

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: Landon Lubber, Erin Ferello, Luke Ewald, Julia Newlin and Karey Dawn Williamson.

YEARBOOK ORDERS: The opportunity to order a yearbook has been extended until Friday, April 1st. The cost is \$20.



HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- **SJR's Got Talent:** Come and join the fun for our Talent Show on Friday April 1st at 7pm in the school dining hall - no fooling!
 - Donations of desserts may be sent into school on Friday morning or dropped off at 1pm on Friday.



communitybuilders*

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT:

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Tuition Assistance for 2016/2017 – Final Submission Deadline: April 15, 2016

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 12th. 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 20 students for the 2015-2016 academic year.

To apply for tuition assistance through SmartAid, please visit:

www.SmartAidForParents.com. or www.Blocs.org. The St. Joseph/St. Robert school code is 91062. You will need your 2015 tax return completed for the application process.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kathy Williamson at:

kwilliamson@stjstr.org

Exciting News – Bucks Happening 2016 Finalist!

We are thrilled to announce that St. Joseph/St. Robert School has been named a Finalist for the best Private School in Bucks County by voters on Bucks Happenings. We all work so hard every day to make our school SHINE in the community. It is a wonderful accomplishment to receive this award.

Please shout the word to all you know via phone, email, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Thank you for all you do to support our school. You may go the link below to review the results.

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



RACE ABOUT CATHOLIC EDUCATION: (RACE!)

• Training Began Thursday, March 10th

The SJR 5K R.A.C.E. will be held on Friday, May 20th. 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 Thursday evening at 8:30 PM, beginning March 10th. 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 health new year! Any questions? Call Bob Williamson at 215-896-5180 or email kbwrs96@gmail.com

St. Joseph/St. Robert – 5K Run/Walk – Please Help Gain One Sponsor & Add to Our Success – Executive & Corporate Support Sponsors Due April 1st

The success of our 6th annual 5K is sponsorship and runner/walker registration. This year the proceeds will benefit our technology initiative with the purchase of an on-line digital math program for all students. The funds raised come from the generous support of local business sponsors, parishioners, and our school families. 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. Sponsorship forms are available on our website. Corporate Friend & Friend Sponsors are due April 30th. We are asking each family to consider being a "Friend" of the 5K R.A.C.E. This level of \$50.00 sponsorship will entitle a family member one free registration for the R.A.C.E/Walk.

Thank you for your active involvement in making our 6th annual event another great success. For questions or assistance with possible sponsors, please contact Mary Landry at 215.343.4704.

6th Annual Run About Catholic Education (R.A.C.E.) – Please Join the Planning Committee

We value all our volunteers that will add to the success of the 5K. We invite anyone interested to join the planning committee. A planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 31st beginning at 7:30 pm. at the school. The meeting will last 45 minutes and those interested can join the training run/walk that will start at 8:30 pm. If you are unable to attend and would like to volunteer, please email Mary Landry at mblandry@verizon.net or Bob Williamson at kbwrs96@gmail.com.

PHILLIES DAY LUNCH: It is time for SJR to celebrate the beginning of the Phillies season. HSA invites all students and faculty to enjoy a ball park lunch on Monday, April 11th at 12:00pm. See flyer in this week's communication for more information.

HERSHEY PARK: Enjoy a savings *up to 45% OFF* regular gate admission. See order form in this week's communication. Orders are due by **April 22, 2016**. Remember, tickets are *valid through July 31, 2016*.

SUMMER SOLUTIONS: All orders are due by May 8, 2016. The school code is: SJR18976. Orders need to be done on line ~ www.SummerSolutions.net. See flyer for more information in this week's communication.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS DATE CHANGE: New sessions will begin on April 21th to May 19th. Please see this week's communication for more info.

JUST A THOUGHT: Don't you love the longer, sunnier days? The days seem to stretch out before us, calling us to do more. While we all want to enjoy each moment, I think the following words might be good to remember once in a while:


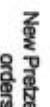












“Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes – including you”!

Enjoy these lovely sunny spring days!



