

# 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: Eric Bonilla, Matt Black, Michael Funk, Sofia Wade and Sofia Mazzarella.



## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Just a reminder** the dance for Kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking place Friday afternoon from 3:15 – 4:45 pm in the gym for those who have registered.

- **Talent Show** – We are looking forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Talent Show this Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm in Msgr. Marley Hall. Come out to show our talented students/classmates your support. It will prove to be a fun night. Light refreshment will be provided.

- **Date Change** – Please make note that our next scheduled General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. This is the meeting when we will elect our new board members and draw our winner of \$500 to put towards next year's tuition!

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** The sixth graders who are members of St. Robert Parish will be confirmed by Bishop Senior on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. Rehearsal for this sacrament will take place on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 for students and 7:00 for Sponsors in the church. The school will have noon dismissal. There will be ***NO Bus Transportation at dismissal.***



**GRADE 7 VISITATION DAY:** Our seventh graders will spend the day next Wednesday at Archbishop Wood High School to get a taste of high school. Seventh graders should report directly to Archbishop Wood High School in uniform.

## FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:

### Run About Catholic Education (R.A.C.E.) Training Has Begun

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 is held every Wednesday evening at 8:30 PM.** Training includes 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).



**R.A.C.E.** See information regarding the race in this week's e-folder.

**EITC:** Deadline for EITC is March 31<sup>st</sup>. See paperwork in this week's e-folder.



**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

**MARCH MADNESS – SJR STYLE!** : Once again, we will have our own take on March Madness on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Grades 7 & 8 will play each other and Grades 5 & 6 will do the same. I wonder if my brackets will do better with *this* March Madness!



### PARISH COOKBOOK:

To commemorate the 50th 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.



**OKTOBERFEST:** St. Robert Bellarmine parish is having Oktoberfest on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> as part of the parish Golden Jubilee celebration. Plans are already underway. The Oktoberfest Committee is looking for someone to take charge of the American Food Booth. If you are able to help out, please contact either Betty Santoro @ [santoea@npenn.org](mailto:santoea@npenn.org) or Joanne Galganski @ [jgalganski@aol.com](mailto:jgalganski@aol.com)

**HERSHEY PARK TICKETS:** See order form in this week's e-folder for discounted Hershey Park tickets. Orders are due by Friday, April 21st.

**SUMMER SOLUTIONS:** Your child worked hard all year long. Make sure that progress sticks. Give your child the advantage of Summer Solution. The flyer in this week's e-folder tells you how to order. School Code is SJR18976. Orders are due by May 7, 2017.



**JUST A THOUGHT:** This week has once again been a lesson in learning to appreciate how blessed I am to be a part of this very special school community. We came together to pray, speak truth, and continue on with living. The children are remarkably resilient – they remind me of a favorite “poem” that I think reflects all that our parents and teachers do with our children:



# children **LEARN** what they live

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.  
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.  
If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.  
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves  
and in those about them.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.  
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.  
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.  
If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.  
If children live with acceptance, they learn to live.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.  
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.  
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with friendliness,  
they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

by Dorothy Law Nalze, Ph.D.



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Focused on Faith and Learning*



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).

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT: KATHY WILLIAMSON**

**EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TRAX CREDIT – SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 250**

**CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

House Bill 250 proposes to increase tax credits available under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program by \$50 million (raising it to \$175 million) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program by \$25 million (raising it to \$75 million).

The EITC and the OSTC programs have always achieved bipartisan support and have been acclaimed as two of the best educational programs Pennsylvania offers to students in both public and private schools. The tax credit scholarships have been a Godsend for students seeking a Catholic or other private education in Pennsylvania. Every Catholic school in all corners of this great Commonwealth benefits from the EITC or OSTC programs.

Each year more than 40,000 families get a scholarship that permits the parents to send their children to a Catholic or another private school. It gives these families a true choice in the right educational path for their children.

Additionally, the program assists countless Pennsylvania students in traditional public schools. Educational Improvement Organizations direct a portion of the tax credits to support innovative educational programs that enhance the regular public school curriculum.

