

# From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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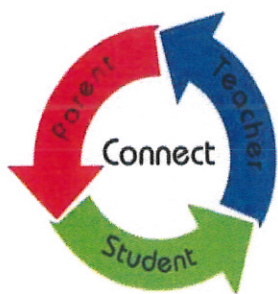
**APPLE OF MY EYE:** Congratulations to the “Apple of My Eye” winners for the last week of 2016! These children are celebrated for being “caught doing something good”: Chase Wray, Molly Zook, Leyla Wade, Adam Townsend and James Wade (grade 8).

**DRESS DOWN DAY:** One of graduates, Erica Sheehan, is currently a junior at Penn State, main campus. Erica was diagnosed last year with chronic myeloid leukemia. This year, she is hoping to dance in the annual “THON” at the campus. In order to be considered, she must raise \$2500 in order to be placed into a lottery for dancers. Monies must be handed in early next week. We would like to support Erica in her wish to fully participate. **To that end, we will have a Dress Down Day on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.** We are asking that a minimum of \$1.00 be donated in order to participate. All collected monies will be donated to Erica Sheehan. Thank you in advance for your continued support!



**FIRST PENANCE:** We pray for and congratulate the following children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday at St. Robert Bellarmine church: Gianna Aguilar, Madelyn Brennan, Emma Cole, Joseph Ewald, Christian Fuller, Brett Golebiewski, Gordon Greenlaw, Tyler Peleckis, Nicholas Sheldon, Stella Tulio, Joseph Thomas Waltrich, Ava Warga, Joshua Wood, and Emma Yogis.

## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:



- **Home and School meeting, tomorrow evening 7PM:  
Parenting Your Child to Reach for the STARS**

Every parent wants to raise a successful child. To effectively meet the inevitable challenges that life brings, children must develop resiliency at home, school, and with peers. In this workshop, Dr. Mary Coakley, Child and Family Psychologist, discusses how parents can promote resilience in their children and guide them towards personal and academic success. Using the acronym STARS, Dr. Coakley shares five facets of resilience: **S**elf-control; **T**alents and gifts; healthy

**A**ttachments; **R**ejection of negativity; and **S**pirituality.

Parents will leave this presentation with new tools and ideas that can be implemented immediately.



**CONGRATULATIONS, JULIA!** : We have received word that Julia Fellmeth, grade 8, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship from Archbishop Wood High School. Her \$2500 award will be renewable for the four years she attends Archbishop Wood.



**ARCHBISHOP WOOD WRITING CONTEST:** We are happy to announce that we have two students who were among the winners of the Archbishop Wood Writing Contest! These children will read their award – winning essays and receive certificates during a ceremony at Archbishop Wood on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Colin McGettigan, grade 1 and Nina Tkach grade 2!!

## **FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:**

### **Catholic Schools Week: Mark Your Calendar & Spread the Word**

During Catholic Schools Week, our school will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The majority of our new families select SJR based on our enthusiastic voices! Please spread the word and invite your neighbors & friends to join us at an Open House. At any time, prospective families can call the school to schedule a tour & discuss enrollment. Registrations for half day or full day Pre-K and Kindergarten are currently being accepted for the 2017-2018 academic year. Attached to this week's communication, is a flyer to share with interested families. Thank you for all you do to promote our school!



### **Catholic Schools Week: Showing Our School Pride**

The theme for CSW 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service". CSW is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share our school identity with our parish communities and to thank the parishioners for their spiritual and financial support. On Saturday (1/28) and Sunday (1/29), we will have student speakers, families bringing up the gifts, and students distributing the church bulletins following Mass. Please have your children wear their uniforms to church to show our school pride.

If your family would be available to bring up the gifts at a specific Mass, please email me at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org) and include parish & time. We will also need many children to distribute church bulletins. Please have your children go to an usher a few minutes prior to the end of Mass, and the usher will assign the student a location.

Looking forward to sharing our school pride with our community throughout the week!  
Thank you for all you do to promote our school!

## **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.



Important  
Information

**ATTENTION GRADE 7 PARENTS:** We have received the following information from Archbishop Wood High School:

**"SAVE THE DATES"**

- 1) The Spring Open House is **Sunday, March 19**, beginning with 10:00 Mass, followed by tours, meet the teachers, and activities fair.
- 2) Seventh Grade Visitation is **Wednesday, March 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** - ALL 7th grade students report directly to Wood. Students need to have

their own transportation to & from ABW for the Visitation Day.

- 3) The 7th Grade Practice Exam is on **Saturday, April 1**, at 8:30 a.m. Registration for the exam opens on February 1st.

***We will share additional information as we receive it but we encourage you to check the Archbishop Wood High School website for additional information.***



**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). See attached flyer.



**BLESSING BAGS:** This year, during Catholic Schools Week, our students will be filling Blessing Bags to be distributed to children staying at Doylestown Hospital. Please see the list in this week's e-folder for the donations we are asking for this project:

**Scrip News:** To date we have sold \$150,705.00 in Scrip since September. This translates into \$6028.00 in tuition savings for those families who participate in the Scrip program. If you don't, why not take advantage of this opportunity. For more information about the Scrip program, you can contact Christa Speranza at 215-956-9769 ([speranzahome@gmail.com](mailto:speranzahome@gmail.com)) or Jackie Buckleman at 215-442-9431 or ([hshjackie@aol.com](mailto:hshjackie@aol.com)).

**MORE SCRIP INFO:** If anyone has pink vouchers in the amount of \$50 we would appreciate it if you could trade them in for a \$50 voucher.

