

From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for doing something good: Luke Peddicord, Ashley Ferrese, Maggie Dixon, William Stefanik and Ava Cole.



UPCOMING DATES: Please note the following important dates:

- **Friday, June 3:** First Friday Mass 9am – All are welcome!
- **Grade 8 Brunch:** Our soon-to-be graduates will gather in the library after Mass for a brunch. They will be dismissed at 12noon.
- **Graduation Dance:** The dance will take place in the dining hall from 7pm until 10pm.
 - Children in Pre-K through grade 7 will have lunch in their classrooms in order for parents to decorate for the dance.
 - **No hot lunch!**
- **Monday, June 6:** Pre-K closing. The Closing Exercises begin at 9am in the dining hall.
 - Full day of school for Kindergarten – grade 8
- **Tuesday, June 7:** Kindergarten Graduation begins at 10:30 in church.
 - Full day of school for children in grades 5 – 8 only.
- **Wednesday, June 8:** Full day of school for children in grades 1 – 4 only.
 - Grade 8 Graduation Mass begins at 7pm
- **Thursday, June 9:** No school for students! Professional Development Day for faculty.
- **Friday, June 10:** Last day of school! Closing Mass begins at 9am
 - Dismissal at 10:15am.
 - **Hatboro Horsham Transportation only at dismissal**
 - Happy Summer!

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Cancer Fundraiser:** Congratulations to William Fuller, grade 5, on winning the Apple Sport Watch in our raffle last week!





CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2016! Next week, St. Joseph/St. Robert School will celebrate the graduation of our Class of 2016! We wish these young men and women much happiness and success as they leave SJR to pursue success in high school. They will be missed!

*Joseph Aquino, Isabella Balint, Jake Butler,
Nicole Chesla, Andrew Dachowski, Daniel*

*Dutkewicz, Kayla Emberson, Mary Frattera, Dylan
Huegel, Shannon McDevitt, Matthew McGlinchey,
Amanda Messina, Gianna Radecke, Katlynn Razler,
Makenzy Sanford, Kelly Schoener, Julia Schroeder,
Aimee Townsend, and Michael Waltrich*



GOD BLESS YOU, FATHER GRANT! : Father James Grant, pastor emeritus of St. Joseph parish, is celebrating his Golden Jubilee of the priesthood this month. Father Grant will return to St. Joseph parish to celebrate the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, June 5th. All are welcome to share in this special occasion! (In addition, Father Grant's classmates, Monsignor Bolger and Father Duffy, are also celebrating their Jubilees!)

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT:

From Our Advancement Director:



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"Mentor Family" Volunteers Requested

We are kindly requesting that our families that have children going into Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade consider becoming a "Mentor Family". This is a wonderful opportunity to provide a warm welcome to our new families and keep in touch throughout the year as activities are scheduled. Please refer to the "Mentor Family" guidelines attached to this week's communication. Please contact Kathy Williamson at

kwilliamson@stjstr.org to confirm your interest in participation. Thank you for your support and have a wonderful summer of family fun.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! : We will not be in school to celebrate Father's Day, but I would be remiss if I did not thank our fathers for the special role they play in the lives of our children. I think this quote sums up my feelings:

"A Dad is a son's first hero and a daughter's first love."

Enjoy your special day!





SJR CYO Sports Recognition Night:

When: Sunday, June 5th - 5:00 - 9:00PM

Where: Highpoint - Philadelphia Sports Club

Includes: Awards Ceremony, Pizza, Snacks, Beverages, Laser Tag, Indoor Swimming Pool, Jousting, Volleyball, Basketball.

This year registration will be at the door, a \$10 donation per family is requested at registration.

As in years past we will be holding a non-perishable food drive to help restock the Bucks County Food Larder, please bring your donations on the 5th.

Each family is also being asked to bring a dessert with them.

Waiver forms are required, if you are dropping your child off please ensure they have a signed waiver form. The waiver can be found in last week's information. The waiver form will also be available at registration.

SUMMER CHALLENGE: See flyer in this week's communication for information.

SCRIP NEWS: The final "special order" for scrip to be sent home through school will be placed this Friday June 3rd and will be sent home with your child the following week. Orders MUST be in by 9 am Friday.

Summer special order schedule is as follows: Mon. Jun 20, Fri. July 1, Mon. July 18, Mon. Aug. 1, Mon. Aug. 15, and Mon. Aug 29. Please note the order must be received by 9 am on the dates listed. These special orders will be available for pick up at mass the following weekend. Please note if you are in need of something in a hurry you can always buy Giant cards and use them at their gift card kiosk.

