

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: Elizabeth Rosenello, Andrew Dachowski, Benjamin Bargerhuff, Albert Funk and Noelle Musial,

TUITION ASSISTANCE: The application for tuition assistance through BLOCS is now available. Please note the new regulations – if you have received assistance through BLOCS this year, you must submit your application by December 31, 2015 or the window closes! You can access the online form either at www.blocs.org or go directly to www.smartaidforparents.com. The directions for completing the form are linked here and are also on the website. A PDF form to be downloaded and submitted in hard copy is not available to date but will be soon from Smart Aid. If you did not receive assistance through BLOCS this year but plan to submit an application your deadline is not so soon but you would be wise to submit ASAP.



HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS: Important dates:

- **Mother/Daughter Tea:** Sunday, November 15th
- **Little Elf Shop Raffle:** Beginning next week, chances will be sold at lunchtime for the opportunity to win a \$25 voucher good for shopping at our Little Elf Shop. Chances will cost \$1 each, 5 for \$3.



SCHOOL PICTURES: The students will have their annual school pictures taken next Tuesday. Information about the pictures is being sent home today.

SJR CYO NEWS: St. Joseph's St. Robert's CYO Mass will be celebrated November 22, 2015 11 AM at Saint Robert's church. All CYO members and their families are encouraged to attend. There will be light refreshments and beverages served in Monsignor Marley Hall after Mass.

Our CYO program offers sports for children from first to eighth grade. Stop by after Mass and learn more about what is offered. Like us on Facebook. www.facebook.com/sjrcyo



CONGRATULATIONS! Congratulations to Katelynn Razler, grade 8, for placing third in the VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest. The theme of the contest was: "What Freedom Means to Me". I am sharing Katelynn's thoughts with all of you in today's communication.

SCRIP NEWS: Don't forget to use our scrip program for your Thanksgiving Day needs. We have Giant, Shop Rite, Redners, Acme, and Whole Foods in stock. If you send your order in through school you will receive it home the same day! Scrip is also available after masses on Sunday at both St. Robert's and St. Joseph's parishes.

Any orders placed between now and Nov. 21 will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 scrip card for the grocery store of the winner's choice: Giant, Shop Rite, Redners, Acme, and Whole Foods. The winner will be announced Monday, November 23rd. Good luck to all!

MORE SCRIP NEWS: Scrip cards for the new restaurant PJ's Pour House in Montgomeryville are available in \$25 denominations. These cards can be used in the new Montgomeryville restaurant or in any PJ Whelihan's restaurants. ****Bonus voucher offer - \$2 voucher for every \$25 purchase of Whelihan's scrip.****

Starting November 2nd, low denomination cards will be available by special order. These cards will only be offered for a limited time. They make great Christmas gifts!

Amazon - \$10
AMC theater - \$10
Applebees - \$10
Barnes & Noble - \$5
CVS - \$10
Groupon - \$10

Outback - \$10
Panera - \$5
Regal - \$10
Stabucks - \$10
Target - \$10
Walmart - \$10

Giuseppe's scrip cards are now available in \$25 denominations.
Whole Foods scrip cards are in stock while supplies last.

Black Friday is November 27. Scrip orders placed by November 16 will be guaranteed to arrive in time for your Black Friday shopping.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar is Sunday, December 6th in the Church Hall~Santa will be there~Food, Vendors, Crafters, Games for the Kids and pictures with Santa and plenty of great Raffle Baskets. See flyer in this week's communication.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS: The session begins on December 10th. See this week's communication for more information.

SJR THANKSGIVING PIE DAY: Pie day is on Tuesday, November 24th. All orders can be placed at www.stjstr.org ~ click on the Thanksgiving Pies link. See flyer in this week's communication for more information.