***SJR SCHOOL:
PROUD OF OUR PAST,
FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE,
MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!***

APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					 1 First Friday Mass - 9am Mass Hot Sandwich Lunch S.J.R.'s Got Talent! - 7pm	2
3	 4 New Pretzel and Juice orders begin	5	6	 7 Reading Olympics (gr. 5-6 and 7-8)	 8 Grades 3&4 class trip Mexican lunch	9
10	 11 Principal for a Day! Pringles Home Opener lunch	 12 Confirmation rehearsal - St. Robert's Confirmation - St. Cyril's 5pm	13	 14 High School Visitation Day - gr. 7 Confirmation - St. Robert's 4pm 12noon dismissal	15	16
17	 18 Recycling Challenge - All Teaching Touching Safety Lessons	 19 Tea with Me 1pm - 2pm	20	 21 Home and School meeting 7pm	 22 Pasta lunch Walk-a-thon in PM	23
 24 First Holy Communion Day - St. Cyril's 12noon	25	26	27	28	 29 Teach Children to Save Day! Grades 1 & 2 Field Trip Pizza Lunch	 30 First Holy Communion Day - 10am - St. Joseph's 10:30am - St. Robert's

HSA NOTES

Family Fun Night

SJR's Got Talent is this Friday, April 1 at 7:00, in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to join us. Desserts, coffee and tea will be served. Please come and support your talented classmates. If anyone is interested in becoming an act for the talent show, it is not too late! Please contact Suzanne Sorge suzannesorge@verizon.net

Phillies Home Opener Lunch

Monday, April 11. See flyer below for details. Please contact Daiana Fuller fullerfamily1999@gmail.com with questions

Recycle Challenge

Our Earth Day paper recycle drive will be April 18. We will also have a clothing drive this year that includes many household items. See information below. Please contact Pauline Lyons with any questions
pauline_lyons2001@yahoo.com

Mrs. Mary J...

Mail

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Inbox (7)

- Starred
- Sent Mail
- Drafts
- Debbie
- Hershey Park 2
- MSP
- Quill
- Quotes 2015-11
- More

6th Annual



Friday, May 20, 2016

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

Opportunity to Support SJR School:

Level	Includes	Cost
Executive Support	Name with Logo on T-shirt, Race Application, Race Day Program, Booth Space & Marker Sign Deadline: 04/01/2016	\$500
Corporate Support	Name with Logo on T-shirt, Race Application, Race Day Program & Booth Space Deadline: 04/01/2016	\$300
Corporate Friend	Name (no logo) on T-shirt and Race Day Program & Booth Space Deadline: 04/30/2016	\$150
Friend	Name in Race Day Program Deadline: 04/30/2016	\$50

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

To claim registration, please submit a race application by 05/11/2016.

For additional information please contact Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org or 215.343.5100

SJR 5K RACE Sponsorship Form

Company Name: _____
 Individual Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Telephone: _____

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

6th Annual



Friday, May 20, 2016

We are pleased to announce the 6th Annual St. Joseph / St. Robert (SJR) Run About Catholic Education on Friday, May 20, 2016, 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.

SJR 5K R.A.C.E. FRIDAY, MAY 20TH

SIGN UP SHEET

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Youngest child _____

_____ **Solicitation**

Contact local vendors and businesses, most of whom have supported the event in the past, to request contributions / advertising

_____ **Food & Drinks**

Assist with the ordering and purchasing of food and drinks for the 5K

_____ **Registration**

Work with the chairs to collect, organize, and distribute registration materials to the runners

_____ **Advertising**

Aide in the development of advertising material and the distribution of these materials

_____ **Music**

Contact musicians to play on the course and possibly after the race

_____ **Decorations**

Plan and decorate, especially start / finish, on race day.

_____ **Set up**

On day of 5K, work with other committee members to set up tables, tents, etc for race

_____ **Clean up**

At completion of event, assist with clean up of tables, tents, trash, etc

_____ **Classroom challenge**

Track student and class participation, and offer incentives for greatest participation

_____ **Prizes**

Assist in ordering and purchasing of prizes for top finishers and deals for 1K participants

_____ **Marshalls**

Assist in detouring drivers and directing runners & walkers

**Please send in attn: 5k Committee **



2015 – 2016 YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Deadline for orders is Friday, March 18th

Includes yearbook and spring supplement

ONLY \$20

Don't miss out!!

I would like to order a yearbook for:

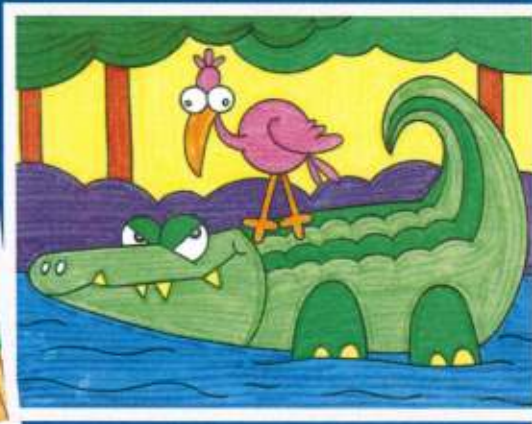
Student/grade _____

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Student/grade _____

Student/grade _____

Please send cash/check made out to SJR HSA to Kathleen Rosenello c/o Elizabeth Rosenello, grade 6



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3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
4/21/2016 - 5/19/2016



Tuition
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www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa

Young Rembrandts
412 Goodwin Rd
Hatboro, Pa. 19040
Ph: 215-675-8878
Fax: 215-394-5752



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. Young Rembrandts provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school. Parents are responsible for transportation at class end.

