

# From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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**APPLE OF MY EYE:** Congratulations to the latest students who were caught doing something good: Allison Alexander, Martha Brookreson, Ethan Edwards, Michael Musial and Kaitlin Sigda.



## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

**SJR's Got Talent** - Our 2nd annual talent show is scheduled for Saturday March 25th beginning at 7:00PM.



**LANSADALE CATHOLIC MATH BOWL:** Congratulations to our seventh grade Math Bowl Team who represented SJR last week during the Lansdale Catholic Math Bowl: Jackson Kiss, Mairead McDermott, Patrick Kreuzburg, and Hailey Stefanik! Patrick Kreuzburg was our high scorer. All of our team members were congratulated for collaboration and respect.



**CONGRATULATIONS!:** We have received word that Luke Cantwell, grade 8, has been awarded a Maguire Scholarship to Archbishop Wood. We are very proud of Luke and his accomplishment!



**SJR CYO:** SJR CYO is looking for softball players. We need more girls to field a Varsity and JV team this season. Please register at [www.wagdogs.com](http://www.wagdogs.com) Registration will remain open through March 15th. Thank you, SJR CYO Athletic Board



**NO SCHOOL:** There is no school for the students on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> due to the faculty retreat day. Enjoy the long weekend!

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH:** Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> is the feast of St. Joseph, one of our school patron saints. St. Joseph is a model for us all of steadfast faith and humility. I came across this prayer that I think would be good for all of us to pray as we celebrate this feast:



**Prayer to Joseph,  
Who is Known by Many Titles**

**Faithful Joseph:**

Teach us to listen and not be afraid to trust  
as you did in God's promise.

**Loving Joseph:**

Teach us to love courageously with a heart  
that is free and just.

**Protector Joseph:**

Teach us to protect one another and all  
that belongs to God.

**Dreamer Joseph:**

Teach us to dream a world where all are neighbors;  
a vision illuminated by God's light.

**Teacher Joseph:**

Teach us to keep the Word of God close to our hearts, and to proclaim it in word and  
action.

**Gentle Joseph:**

Teach us to be gentle with our power and  
strong in our tenderness.

**Parent Joseph:**

Teach us to be for all persons a living lesson  
of goodness and truth - a blessing for all  
generations to come.

Amen.

**FREE CONE DAY:** Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> is "Free Cone Day" at the Warrington Dairy Queen. Enjoy!





## FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:

### Run About Catholic Education (R.A.C.E.) Training Begins Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

The SJR 5K R.A.C.E. will be held on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. This event is a 5K run, or a 2 mile fitness walk. Also, a 1K run is available for the kids. Never run a 5K before or have you run many? Please consider joining our training runs! **Training will be held every Wednesday evening at 8:30 PM, beginning March 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Training will include running or walking the course. The group will begin from St. Robert Bellarmine Church parking lot. All levels of runner/walker are encouraged to join the training. No individual will be left behind! It is a great way to kick off a healthy new year! For questions, call Bob Williamson at 215.896.5180 or email [kbwrs96@gmail.com](mailto:kbwrs96@gmail.com).

