

From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

January 27, 2016

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APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for doing something good: Isabella Balint, Emma Yogis, Matthew Waltrich, Sean Panepresso and Grace Shepherd.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT:

Catholic Schools Week: Extend an Invitation to Prospective Families to Attend Our Open House Events

During Catholic Schools Week, our school will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 31st from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, February 3rd 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 2016-2017 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!

“Open Gym & Play” – Join the Fun

Open Gym & Play”, a playgroup for young children to come together to play, and make new friends during these cold winter days will begin again in February. All children ages 6 and under are welcome, accompanied by an adult. Families do not have to be members of the school or parish to participate. Last winter the group averaged 20-25 children and 15-20 adults each week. The playgroup will gather on Mondays from 12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm at St. Robert Bellarmine Gym, beginning February 8th. Please see the flyer in this week's communication for additional details. Please spread the word and share the flyer with friends.

Exciting News – Bucks Happening 2016! – Keep Adding to Our Votes

St. Joseph/St. Robert School has been nominated for Bucks Happening 2016 under the category of Private Schools! We all work so hard every day to make our school SHINE in the community. It is a wonderful accomplishment to receive this nomination! Now we have to get all our students, families, relatives, and friends to cast their 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. Voting ends at midnight on Feb. 29th.

We are having fun watching our votes add up! Most of last week SJR was in 2nd place but the standings change from day to day. Please go to the link below and add your votes! Keep spreading the word to all you know via phone, email, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Thank you for all you do to support our school.

<http://bucks.happeningmag.com/happeninglist/private-school-2016/>



HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Talent Show:** Mark your calendars now for our Family Fun Night Talent Show on Friday, February 12th.
 - Families of our talented performers have received audition information by email. If you have not heard, please contact Mrs. Sorge at: suzannesorge@verizon.net

FIRST PENANCE: The following third grade students will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday morning, January 30th at 10:30am at St. Robert's church:

Keira Brennan, Martha Brookreson, Matthew Ferrello, Hannah George, Michael Holly, Matthew Horan, Brendan Kearney, Emerson Kiss, Thomas McGlinchey, Christina Osetek, Kelce Sanford, Matthew Sorge, Angela Speranza, William Stefanik, Ella Traae, James Wade and Molly Zook. We offer them our prayerful congratulations!



SNOW PROCEDURES: When inclement weather occurs, we follow the decision made by the Central Bucks School District. Therefore, we will be closed or delayed only if that is the decision made by Central Bucks School District. If you reside in another district, please be mindful of that. If we are on a delay and your district (Centennial or Hatboro Horsham) is not, the building will not be open until the two hour delay time. You will have to provide your own transportation to school.

Should we have a two hour delay, CARES will open at 9am. If your home district (Centennial or Hatboro Horsham) decides to delay and Central Bucks does not, we (SJR) will open as usual. However, if your children ride the bus to school and arrive late, they will not be charged with a lateness. You may also drive your children to school in that event.

As soon as I hear the Central Bucks decision, I try to communicate it to all of our families. Finally, I apologize for any seeming lack of communication about Centennial on Tuesday. I did check the Centennial School District website on Monday evening and the site indicated that the schools would open on time on Tuesday. It seems that they made a decision to delay opening at 10:30pm on Monday evening. No one notified me as had been done in the past. Arriving at school, I found an automated message had been left on the school phone at 10:30 Monday evening. I contacted Centennial about this on Monday and asked that their information be updated.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2016: This weekend marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Schools Week celebration. As always, we have an event-filled week planned:

- **Sunday, January 31:** Student speakers at each Mass. Families will serve as Gift Bearers. Children will assist distributing bulletins.
 - **OPEN HOUSE!:** Our school will be open to visitors from 9:30am until 1:00pm
 - **BOOK FAIR:** Our Book Fair will be open for business during the Open House. Don't forget to stop by and visit!