**SPIRIT NIGHT:** Our spirit night this month is at Mike's York Street Bar and Grill. This will take place Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 11:00 pm. A copy of the flyer included in this week's communication envelope is required for our school to get credit. Spread the word and take the night off from cooking.

## **SPRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISERS:**

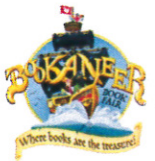
We recently received payment for our November fundraiser at Moe's and the December fundraiser at Panera. Moe's sent us a check for \$230 and Panera sent us a check for \$172. Thank you to all who participated!

## **News from the Library**

Our Bookaneer Book Fair is sailing into port soon! Please join us for our Book Fair opening day on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Come visit us after Mass and check out the latest titles or take a chance at the prize wheel!

Volunteers are needed for the class fair visitation days on 1/31 and 2/2. Please see the volunteer tab on Mrs. Jacobsen's Library website!



**JUST A THOUGHT:** Over the past few weeks, I have had the privilege to be present when all of our third grade children received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Seeing how the children's faces light up with smiles as they exit their first confession is always heartwarming. As we make our way toward the season of Lent, let's remember that the sacrament of Reconciliation is always available to us to renew our commitment to love others.



***SJR SCHOOL:***  
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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).

**Blessing Bags are gallon size Ziploc bags filled with crayons, coloring books, puzzles and mini-games for children who are staying at Doylestown Hospital due to health reasons. These bags will hopefully entertain these children and bring some brightness to their lives.**

**Service Corps is asking students to bring in one or more items that has been assigned to their class. Items should be sent to school by Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**We are hoping to make as many bags as possible. Service Corp leaders will be delivering the bags at end of the Catholic Schools Week. In the lower grades, students will be coloring a “Get Well “page that will be put in each bag. Each page will be signed by the student.**

**Pre-K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Box of crayons (24 or 16 or 8)**

**Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade- Coloring books**

**5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade- mini-games and/or- small puzzles.**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade- Students are asked to bring in two dollars.**





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**Young Rembrandts**  
**412 Goodwin Rd**  
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**Ph: 215-675-8878**  
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**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](http://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 First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ School **St Joseph/St Robert** Start Date **2/9/2017**

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Day **Thursday** Class Time **3:15 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

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## 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,  
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Paul Dickson 215-771-4471

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## Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Events

### THE HISTORY AND STRUCTURE OF THE MASS.

Come and join our pastor, **Msgr. Beisel**, as he walks us through the historical roots of the Sunday Liturgy, the source and summit of our Christian life. Then he will explain the significance of each part of the Mass. Bring your questions and be prepared to understand more deeply our beautiful weekly encounter with God's love.



**Date and Place:** Wednesday, February 8 @ 7:00—8:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room

**RSVP:** by February 5 to Joan Fitzpatrick @ 215.343.0315 OR [jfitzaff2@verizon.net](mailto:jfitzaff2@verizon.net)

### THE FOUR LOVES AND YOU!

*Love one  
another. As I have  
loved you so you  
also should love  
one another.  
John 13: 34-35*

I love coffee...I love my car...I love my wife...I love my cat...I love God. We use the word love in many different ways through the course of our day but do we mean it the same way in each case? The Greeks had four ways of speaking about this mysterious reality—love! Come and join us for an enlightening discussion about the ways these appear in scripture and daily life!

**Presenter:** Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

**Date and Place:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 @ 7:00—8:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room

**RSVP:** by February 17 to Joan Fitzpatrick @ 215.343.0315 OR [jfitzaff2@verizon.net](mailto:jfitzaff2@verizon.net)

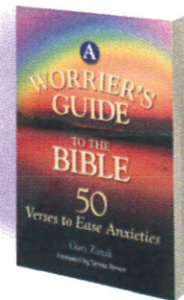
### Save the Date!!

**ST ROBERT BELLARMINE'S PARISH MISSION — Sunday, Monday, Tuesday — March 26-28**

**Presenter: Gary Zimak – Catholic Speaker, Author and Radio Host**

Gary Zimak has touched thousands with his live talks, parish missions and retreats. Gary is the author of *A Worrier's Guide To The Bible*, *From Fear To Faith*, *Find A Real Friend In Jesus* and *Faith, Hope, and Clarity*.

*Please watch the bulletins for each night's topic and more information.*

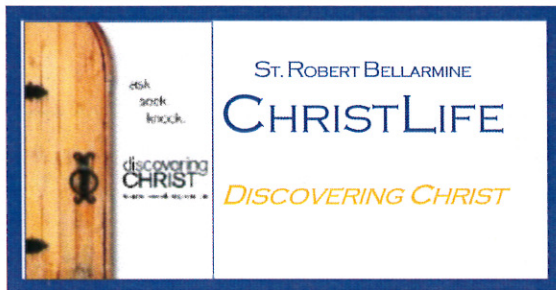
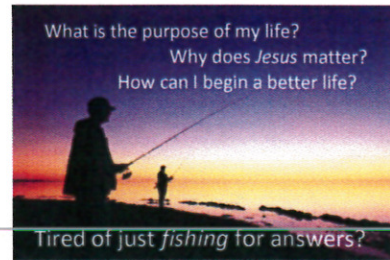


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Feb. 7 – Mar. 21  
12:00 Noon – 2:30 PM  
  
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Session Dates: *Afternoon – February 7 through March 21, 2017; 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. (Tuesdays)*  
*Evening - February 9 through March 23, 2017; 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. (Thursdays)*

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NAME OF SPOUSE OR FRIEND: \_\_\_\_\_

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

Session Preference: Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

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