Student Name First _____ Last _____ School St Joseph/St Robert Start Date 4/21/2016

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

Cell Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____ **Make check payable to Young Rembrandts and include your child's name and school on the check. We accept MasterCard and Visa.**

My child will: [] be picked up [] walk home [] other _____

Credit Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Security # _____ Card Expiration _____ [] MC [] Visa

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

(as it appears on the card) [] Charge my account in full [] Charge my account monthly Amount: _____



Monday, April 11th
Time: 12:00pm

**It's time for SJR to celebrate the beginning of the
Phillies season!!**

**HSA invites all students & faculty to enjoy a
ball park lunch sponsored by HSA
which will include a
hot dog, chips, water bottle, and a "cool" treat.**

Please have your child bring in a beach towel

**Please contact Daiana Fuller at fullerfamily1999@gmail.com
if you have any questions regarding food allergies.**

**If your child wishes not to have the lunch that is being
served, please provide one. Thank you!**





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St. Joseph-St. Robert School

Books are \$12.00 each.

Orders will be shipped to the school for free when ordered by: May 8, 2016



Ordering is Easy!

Go to www.SummerSolutions.net

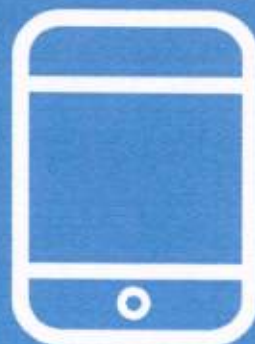
Enter your school code: SJR18976

Choose the level that matches your child's current grade level.

Win an iPad Mini!

Order by May 10th and be entered in a drawing for one of three iPad minis.

One winner will be chosen in March, April, and May.
<http://summersolutions.com/blog/ipad> for details.





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Special Order Form Required:

(This is a special offer available to the friends and families of your organization)

Orders must be received by **Friday, April 22nd, 2016**

Tickets will be distributed at our School/Parish, on or before the week of **May 16th, 2016**. A distribution plan will be communicated.

2016 Hersheypark Rates	Gate Rates (Peak Season Rates)	Your Rates	Savings
Regular (ages 9-54)	\$63.80	\$34.95 <small>Valid through July 31st 2016</small>	45% discount
Jr./Sr. (ages 3-8 & 55-69)	\$40.80	\$29.50 VALID ALL SEASON	28% discount
Senior Plus (ages 70+)	\$26.80	\$22.95 VALID ALL SEASON	14% discount
Prepaid Meal Ticket	-	\$15.00	Prepaid Meal Tickets offer up to 30% OFF retail prices

View the Hersheypark operating calendar at www.Hersheypark.com

* Ticket holders may also take advantage of the FREE Preview Plan. Present a pre-purchased ticket the day before your planned visit, and visit *Hersheypark* for 2 ½ hours prior to park closing when the park closes at 10:00 PM and 3 ½ hours when the park closes at 11:00 PM.

For order forms, questions or additional information about this program, please contact your Parish office.

2016 Individual Ticket 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 through July 31st, 2016.** Complete and submit this ORDER FORM along with full payment: Checks made payable to the school office by: **Friday, April 22nd 2016**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: _____

THIS OFFER ENDS on
Friday, April 22 2016

Note: Tickets are valid
Through July 31st, 2016.

Take advantage of these
early bird savings, NOW!

ADD-ON discount Meal Tickets to your
order @ \$15.00 each. Enjoy a meal at
multiple locations, with a variety of menus,
saving up to 30% off the retail price. Plus
receive a refillable **2016 Souvenir Cup!**
(refills are .99 + tax all season)



Quantity	Type	Gate	YOUR Price	Savings	TOTAL
	Regular (ages 9-54)	\$ 63.80	\$ 34.95 Valid through July 31 st , 2016	45 % OFF Gate	\$
	Junior (ages 3-8) Senior (ages 55-69)	\$ 40.80	\$ 29.50 VALID ALL SEASON	28 % OFF Gate	\$
	Senior Plus (ages 70+)	\$ 26.80	\$ 22.95 VALID ALL SEASON	14 % OFF Gate	\$
	Prepaid Meal Ticket: Choose a meal at up to 20 food venues. All meals include entrée, side and 2016 Souvenir Cup	Prepaid Meal Ticket offers up to 30% OFF retail prices	\$15.00	Up to 30% OFF retail prices	\$