JUST A THOUGHT: *Our 2015 - 2016 school year is rapidly coming to a close. As we look forward to days of sunshine and a more relaxed routine, let's not forget that we are witnesses to our faith each moment of each day. I hope the following words of Pope Francis will remain with you throughout the summer:*



"Find new ways to spread the Word of God to every corner of the world" (Pope Francis)

Wherever you are this summer, remember to spread the Good News by words and deeds!

Have a wonderful summer!



Dear SJR Parents and Families,

Remember to log those minutes for our Summer Reading Challenge! Students have been winning prizes already with a big prize to come in the fall if we meet our goal of 221,000 minutes! Also, please remember that your student must log minutes at least ONE time to be eligible for the dress down day in September if we meet our goal.

Simply log onto www.scholastic.com/summer and begin to log your minutes. You can log minutes each day, week, or month—whatever is easiest for you—JUST BE SURE TO LOG! Very important—you must log in with the assigned ID or the minutes cannot be tracked for prizes or added to our school goal. Do not create your own ID.

The fun began on May 9, 2016, and ends on September 9, 2016!

Last summer SJR students read 219,000 minutes. This year we set our goal to be:

221,000 minutes

We hope to have 100% participation and there will be a special school-wide prize if we meet our goal. There will also be prizes for the top class and top students in each class in September. Remember—each student needs to log in at least ONE time to qualify for the prize!

Have a wonderful summer!

Jen Jacobsen

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SJR "Mentor Family" Program Guidelines

Thank you for volunteering to be a "Mentor Family" to our new SJR Families. Your family being a "Buddy" adds a unique personal touch to the communication process related to the New Family Orientation Program. The welcoming/orientation meeting is scheduled for August 17th and attendance would be requested. Each "Mentor" will have a maximum of two new families. You will be introduced to your families at the orientation and everyone will sit together at a table. This format will provide a wonderful opportunity for introductions and conversation.

The following general guidelines have been developed to assist the "Mentor Family":

- Please contact and welcome your families prior to the August 17th meeting. The new families will receive an invitation to the evening orientation. Included with the letter will be the name of their "Mentor Family" and a statement referencing the initial contact via phone.*
- The phone contact provides a wonderful connection for you to informally introduce yourself, your family, speak about "special" qualities of SJR, and most importantly answer questions.*
- Examples of topics you may wish to cover during your initial contact include: avenues for communication (website, Sunday gentle reminders, weekly Principal's Communication, monthly Principal's Tea with Me, & Teachers' Web), ways to volunteer, used uniforms, dress down days, hot lunch program, Home and School Association, Father's Club, and SJR Annual Events (Cover Dish Dinner, Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Bowling, Walkathon, Little Elf Shop, & 5K R.A.C.E).*
- Following your initial contact, please contact your new families again by phone or email within the first couple weeks of school to check in and answer additional questions. We are requesting that you stay in touch with your families throughout the year when there are special events being held at school. A warm invitation to attend events will help our new families feel welcomed, encourage greater involvement, and add to our school spirit/growth.*
- If you have questions about the general guidelines, please contact Kathy Williamson by email at kwilliamson@stjstr.org.*



sports clubs for kids | event sign-in

Date: _____

Health Warranty: I warrant and represent that my child has no disability, impairment or ailment that prevents him/her from engaging in active or passive exercise or activities. This representation is made by me knowing that Town Sports International, LLC and its subsidiaries (Club) will rely upon it in allowing my child to participate in Club activities. **Waiver and Release of Claims:** I expressly agree that my child's use of and/or attendance at the Club and/or participation in any program offered at the Club is undertaken at my/my child's sole risk and that the Club's owners, managers, employees and agents or other Club guests shall not be liable for any damages or injuries to me, my child or my property or be subject to any claim, demand, or cause of action, including for any injury or damage resulting from the known and obvious risks associated with participation in any activity, exercise or program. I, on behalf of myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, assigns and successors, do hereby fully and forever release and discharge the Club and its management from any and all such claims, demands, injuries, actions or causes of action. **Photo Consent:** I consent to pictures being taken of my child by the Club and understand that such pictures will become the property of the Club. They may be used by the Club for promotional purposes without the payment of fees or other compensation to me.

Child's name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Parent/Guardian's name (print) _____ Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____
 Member? Yes No
 Parent/Guardian's Email _____
 Emergency contact - other than self (print name) _____ Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____
 As the minor's parent or legal guardian, I expressly make the Health Warranty, Waiver and Release of Claims and Consent contained above. I further authorize the Club and its Management to obtain medical treatment for my dependent minor.
 Parent/Guardian's signature _____

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