- **Tuesday, February 2: School-wide Service Project**
 - Students will assemble snack bags for distribution at St. Cyprian's parish outreach.
 - Book Fair continues! Library classes visit during their class period.
- **Wednesday, February 3: Open House! 9am until 12noon**
 - Family Pizza lunch: Lunch will be held in Monsignor Marley Hall. Family members are welcome to join the children for lunch beginning at 12:15.
 - Slices of pizza may be ordered online on our website. (Families must provide their own beverages for the lunch.)
- **Thursday, February 4: Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!**
 - Names of students, faculty, or staff will be chosen every 15 minutes throughout the day to win a prize from the ever-popular prize basket.
 - Free pretzel for all!
 - Book Fair continues! Library classes visit during their class period.
- **Friday, February 5: First Friday Mass 9am**
 - Home and School is providing an assembly for the children following Mass.

“SOUP”ER IDEA: This year, we are involved in a friendly competition with Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in a canned soup drive. To make things a bit more interesting, I am making an offer to our families: If we collect **500** cans of soup by end of day next Wednesday, we will have a “Sports-themed” dress down day next Thursday. Can we do it? Let's see! We will take the final count before dismissal on Wednesday, February 3rd.



MOTHER/SON BOWLING: The new date for our annual Mother/Son Bowling event has been set for Sunday, February 28th from 2pm until 4pm.



SCIENCE EXPLORERS: The club starts Feb 3rd. The topic is Freaky Physics.

Wednesday 3:15-4:15 Feb 3,10,17,24, Mar 2. (Register online or in the office)

Freaky Physics!

What do you get when you take matter and mix in some energy? Freaky Physics! We'll mix up a gas that is heavier than air, change states of matter to make slippery slime, and build a circuit to create an awesome motorized “drawing-bot”. Plus see how physics and building are related as our engineering teams compete to see who can build the tallest towers. Test your science skills as we freak out with physics



SJR CYO NEWS: Tickets are now available for the SJR CYO annual Super Bowl Party. The party will be on the eve of Super Bowl 50, Saturday, February 6, 2016.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up, serve food, and clean up after. We also are seeking any donations for the event. Thank you.

RE-REGISTRATION: Re-registration forms were due last Friday, January 22nd. Please fill out the form and return to school ASAP. The form is included in this week's communication.

JUST A THOUGHT: *An open letter to my SJR Families:*

Dear SJR Families,

Catholic Schools Week seems to be the perfect time to express my thanks to all of you for creating the community of Faith, Academics, and Service here at St. Joseph/St. Robert School.

In choosing to send your children to a Catholic school, you have made a choice to educate your children in an environment that supports their spiritual growth as Catholic Christians. Our faith is learned and lived throughout each day. We hope that the interactions of the children, faculty, and staff demonstrate this commitment.

You have chosen a school that holds high academic standards for all – and encourages students to achieve at the best of their ability. Realizing that all children do not all have the same level of ability, both challenge and support are offered as needed. In frequent conversations with families, we hope to be able to attain the correct level of challenge and support that best meets the needs of the children.

Our children cannot have finer examples of people of service than you, their parents, and our faculty and staff. Each day, I am privileged to witness parents who willingly give of their time and talent to benefit all. Teachers and staff go beyond the required duties to ensure that we support others within our school and beyond. Our children are often demonstrating a commitment to serve others that is a part of our faith.

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, I thank you for what you have done – and will continue to do to support Catholic education. The lessons learned in the classrooms will last a lifetime. The values of faith, love, and service will serve our children well as they move on to make their mark on the world!

Again, many thanks for all you do!

Mrs. Jaster



FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Catholic Schools Week Open House 9:30am - 1pm	1	 2 School-wide Service Project	 3 Open House 9am - 12noon Family Pizza lunch	 4 Prizes! Prizes! Prizes! Young Rembrandts	 5 First Friday Mass Mexican lunch	 6 SJR CYO Super Bowl Party
 7 Confirmation Retreat - St. Robert's parish Super Bowl Sunday	8 Open Gym	 9 Doughnut Day	 10 Ash Wednesday Pizza lunch	 11 Young Rembrandts	 12 Pasta lunch SJR Talent Show 7pm - 9pm	13
 14 Happy Valentine's Day!	 15 Presidents' Day - holiday!	16	 17 Wendy's Wednesday Stations of the Cross - 2pm	 18 Tea with Me 10am - 11am Young Rembrandts	19 Pizza lunch St. Robert Parish Fish Fry Dinner	20
21	22 Open Gym	23	 24 Wendy's Wednesday Stations of the Cross - 2pm Milk - \$10.50/Pretzels - \$8.50	 25 Young Rembrandts	26 First Holy Communion Retreat - St. Robert's 6:30pm - 8:30pm	27
 28 Mother/Son Bowling 2pm - 4pm	 29 Terra Nova testing Open Gym					

HSA NOTES

Sky Zone

February 15, 11:00–1:30. See flyer below, please contact Katelyn Crompton with any questions katelyncrompton@yahoo.com. Replies and money are due back January 29.