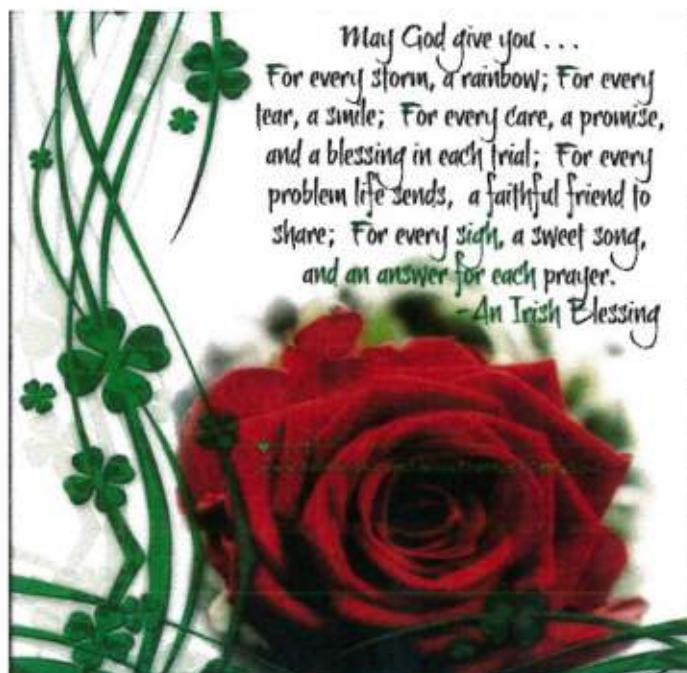


### **PARISH COOKBOOK:**

To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Parish, we are compiling a cookbook with "our favorite recipes". Each recipe will include the name of the "cook" who shared his/her recipe. Please submit your favorite recipe (you may submit more than one) via email to [jgalganski@aol.com](mailto:jgalganski@aol.com) or handwritten on one of the forms found in the Narthex **no later than June 4, 2017.** You may deposit all comments/recipes in the box found in the Narthex.

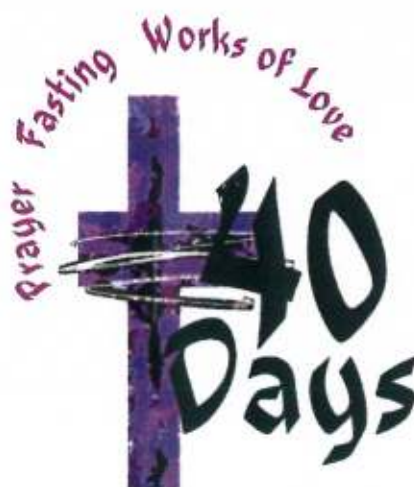


**JUST A THOUGHT:** This week, as we approach the feast of St. Patrick, I wanted to share a favorite Irish Blessing:



May God give you . . .  
For every storm, a rainbow; For every  
tear, a smile; For every care, a promise,  
and a blessing in each trial; For every  
problem life sends, a faithful friend to  
share; For every sigh, a sweet song,  
and an answer for each prayer.  
- An Irish Blessing

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



**St. Joseph/St. Robert School – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual R.A.C.E.  
Kicking Off Our Sponsorship  
Please Help Gain Sponsors & Add to Our Success**

Mark your calendar now for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Run about Catholic Education (R.A.C.E) on Friday, May 19, 2017. The evening event will begin at 6:30 pm with the 1K Kids' Race followed by the 2 Mile Fitness Walk & 5K Race at 7 pm. Last year we had over 400 runners/walkers and raised \$16,174.00 dollars. This year the proceeds will go towards the academic advancement that is used to support our students. The funds raised come from the generous support of local business sponsors, parishioners, and our school families.

The success of our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual R.A.C.E. is sponsorship and runner/walker registration. We are kindly asking each school family to assist with reaching out to at least one local business that you may know and/or support on a regular basis. Businesses could include your hair stylist, dentist, doctor, pharmacy, insurance agent, financial advisor, bank, indoor/outdoor home services, restaurants, and retail stores you frequently visit.

Executive and Corporate Support Sponsors are due April 6<sup>th</sup>. Corporate Friend & Friend are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are asking each family to consider the "Friend" level of \$50.00 sponsorship. For each sponsorship you secure, will entitle your family to a complimentary race registration. Please include your name as the SJR contact on the sponsorship form.

**The Sponsorship form can now be accessed by clicking the 5K logo on our website.** In addition, the Sponsorship form is again in this week's communication. Thank you for your active involvement in making our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual R.A.C.E. another great success. For questions or assistance with possible sponsors, please contact Kathy Williamson at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org) or 215.343.5100.

7<sup>th</sup>  
Annual



Friday, May 19, 2017

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We are pleased to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Joseph / St. Robert (SJR) Run About Catholic Education on Friday, May 19, 2017, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Warrington, PA.

