

#### **Pretzel Order Form**

Fill out one slip for each child. Payment can be made in cash or check payable to SJR. Separate checks must be written for milk and pretzels. Do not combine the two totals. Thank you! **Pretzel Order Form Pretzel Order Form Total Due: Total Due:** Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment sent with \_\_\_\_\_\_Room \_\_\_\_) Payment sent with \_\_\_\_\_\_Room \_\_\_\_\_) **Pretzel Order Form Pretzel Order Form** Total Due: Total Due: Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment sent with \_\_\_\_\_\_Room \_\_\_\_) Payment sent with \_\_\_\_\_\_Room \_\_\_\_) **Pretzel Order Form Pretzel Order Form** Total Due: Total Due: Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment sent with \_\_\_\_\_\_Room\_\_\_\_) Payment sent with \_\_\_\_\_\_Room \_\_\_\_)



Vanilla Cream filled

#### Celebrate Fat Tuesday!!

Donut Day is Tuesday, February 28st & The Home and School Association is treating to donuts!!

Donuts will be served at morning snack time.

## All orders are due by Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Happy Mardi Gras!!

\*\*\* Send a completed slip for each child through Maura Yoos ~ Grade 5 \*\*\* Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade & Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Vanilla frosted: Chocolate frosted: Glazed: Vanilla Cream filled Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade & Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Vanilla frosted: Chocolate frosted: Glazed: Vanilla Cream filled Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade & Room: \_\_\_\_ Vanilla frosted: Chocolate frosted: Glazed: Vanilla Cream filled Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade & Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Vanilla frosted: Chocolate frosted: Glazed:

## LIFE@SJR.YEAR 2016 – 2017

### YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!!!!

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS MONDAY, MARCH 6th

Includes yearbook and spring supplement

**ONLY \$20.00** 

| I would like to order a ye | earbook fo | r  |  |
|----------------------------|------------|--|--|
| Student/Grade:             |            |  |  |
| Student/Grade:             |            | A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR |  |
| Student/Grade:             |            |  |  |
| Student/Grade:             |            |  |  |

Please send cash or check made out to SJR HSA to Kim George c/o Hannah George, grade 4. If you have any questions please email me at kimanngeorge@msn.com



#### Joe Corbi's Fundraiser!!



<u>Dates</u>: February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 17<sup>th</sup>. <u>Delivery</u>: Projected for 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of March @ St. Robert's Hall

Joe Corbi's is a 32 year-old family business known for their home-made pizza. They currently have about 36 products which include several different types of pizza, calzones, pretzels, cheesecakes, gluten-free cookie dough, cinnamon rolls, and home-made cookie dough. The PIZZAS come frozen in a 3-pack KIT that you prepare at home. They are delicious and the kids have lots of fun helping you prepare! Fill up your freezer in time for Lent.

If you have any questions, please call <u>Janet McGlinchey</u> at <u>267-441-4033</u>. All checks are to be made out to SJR/HSA.

Please send orders through school, or to my e-mail: janscrazy5@yahoo.com. Checks and order forms can be sent home through Tommy 4-202.

All orders must be received by Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in order for delivery!!

\*\* Any family that sells 12 items or more will receive a free box of Mrs. Fields Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough!



# SJR'S GOT TALENT

Do you have a talent you would like to share with the SJR community? Perhaps you sing, dance, play an instrument, tell jokes or do karate. Whatever you're talent is don't be shy! Let us help you put a spot light on it!

Individuals or groups may sign up to perform a 3 minute or less act. Sign ups will take place in homeroom until Feb. 24
Parents may also email <a href="mailto:speranzahome@gmail.com">speranzahome@gmail.com</a>

Acts will be reviewed during the lunch periods to make sure they are appropriate and within the 3 minute time limit.

Introducing St. Joseph/St. Robert's Talent Show

When: March25, 2017 from 7 pm to 9 pm

Where: Monsignor Marley Hall

Dessert and Coffee/Tea will be served.



For ages 5-14

## Drawing Classes for kids

#### at St Joseph/St Robert

#### **Our Students Can Expect**

- A new exciting lesson every week
- Improved core art skills
- To have fun!

#### **Our Parents Can Expect**

- Increased attention to detail
- Improved fine motor skills
- Discipline, persistence, and patience

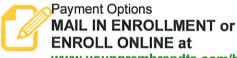
Classes Held



**Thursday** 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM 3/16/2017 - 4/20/2017 (No class 4/13)



Tuition \$65 for a 5 Week Session



www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa

Young Rembrandts 412 Goodwin Rd Hatboro, Pa. 19040 Ph: 215-675-8878 Fax: 215-394-5752



TO ENROLL: Submit your completed registration form to Young Rembrandts, 412 Goodwin Rd., Hatboro, PA 19040. Once submitted your child is automatically enrolled unless you are notified otherwise. Save your time and a stamp. ENROLL ONLINE at: www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa. Young Rembrandts provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school. Parents are responsible for transportation at class end. Dismissal begins 5 to 10 minutes after our class ends.

| Student Name FirstLast                                  | School St Joseph/St Robert Start Date 3/16/2017  |
|---|--|
| Parent Name   | Class Day _Thursday Class Time 2:15 PM - 4:15 PM                                       |
| Address   | May we use your child's drawing in our promotional materials? [ ] Yes [ ] No           |
| City State Zip  | May we photograph/video your child in class? [ ] Yes [ ] No                            |
| Email Address   | I also understand all personal absences are forfeited.                                 |
| Grade Birth Date Teacher                                | Signature  |
| Home Phone Work Phone                                   | I would like information about being a Parent Volunteer (FREE tuition!) [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| Cell Phone Emergency Phone                              | Make check payable to Young Rembrandts and include your child's name and               |
| My child will: [ ] be picked up [ ] walk home [ ] other | school on the check. We accept MasterCard and Visa.                                    |
| Credit Card Number / / / /                              | Card Expiration [ ] MC [ ] Visa Security code  |
| Name  | Signature Date   |
| (as it appears on the card)                             | arge my account in full [ ] Charge my account monthly Amount:                          |



### School Name 2017 – 2018 School Settings

Access Application

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 (login with your username and password)

#### **Contact Information**

• Phone Support: (800)-360-8027

• Email Support: 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**).



#### School Name 2017 – 2018 Online Instructions

#### 1. Online Application

Visit: 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 <a href="mailto:support@smartaidforparents.com">support@smartaidforparents.com</a>.