Spirit Wear

SJR Spirit Wear is available online through Kampus Klothes. Orders will be taken through Friday, February 5. Delivery of the items will take place the last week of February. To order: Visit KampusKlothes.Com

- * Choose the Spiritwear tab at the top.
- * Select St. Joseph/St. Robert tab
- * Choose your items

Please contact Michelle Gannon smgannon@aol.com with any questions.

Volunteers Needed

Parent volunteers needed to assist with tours and refreshments at our open house, Sunday, January 31, 9:30–1:00. Please contact Kathy Williamson kwilliamson@stjstr.org if interested.

Family Fun Night

All are welcome to join us for SJR's Got Talent. Friday, February, 12 7:00. Desserts, coffee and tea will be served. Please come and support your talented classmates!

Congratulations

To Daniel Speranza, the winner of the Book Fair raffle!



St. Joseph/St. Robert School

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

Mrs. Deborah Jaster, Principal

January 13, 2016

Dear Parents,

We are already making preparations for the upcoming academic year. To do so, we ask that you consider informing us of your intentions to return for the 2016 – 2017 school year by January 22nd.

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 26th.

Thank you in advance!

Student Name

Returning to SJR for grade

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

Student Name

Reason for leaving

ALL PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES,
PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED TO VISIT
DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
WEEK:



St. Joseph/St. Robert School

- *Offering education to grades Pre-K through 8th
- *Options for five half day or full day Pre-K and Kindergarten
- *Faith based values integrated into education and activities
- *Challenging curriculum based on Common Core State Standards
- *Innovative use of technology including SMART Boards, Chromebooks, Surface Tablets, and iPads in all grades
- * Specialty teachers for weekly Spanish, Library, Technology, Art, Music, and Physical Education in all grades

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

Sunday, January 31st
9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Meet Teachers, Staff & Students

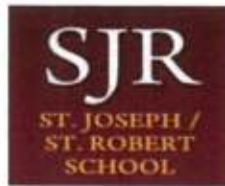
Wednesday, February 3rd
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
Observation of Classes

Information/Enrollment Requirements: 215.343.5100 or [www. STJSTR.ORG](http://www.STJSTR.ORG)

850 Euclid Avenue Warrington Pennsylvania 18976

*Proud of Our Past, Focused on the Future,
Making a World of Difference!*





Beginning February 2016

St. Joseph/St. Robert School

“OPEN GYM & PLAY”

*All children ages 6 & under are welcome, accompanied by an adult

* Adults and kids can play, socialize, and make new friends

*Play equipment provided

*Free & no registration required

Time:

*** Mondays, 12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm**

Dates:

February 8, 22, & 29 (no open gym 2/15)

March 7 & 14

Place:

**St. Robert Bellarmine Gym
856 Euclid Avenue
Warrington, PA 18976**

Questions:

Call Kathy Williamson at St. Joseph/St. Robert School – 215.343.5100, ext. 209
or email – kwilliamson@stjstr.org





January 31st from 9:30-1:00 (during Open House)

February 2nd & 4th from 8:30-2:00

The Book Fair is coming!

We invite you to visit our Book Fair and to help us celebrate reading. Parents and friends are welcome to shop the fair during our open house on Sunday, January 31st and parents are welcome to shop with their children during class library time on February 2nd or 4th (see the attached schedule).

Our book fair is also conveniently online! Check out our website:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sjr>

From January 25th- February 5th, you will be able to purchase books online and have the items sent directly to school at no charge.

This is great for out of town friends and family! Spread the word!

Look for a preview of this year's titles being sent home the week of January 22nd.