We are asking for financial support and participation from our local businesses and friends. Please join us in sustaining Catholic Education in our community. Our sponsorship opportunities range from \$50 to \$500. All sponsorship levels include a complimentary event registration and event t-shirt.

Your generous involvement will be appreciated by the 220 students of St. Joseph / St. Robert School. The funds raised by this event will go towards the academic advancement that is used to support our students.

We welcome you to unite with the SJR students, staff and volunteers who are actively involved in making this event a success.

Sincerely,

SJR 5K RACE Committee



ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL  
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# SJR R.A.C.E.

Run About Catholic Education

Friday, May 19, 2017

**Location:** St. Joseph/St. Robert School (SJR)      **Races:** 1K Kids' Race      6:30 P.M. (kids 12 and under)  
850 Euclid Avenue      2 Mile Fitness Walk      7:00 P.M.  
Warrington, PA 18976      5K Race      7:00 P.M.

**Opportunity to Support SJR School:**

| Level                    | Includes   | Cost  |
|--------------------------|--|-------|
| <b>Executive Support</b> | Name with Logo on T-shirt, Race Application, Race Day Program, Booth Space & Marker Sign<br>Deadline: 04/06/2017 | \$500 |
| <b>Corporate Support</b> | Name with Logo on T-shirt, Race Application, Race Day Program & Booth Space<br>Deadline: 04/06/2017              | \$300 |
| <b>Corporate Friend</b>  | Name (no logo) on T-shirt and Race Day Program & Booth Space<br>Deadline: 05/01/2017                             | \$150 |
| <b>Friend</b>            | Name in Race Day Program<br>Deadline: 05/01/2017   | \$50  |

*\*All levels of support include one complimentary race registration.*

**To claim registration, please submit a race application by 05/10/2017.**

\*\*For additional information please contact Kathy Williamson at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org) or 215.343.5100\*\*

**SJR 5K RACE Sponsorship Form**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ SJR Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level (please check):

Executive Support \$500       Corporate Support \$300       Corporate Friend \$150       Friend \$50

Please make all checks payable to: St. Joseph/St. Robert HSA, 850 Euclid Avenue Warrington, PA 18976



**ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT 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).

From Our Director of Advancement: Kathy Williamson

## **Archdiocese of Philadelphia Schools Student Aid Application**

**Submission Deadline: March 31, 2017**

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program provides tuition assistance to qualified families through the generosity of businesses contributing under guidelines provided by Pennsylvania legislation. Catholic school families can apply who have students enrolling in grades Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> and are residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Income guidelines for 2017 are listed below. Families with these income guidelines are strongly encouraged to submit application:

| Number of Dependents | Maximum Income   |
|----------------------|--|
| 1                    | \$91,620   |
| 2                    | \$106,890  |
| 3                    | \$122,160  |
| 4                    | \$137,430  |
| 5                    | \$152,700 (add \$15,270 for each additional dependent) |

Meeting EITC Guidelines does not guarantee every family tuition assistance. Grants are based on the funding available and the family's ranking among all qualified applicants. We ask that you take advantage of this opportunity to receive tuition assistance. All awards will be applied towards school year 2017-2018.

Applications should be submitted no later than March 31, 2017. 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. For additional questions, please contact Kathy Williamson at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org).



**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
1968 - 2018  
ST. ROBERT BELLARMI**

***“OUR FAVORITE RECIPES”***

Since St. Robert Bellarmine will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we thought it might be a nice idea to commemorate the event with a Parish Cookbook with “our” favorite recipes.

You may submit more than one recipe. Each recipe will include the name of the “cook” who shared his/her recipe. This form may be returned handwritten or you may submit your favorites via email to [jgalganski@aol.com](mailto:jgalganski@aol.com). There will be a box in the Narthex where you may deposit your recipes and/or comments. Please submit all recipes by June 4, 2017.