JUST A THOUGHT: This past Sunday afternoon I attended our annual Sacrament Sunday. During one of his presentations, Father Jim DeGrassa spoke of the importance of "**Catholic family traditions**". He gave examples such as attending Mass each week as a family, praying "Grace" before meals, or praying before going to bed. Father acknowledged that our lives are being lived at a frantic pace. However, he encouraged all of us present to think of what faith-filled memories we are instilling in our children. A very powerful message, don't you agree?





Access Application

www.smartaidforparents.com

School ID Code

St. Joseph-St. Robert School: **91062**

Deadline

New Applicants: Priority deadline 12/31/2015, but will remain open on a rolling basis.

Returning Applicants: 12/31/2015

Eligible Grades

PK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Smart Aid Fees

- Processing Fee (required): \$25
- Parent Report Fee (optional): \$8 ****This report does not display recommendations for tuition aid.****

Required Supporting Documentation

Applications submitted without documentation will not be processed.

- Most recent paystubs
- Prior year W-2 forms for all jobs.
- Prior year filed tax return: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ with all schedules
- Prior year filed business tax return: 1120, 1120S, 1065 (if applicable)
- Supplemental income documentation: Social Security income, Welfare, Food Stamps, Child Support, 1099-M Forms, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment, Veterans Benefits, Housing Allowance, etc.

Submitting Documentation

Application IDs must be included on all documents. Failure to include your ID will delay processing of your application.

- Direct Upload: www.smartaidforparents.com (login with your username and password)
- Email: documents@smartaidforparents.com
- Fax: (732)-862-1331

Contact Information

- Email Support: support@smartaidforparents.com
- Phone Support: (800)-360-8027

Notification of Financial Aid

Once your application is processed, a financial aid recommendation will be forwarded to **St. Joseph-St. Robert School**. All final financial aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any) will be made by **St. Joseph-St. Robert School**. If you have not received notification regarding financial aid, contact the financial administrator at **St. Joseph-St. Robert School**.



1. Online Application

Visit: www.smartaidforparents.com

2. Section 1 – Household Information

Parent/Guardian: Enter the parent or guardian's contact information. Please be sure to enter all fields with accuracy.

Dependent: Enter all dependents that live in the household. For dependents in college, select the "attending another private school" status option. Please be sure to enter all fields with accuracy.

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 tuition expected for the upcoming year.

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. Please be sure to enter all fields with accuracy.

5. Section 4 – Assets & Debts

Enter all assets and debts as they pertain to your household. Please be sure to enter all fields with accuracy.

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.

7. Section 6 – Submit

If your school uses family school codes, please be sure to make the appropriate selection. Please agree to Smart Aid's terms and conditions. Click SUBMIT to complete your online application.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who should complete this aid application?

A: Whomever the child resides with should fill this application out, 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: Include the most recent tax documentation you have available. 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.



SJR THANKSGIVING PIE DAY
Tuesday, November 24, 2015

APPLE
CHOCOLATE CREAM
COOKIES AND CREAM
PUMPKIN

(Pie will be served at lunch by SJR Service Corp.)

ALL ORDERS CAN BE PLACED AT:

www.stjstr.org

Click on the **Thanksgiving Pies** link

PIE SLICES ARE \$ 2 EACH

Please send payment by Cash or Check (made out to SJR)
and send in attn: PIE DAY

****PIE ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH.******

If you have any questions regarding food allergies, please contact
Daiana Fuller at fullerfamily1999@gmail.com





For ages 5-14

Drawing Classes for kids

at St Joseph/St Robert

Our Students Can Expect

- A new exciting lesson every week
- Improved core art skills
- To have fun!