Happy Reading!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming on Sunday, January 31st. Some things to remember:

- Visit the library during our open house on Sunday, 1/31 from 9-1 p.m. for early shopping!
- See the communication this week for the book fair flyer (dates/times), online sale information and class visitation schedule.
- Please feel free to join your child during their class visitation and help them shop at the Book Fair during our school day- see attached schedule for dates and times for your child's class.
- Want to volunteer? Can you share 2 hours and help our students with shopping? Please contact Jen Jacobsen at jjacobsen@stjstr.org.
- **NEW THIS YEAR**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**** As of December 2015, the state of Pennsylvania is now requiring Scholastic to charge sales tax on all book fair purchases. Please be aware of this change and plan accordingly if you are not personally shopping with your child during the class visitation time.



Class Visitation Schedule

Tuesday, February 2nd

Pre-K	8:40-9:15
Grade 7	9:45-10:15
Grade 5	10:15-11:00
Grade 1	11:15-12:00
Grade 8	1:00-1:30

Thursday, February 4th

Kindergarten (Mrs. Greenfield)	8:45-9:30
Grade 6	9:30-10:00
Grade 2	10:00-10:45
Grade 3	10:45-11:30
Grade 4	11:30-12:15
Kindergarten (Mrs. Puleo)	1:15-2:00

 SCHOLASTIC

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

February

February 1-5

Penny Wars!

February 11

Meeting

February 12

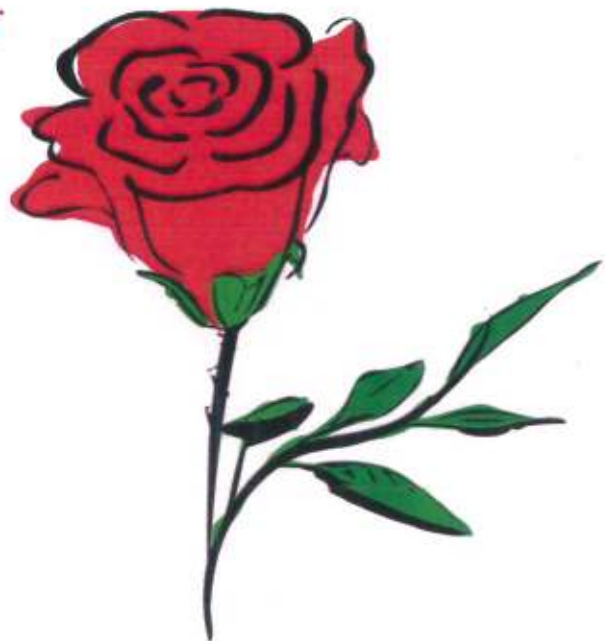
Hush Day

February 18

Cupcakes for the Cure

February 24-25

Making Pillows for the Animal Shelter





SKY ZONE
INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK

SJR Fun Day at SKY ZONE !!!
Come out and join the fun !!!!!

Monday, February 15th
Time: 11am-1pm

Price: \$ 24 per person
Includes 2 hours of jumping fun, 2 slices pizza and fountain beverage
(Lunch will be served at 1pm)

**Replies must be received back by next
Friday, January 29th**

Located at:
45 Runway Road
Levittown, PA 19057
215-642-8779

<http://www.skyzone.com/levittown>

Please log onto to above website and sign ONLINE WAIVER for each child
prior to arrival

Contact Katelyn Crompton at katelyncrompton@yahoo.com or 215-815-1182
if you have any questions.

This is a private event being held for SJR families before their normal
operating hours.

Child Name (s) & Grade(s): _____

Total Number of Tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send in check made payable to: SJR HSA
Katelyn Crompton - c/o Brian Klumpp Grade 5

SCIENCE EXPLORERS[®]

After-School

SCIENCE CLUBS

Toll Free: 1 (877) 870-9517
www.ScienceExplorers.com

Important Information!

Class size is limited. Deadline to register is three days prior to club start date. Registrations will only be confirmed via email. Register online at www.scienceexplorers.com or mail your completed form with check or credit card information to Science Explorers Inc. 110 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton PA 19540. Do NOT send cash. REFUNDS ARE NOT PERMITTED ONCE SESSION HAS BEGUN. \$15.00 processing fee for all refunds. \$35.00 processing fee for returned checks. Please note: Parent is responsible for child's attendance and prompt pick-up. Late pick-ups are subject to additional fees. In event of inclement weather, Science Explorers will follow your school's dismissal procedure. By registering my child I grant permission and release Science Explorers and its affiliates from any and all liability relating to or arising from Science Explorers after school club program.