The success of this endeavor depends on you. We would also like to get your thoughts about the project and whether you would be interested in purchasing a copy of the cookbook.

Thanks,

Joanne Galganski  
215-343-4173

Would you buy a copy of the cookbook:  Yes  No  Maybe

Comments:

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**My Favorite Recipe** (you may write on the reverse if needed)

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Category:** \_\_\_\_\_ (appetizer, soup/salad, entrée, dessert)

**From the Kitchen of:** \_\_\_\_\_ (as you want your name to appear in the cookbook)

**Includes a List of Ingredients, Directions, etc. and, if available, how many servings.**



the growth of FEAST:

FEAST, Feed Everyone At Special Times, is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide home cooked meals for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We cook and package the meals allowing individuals and families to eat in the comfort of their homes.

FEAST started out in 2012 as NJS Charity Fund when the need was identified around Thanksgiving of that year. The idea quickly gained traction and numbers continue to climb. The past Thanksgiving and Christmas averaged just under 1,500 meals per holiday.

Again this year, FEAST has been able to offer winter coats beginning at Thanksgiving.

Our success is very dependent on the partnerships that have been developed with a number of local organizations, such as St. Robert Bellarmine Church, and the generosity and support of individuals who wish to be able to help their neighbors facing challenges at the Holidays.

**OUR Help is essential in assisting the processing of helping those in need... FEAST's Motto - No One Goes UnFed. Our hope is that St. Joseph/ St. Robert School will be able to support FEAST through the donation of packaged pies from a local supermarket.**

Again, our gratitude and thanks for all of your support –

E.A.S.T.

FEAST will be providing home cooked meals for Easter

The distribution date is Friday 4/15, 4pm-7pm

Pick up will be at:

Warrington Firehouse 2310 Freedoms Way Warrington, PA

*In addition to meals, FEAST is hoping to also distribute Easter Baskets for the children.*

**FEAST depends on you to help serve our community.**

Please circulate this information. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Please have people fill out information below and/or contact FEAST

[FeastCharitableOrg@gmail.com](mailto:FeastCharitableOrg@gmail.com)

(267) 225-8589

PO Box 478 Warrington, PA 18976

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Meals \_\_\_\_\_

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4160 PROUDLY PRESENTS



# Spring Fling

Annual Dinner  
Dance

*Saturday, April 22, 2017*

Doors Open 6:30 PM

Dinner 7:00 until 8:00 PM

Dancing 8:00 until 11:00 PM

*with music from Untouchables Entertainment Group*

*St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Hall*

856 Euclid Avenue · Warrington, PA

**\$50 per person - \$95 per couple**

Includes Dinner, Beer, Wine, and Soft Drinks | BYOB permitted, must be over 21

*Proceeds benefit OLMC & St. Joseph/St. Robert Schools and other Catholic Charities*

To reserve tickets, please detach & mail the form below to Don Cericola

Questions? Contact Don at (215) 280-4586 | [cericolas@gmail.com](mailto:cericolas@gmail.com)

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
Knights of Columbus #4160

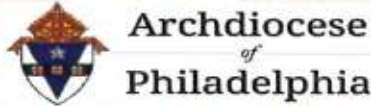
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

**Send to: Don Cericola**  
1023 Buggy Whip Drive  
Warrington, PA 18976

Please seat with \_\_\_\_\_

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# JOIN US FOR Archdiocese / CYO Night at the Philadelphia 76ers!!



**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> | 7 PM**

**Bring your Parish out to enjoy a night of NBA basketball and support the Archdiocese!**

- \$18 Upper Level, discounted, block seating available
- Top Parish awarded Fan Tunnel for 20 kids – High-5 NBA Players!
- Every person who purchases a ticket receives a Sixers Drawstring Bag

If interested please contact Brian Gozdan @  
609-743-0549 or [bkgozdan@gmail.com](mailto:bkgozdan@gmail.com)  
RSVP no later than 3/21 to reserve tickets