Our Parents Can Expect

- Increased attention to detail
- Improved fine motor skills
- Discipline, persistence, and patience

Classes Held

Thursday
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
12/10/2015 - 1/21/2016
(No class 12/24, 12/31)



Tuition
\$65
for a 5 Week Session



Payment Options

MAIL IN ENROLLMENT or
ENROLL ONLINE at

www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa

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

Young Rembrandts



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 12/10/2015
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>I also understand all personal absences are forfeited.</i>
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 _____	Security # _____ Card Expiration _____ [] MC [] Visa
Credit Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____	Signature _____ Date _____
Name _____ (as it appears on the card)	[] Charge my account in full [] Charge my account monthly Amount: _____

My Definition of Freedom

Freedom, what does it mean? It has many definitions. The state of being free, independent, and having liberty. To be free to do anything, anytime you want. "Freedom means you are unobstructed in living your life as you choose. Anything less is a form of slavery," is Wayne Dyer's definition of freedom. However, with being independent and free to do anything comes great responsibility. Being independent helps you grow as a person. As you get older and make your own decisions you will learn from your mistakes. Freedom and independence also requires control. You need to trust and believe that you are doing what is right.

Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom to make our own choices, and freedom to vote are all freedoms that Americans stand by. In many other countries, you can't do these things. You can't choose your own school, or work. You wouldn't have the freedom to choose your own destiny. Imagine if that was our country. We would be miserable. I am very lucky to live in this free country. Without our freedom we would be forced to do things that weren't our passion.

We are free to say whatever we want, whenever we want. We are free to study the religion we believe in. We are free to express ourselves through our clothes and hair. We are free to vote for who we want to be our president. We are free to do all of these things because Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence set the principles for our country to follow. We are lucky that Thomas Jefferson wanted the people in our country to be treated fairly and equally.

Next time I hear something on the news about another country in distress, I am going to think about how lucky I am to have the privilege to live freely in the USA. This is what freedom means to me. What does freedom mean to you?

Katlynn Razler



THE HELPFUL PARENT: Building healthy bodies and healthy minds

In November we celebrate the first Thanksgiving. When we think of the thanksgiving holiday we naturally think of food. Just as the pilgrims gave thanks for the foods that nourished them, we think about food and what we can do to encourage our children to make the healthy food choices that will grow strong bodies and minds. Here are some ideas!

1. **Be a good example.** What you do can mean more than what you say. Your child learns from you about how and what to eat. Eat meals with your child whenever possible.
2. **When cooking dinner,** always make sure to have one item that your child likes and will eat. Also, cook a limited amount of the starch item and cook extra servings of fruit and vegetables to encourage a second helping.

3. **Make healthy snacks available.** If you stock the kitchen exclusively with healthy treats, children will eat them. As your children grow, stock good snacks in cabinets and shelves that they can reach without your help. Make sure you're prepared with nutritious snacks whether you're driving the carpool or going to soccer practice. Good choices include sliced apples, carrot sticks, whole grain crackers, light popcorn, raisins and water bottles.
4. **Don't give up on making healthy meals.** Studies show that most children need multiple exposures (between 5 and 10) to try new foods. Also, to help a picky eater or rebellious teen feel more in control of their food choices and therefore be more likely to eat the healthy meals you serve, pose food questions as an option. For example, ask "Which would you prefer at dinner: cucumbers or tomatoes?" instead of "Do you want tomatoes as a dinner side dish?"

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

To celebrate International Education Week which is November 16-20, let's read some books about how children live and learn around the world!

- Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World* by Selby Beeler and Brian Karas (K-2),
One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley (K-2)
Kids around the World Celebrate by Lynda Jones (3-5)
National Geographic Kids Beginner's World Atlas edited by National Geographic (3-5)
I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai (6-8)
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park (6-8)

READING WEBSITES

1. <http://www.starfall.com/> A primary reading website
2. <http://www.eduplace.com/tales/> —Wacky Web Tales are geared for grades 3 and above. Check back monthly for new tales!
3. <http://www.storylineonline.net/> —Stories read aloud by actors
4. <https://www.brainpop.com/games/theSportsNetwork2/> —Practicing reading skills in a simulated setting

KID'S COOKING CORNER

In keeping with our Thanksgiving/Food theme, here is a healthy and tasty thanksgiving side dish your children can prepare with your supervision.