Parishes/Schools will receive tickets on/before the week of May 16th, 2016

Catapult Learning

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

March 2016



THE HEALTH-CONSCIOUS PARENT: Celebrating National Nutrition Month

The month of March is *National Nutrition Month*. This year's theme is "*Savor the Flavor of Eating Right*". The website for National Nutrition Month (<http://www.nationalnutritionmonth.org/>) has a wide variety of ideas, suggestions, and activities for you to use with your children. The website suggests taking time to enjoy food traditions and appreciate what great flavors bring to our lives. Let's think about – *breakfast* – the most important meal of the day. Sometimes it is challenging to get children to eat but nourishment is necessary to help children focus on their school work. Breakfast foods include: oatmeal, fruit, yogurt, peanut butter, cereals, milk. What combinations can you create?



As we move into Spring and Summer, fruits and vegetables become more accessible. Fruits and vegetables are colorful and flavorful. They can be part of a breakfast smoothie or added as a surprise in your child's lunch. Apples and nut butters are a great snack as well as carrot sticks. What new fruit and/or vegetable can you introduce into your child's diet this Spring? A suggestion is to actually grow the food so that your child is actively involved in the growing and eating process.

READ ACROSS AMERICA!

Read Across America is celebrated on March 2nd. This day is also Dr. Seuss' birthday. The National Education Association has a variety of ideas to celebrate this day. They also have book lists to continue your child's excitement about reading. Check out their website (<http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm>) and your local library for special activities. The following link takes you to a list of multi-cultural books that are wonderful selections for your child. <http://www.nea.org/grants/50-multicultural-books.html>

What can be done in your own home to encourage reading?

- ✓ Children need to see adults reading.
- ✓ Older children can read to their younger siblings
- ✓ Your children can read to you.
- ✓ Children can talk with you about their favorite author
- ✓ Children can make bookmarks showing the characters of a favorite book
- ✓ Children can share a favorite book with a friend

OTHER RECOMMENDED READINGS:

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (grades 5-9)

Arthur (Series) by Marc Brown (grades K-3)

The Boxcar Children (Series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner (grades 3-8)

The Babysitters Club (Series) by Ann M. Martin (grades 4-8)



FIRST DAY OF SPRING

The first day of Spring is March 20th. When Spring arrives you will start to notice a change in the air temperature. You'll see buds on trees and flowers beginning to poke their heads out of the soil. Daylight will increase each day and children will have more time for outside play after school. Look for signs of Spring around your home and neighborhood and point out the signs to your child as you take family walks.

SPRING SCRAMBLE!

1. arsgs _____
2. tlyuerbf _____
3. inlapgtn _____
4. sbdu _____
5. dniw _____
6. wlirseof _____
7. msolbso _____
8. ayihtgld _____



BOOKS ABOUT SPRING!

- The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle (preK-3)
Spring is Here! By Will Hillenbrand (K-1)
Plants in Spring by Martha E. H. Rustad (K-3)
The Spring Equinox by Ellen Jackson (2-5)

*Ask your children to make a list of Spring-related words as they read their books. Your children can use the words to write their own stories about Spring.

DID YOU KNOW?

March 14th is Pi Day celebrating the mathematical constant – pi. March 14 represents the first three main numbers of pi – 3-1-4. Pi Day was first recognized in 2009. Pi is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter which is approximately 3.14159.

March 14 is also the birthday of Albert Einstein, a brilliant physicist. *Who was Albert Einstein?* by Jess Brallier is a great book to read about Dr. Einstein and his contributions in Science. It is geared for grades 3-8.



FAMILY FRIENDLY WEBSITES

...which are interactive sites for parents and children focusing on math, language arts, science and social studies.

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/>

<https://www.ixl.com/>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/>

SPRING SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

1. grass, 2. Butterfly, 3. Planting, 4. Buds, 5. Wind, 6. Flowers, 7. Blossom, 8. daylight



Sunday April 3, 2016 is Divine Mercy Sunday.

For this day Jesus makes the following requests & promises:

- 1)Go to Confession (On or preferably Before Sunday)**
- 2)Go to Mass (On Divine Mercy Sunday or the Night Before)**
- 3)Receive Holy Communion**

***4)And all of our sins and punishment (Hell/Purgatory)
are completely wiped away.***

It is like being Baptized again.

Our souls will be as pure as a newly baptized infant.

Please spread the good news.

Here are a couple of great websites.

www.thedivinemercy.org

www.marian.org

and

Google:

Divine Mercy Inspirational Quotes