St. Joseph/St. Robert School
Wednesday Afternoons - 3:15 - 4:15 - Grades 1-5

- 1 Anniversary Special: Mix It Up!**
September: 30 October: 7, 14
- 2 Abracadabra!**
October: 21, 28 November: 4, 11, 18
- 3 Burps, Belches & Bad Breath**
December: 2, 9, 16 January: 6, 13
- 4 Freaky Physics**
February: 3, 10, 17, 24 March: 2
- 5 Secrets of Ancient Egypt**
March: 16, 23, 30 April: 6, 13
- 6 Is There a Doctor in the House?**
May: 4, 11, 18, 25 June: 1

Multi-Club
Discount

Register for 3 or more clubs in one order and take 5% off the total.

cut along line

Please mail this form to Science Explorers, Inc., 110 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton PA 19540 -or- register online at ScienceExplorers.com

Registration Form St. Joseph/St. Robert School

Please check desired session(s) below:

- Anniversary Special: Mix It Up!
- Abracadabra!
- Burps, Belches & Bad Breath
- Freaky Physics
- Secrets of Ancient Egypt
- Is There a Doctor in the House?

Total Clubs: _____
Less Discounts: _____
Amount Due: _____

The cost per club is \$80.00

"Mix It Up" club is \$50

- Check here to add a \$1 donation to the S.P.A.R.K.S. Foundation Scholarship Fund! (Science Projects Are Really Kid Stuff!)

Make Checks Payable to:

Science Explorers Inc. 110 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton PA 19540

Students Name _____

Grade _____ DOB _____/_____/_____

_____ (required) _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

- I authorize my child to attend after care at school.
- I authorize my child to walk home.
- _____ may pick up my child from school.

Medical Info:

(List other important medical information about your child on a separate sheet of paper.)

- Bee sting allergies Nut allergies Latex allergies
- Other Food Allergies (List) _____
- Other (List) _____
- Taking Medication (List) _____

Image Release: Science Explorers has my permission to film/and or photograph my child for promotional purposes. Yes No

Print Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Payment Method:

- Check (enclosed)
- Visa
- Discover
- Mastercard

Name on Card _____

CC# _____

Exp _____/_____/_____

SCIENCE EXPLORERS[®]



SJR CYO ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY

Saturday, February 6, 2016

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

DJ by Ron Fasano / www.ronjaxdjs.com

Door Prizes / Silent Auction

To purchase tickets go to www.wagdogs.com/sjrspb

Tickets \$35 each

For more information call

Paul Dickson 215-771-4471

All money raised helps support our CYO program.

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Crab Cake Sale

Proceeds Benefit
our Capital Campaign
St. Robert Bellarmine



*Building On Our Faith ...
Expanding Our Legacy!*

Featuring "Famous Smith
Island Crab Cakes"

Smith Island Crab Cake 3.25 oz.

"Made Fresh Daily" - can be frozen

Contains: Crab, Eggs, Wheat, Soy Milk
Super tender Colossal Jumbo Lump Crab meat,
Spiced to Perfection with Mild Cream Sauce

"No Filler... All Meat"

Crab Critter Appetizer Qty of 50

"Made Fresh Daily" - can be frozen

Contains: Crab, Eggs, Wheat, Soy, Milk
One bite and the palate demands another
Great for Parties, Oven ready to heat and serve

Order Deadline:

Ash Wednesday

February 10th

- Drop Off in back of Church after any Mass,
in collection basket or at Parish office
- Drop off at Prep

Pickup Date:

February 20/21

After all Masses

in Msgr. Marley Hall



Standard Items	Quantity	Price	Amount
Crab Cakes (Pack of 4)		X \$22.00 =	
Crab Cakes (Pack of 6)		X \$32.00 =	
Crab Cakes (Pack of 12)		X \$62.00 =	
Crab Fritters (50/bag)		X \$15.00 =	
Crab Soup (Frozen Quart)		X \$10.00 =	
Make checks Payable to: St. Robert Parish		Total Due:	
Name: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
Telephone: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Check #
Email: _____			

Questions: Donna Heeney 215.343.9433 donnaheeneydre@gmail.com