Maple Glazed Carrots

Ingredients

- 2 cups miniature carrots
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 pinch nutmeg



Instructions

1. Pour orange juice into a 4-cup microwave safe dish.
2. Heat 1 minute on high. Add the carrots.
3. Stir to coat the carrots with the orange juice.
4. Cover and microwave 8 to 9 minutes on high.
5. Stir again, and then add the remaining ingredients.
6. Microwave uncovered 2 minutes on high.
7. Stir and check for doneness.
Cook another minute on high if needed.



POETRY CORNER

Reciting poetry is a great way for children to learn and appreciate the beauty of language. Thanksgiving dinner provides a great opportunity for children to share this pleasure with family and friends. Here is a short but lovely verse that expresses the essence of Thanksgiving.

Be Thankful

Be thankful for home
Be thankful for food
Be thankful for birds that fly

Be thankful for sleep
Be thankful for flowers
Be thankful for clouds in the sky.

Be thankful for friends
Be thankful for rain
And the rainbows that follow close by.

Anonymous

In this box, write a poem of four lines to say what you are thankful for. Try to make the last word on Lines 1 and 3 rhyme, and the last word on Lines 2 and 4 rhyme!

Title: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



THANKSGIVING SCRAMBLE

Used to make a tasty sauce	s i b r r a n e c e r	_____
The main part of the meal	y t e k r u	_____
A vegetable that can be served many different ways	s e o t a t o p	_____
A liquid you pour on turkey	a r g y v	_____
Sometimes these are placed on top of mashed sweet potatoes	s m r a w o l a m h l s	_____

MATH ACTIVITIES

How much turkey do people eat?

Your children can use the internet to research how much turkey is consumed each year worldwide. Children can graph the data they find on a bar graph by country, analyze the results, and discuss their conclusions with you. This is a fun activity to complete for Thanksgiving. Grade Levels: 4 – 8

Popcorn and Cranberry Patterns

For younger children, provide a large plastic needle and heavyweight thread to string popcorn and cranberries in a pattern. Hang the strings outdoors in trees for birds to eat.

How Big is the Turkey?

Have your child help you calculate the size of the turkey you should buy if there are 10 people coming for dinner and each person will eat approximately a pound and a half of turkey.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR MATH

- Bedtime Math** by Laura Overdeck (K-6)
- Life of Fred** by Dr. Stanley Schmidt (K-12)
- The Greedy Triangle** by Marilyn Burns (K-3)
- Eat Your Math Homework** by Ann McCallum (3-5)
- Math-terpieces: The Art of Problem Solving** by Greg Tang (4-6)

MATH WEBSITES

- <https://www.ixl.com/math/> on this website students can access online games to practice various grade level math skills
- www.matific.com
Math activities for grades K-6

I can't wait to



Be a Girl Scout

Start the fun now at girlscouts.org/join.

Ser una Girl Scout

Empieza la diversión ahora en girlscouts.org/unete.


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turn me over


You know that feeling when you just can't wait?

At Girl Scouts, each day is a new adventure.

With friends at your side, you'll decide what you want to do—build a robot, design your own fashions, plant a garden, go on trips, or maybe even spend the night in a museum.

Let's get started today!

New to Girl Scouts or looking for a troop?

Please complete this form and return to:

Alex Cognetti, GSEP, PO Box 814, Valley Forge, PA 19482

For additional information or questions, or to submit the required information via email; please contact:

**Alex Cognetti, GSEP Membership Manager at
acognetti@gsep.org or 610-933-7555 ext. 1412**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Today's Date _____

Girl's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Grade in Sept. 2015 _____ Name of School Attending _____

School District _____ Closest Public Elementary School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Best time and way to contact me _____

Role models wanted! Help us place every girl in a troop by becoming a troop leader or volunteer.

I may be willing to be a troop leader or assistant leader. I would like to help with troop activities.

There are lots of ways that Girl Scouts can fit into your family's busy schedule.
Financial assistance is available so that all girls can join the fun.

Sunday Dec 6th

St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar!

(Church Hall)

9:30am till 4:00pm



Vendors Crafters
Food Santa!