Urge your state Representative to invest in success and support the expansion of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs by voting YES on HB 250. Please visit the following link to send your state representative a message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/EkGifEdJ6lRF5NoAdPb3ew>



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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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 Deadline: 04/06/2017	\$500
<b>Corporate Support</b>	Name with Logo on T-shirt, Race Application, Race Day Program & Booth Space Deadline: 04/06/2017	\$300
<b>Corporate Friend</b>	Name (no logo) on T-shirt and Race Day Program & Booth Space Deadline: 05/01/2017	\$150
<b>Friend</b>	Name in Race Day Program 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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## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual R.A.C.E On-Line Registration Now Open**

On-line registration is now open and can be accessed by clicking the RACE logo on the front page of our website: [www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org). Please register each family member for either the 5K run, 2 mile walk or 1K kids run. Each adult & child running/walking must have a separate completed registration.

The RACE will include entertainment, food, age group awards, and prizes. The first 400 runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt. We hope all SJR families will register and enjoy a truly wonderful evening of family fun.

## **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.



**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 \_\_\_\_\_



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

***“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.**



# ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

## 2017 Family Order Form

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is once again working with *Hersheypark*® to offer tickets at a substantial discount to the friends and families of your parish/school. **Advance Payment is required!** If you would like to order tickets through this program. Please note that tickets are valid for one day May 5-Sept 24, 2017.

Complete and submit this ORDER FORM along with full payment: Checks made payable to the school/Parish office by: **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2017**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS OFFER ENDS on  
Friday, April 21st 2017**

**Note: Tickets are valid  
one day May 5-Sept 24,  
2017**

Take advantage of these  
early bird savings, NOW!

**ADD-ON** discount Meal Tickets to your order @ \$10.60 each. Enjoy a meal at multiple locations, with a variety of menus, saving up to 30% off the retail price

Quantity	Type	Gate	YOUR Price	Savings	TOTAL
	Regular (ages 9-54)	\$ 65.80	<b>\$ 36.00</b> Valid one day May 5-Sept 24 2017	45% OFF Gate	\$
	Junior (ages 3-8)	\$ 42.80	<b>\$ 30.50</b> Valid one day May 5-Sept 24 2017	29% OFF Gate	\$
	Senior (ages 55-69)	\$42.80	<b>\$ 30.50</b> Valid one day May 5-Sept 24 2017	29% OFF Gate	\$
	Senior Plus (ages 70+)	\$ 27.80	<b>\$ 23.95</b> Valid one day May 5-Sept 24 2017	14% OFF Gate	\$
	<b>Prepaid Meal Ticket:</b> Choose a meal at up to 20 food venues. All meals include entrée, side and <b>one fountain drink or regular hot drink.</b>	Prepaid Meal Ticket offers up to 30% OFF retail prices	<b>\$10.60</b>	Up to 30% OFF retail prices	\$

Parishes/Schools will receive tickets on/before the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017



# Keep the two steps forward. **Lose the one step back.**



## **Summer learning loss puts students at a serious disadvantage.**

This is when skills and knowledge are lost over the summer months, causing students to move backwards instead of progressing.

By spending just **minutes a day** with *Summer Solutions*, students get the practice they need to keep moving forward. It was designed to help students return to school after summer break confident in the skills they've already learned and ready to master new ones.

**Your child worked hard all year. Make sure that progress sticks.  
Give your child the advantage of *Summer Solutions*.**

St. Joseph-St. Robert School

To order, go to [www.summersolutions.net](http://www.summersolutions.net)

and enter                     SJR18976                     by           May 7, 2017          .



iPad Mini Give-a-way! Order before May 16.

Every customer who orders is automatically entered to win. The drawings will be on **April 17** and **May 17**.

From: [admissions@lutherwoods.org](mailto:admissions@lutherwoods.org)  
Subject: Free Shredding Event  
Date: March 5, 2017 at 8:55 PM  
To: undisclosed-recipients;

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**FREE**

**Community Shredding Event**

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**8am to 12pm**

Luther Woods Nursing and  
Rehabilitation Center  
313 W. County Line Rd.  
Hatboro, PA 19040

Shred One will be site for secure  
document shredding.

Open to Individuals only. No businesses please.