

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: Mavis Brookreson, Antonio Caputo, Joseph Horan, Grace Moffett and Haley Stefanik.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT:

Tuition Assistance for 2016/2017 – Submission Deadline: December 31, 2015

Attached to this week's communication is information regarding the new application process for financial aid for next year. It is also recommended that you visit:

www.Blocs.org and review the FAQ. 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.***



Smart Aid applications for financial assistance are now available. To apply through Smart Aid, please visit: www.SmartAidForParents.com. The St. Joseph/St. Robert school code is 91062. You will need your most recent tax return and when available, you will need to submit documents related to your current year's income in January. If you did not qualify in 2014 and your income status has changed for 2015, you need to apply now with 2014 tax return and then forward 2015 tax return in January.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kathy Williamson at:
kwilliamson@stjstr.org

TUITION INFORMATION: Tuition information for the coming school year is now posted on the school website.



HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS: Important dates:

- **Little Elf Shop Raffle:** Chances will be sold during lunch tomorrow and Friday for the opportunity to win a \$25 Little Elf Shop certificate. Chances cost \$1/each or 5 for \$3.
- **Ornament Order Forms** are in this week's communication if you would like to order an ornament.

CYO Christmas Dance: Dance is for Grades 6, 7 and 8. See flyer in this week's communication for more information. We need parent volunteers on Friday Dec 4th for the dance or we will not be able to have the dance. Please have parents contact me if they want to volunteer. (kathleen314@aol.com or 215-791-4231)



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

TEACHING TOUCHING SAFETY: Next week, we will be presenting the first of two lessons on Touching Safety. The next lesson will be presented in the spring. Each year, we find it ever more important to speak with the children about being safe wherever they are.

GENTLE REMINDER: Next week, we will dismiss on Wednesday at 12noon to begin the Thanksgiving holiday. CARES will be available should families be in need of extended services. Please notify us if that is the case. All buses will be available at dismissal.



IT'S A BOY! : Congratulations to Annie Ellenback and her family on their newest addition. Baby brother Eugene was born on Monday. Eugene and Mom are doing well and will be home soon.

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.

JUST A THOUGHT: *"The people in darkness have seen a great light."*

Those words kept going through my mind during the events in Paris last week. There, the "City of Light" went dark because of the horrific attacks. As we approach the season of Advent, it seems ever more important that we hold fast to our faith in Christ, the Light of the World. Let's work and pray that we can spread the Light of His love and work for a peace-filled world!



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

HSA Notes

Little Elf Shop Raffle

Raffle tickets for a \$25 voucher to the Little Elf Shop will be on sale at lunch Thursday, November 19 & Friday, November 20. Tickets are \$1 each or 5 for \$3.

Spirit Wear

SJR Spirit Wear is available online through Kampus Klothes through Friday November 20th. Delivery of the items will take place the week before Christmas. To order: Visit KampusKlothes.Com

- * Choose the Spiritwear tab at the top.
- * Select St. Joseph/St. Robert tab
- * Choose your items

Orders will be taken through Friday, November 20th. Please contact Michelle Gannon with any questions.

Chick-Fil-A Calendars

See flyer below. Coupon calendars on sale until November 20. Contact Kelly Stefanik with questions.

Thank you

To everyone who helped make the Mother/Daughter event such a fabulous day!!

Little Elf Shop is Coming!

This year's Little Elf Shop is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th in the school cafeteria. We will need volunteers to help set up on Monday, December 7th at 1:00pm and volunteers for Tuesday to assist the children with shopping, restocking merchandise, assisting with the photo ornament craft and serving as cashiers. **Please mark what times you are available on the bottom half of this letter and return it to school by Tuesday, December 1 c/o William Studley grade 6 for Michelle Studley.**

Below is the class time schedule.

Time Slot	Grade(s)
8:30am-9:15am	Pre-K
Mass	Mass
10:15am-10:55am	4 th grade and 5 th grade
11:00am-11:45am	3 rd grade and 6 th grade
Lunch	Lunch in their classrooms; lunch moms have been assigned to the classrooms.
1:15pm-1:45pm	Both Kindergartens & 2 nd grade
1:50pm-2:35pm	1 st , 7 th and 8 th grade



Little Elf Shop Volunteers

Name:

Phone number:

Child's name and grade:

I am available to help as follows:

	Please indicate which hours you would be available.
Elf shop set-up Monday, Dec 7 th at 1:00pm	
Elf shop Tuesday, Dec 8 th 8:15am-2:45pm <input type="checkbox"/> Help the children shop <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with the photo ornament craft <input type="checkbox"/> Assist behind the sale tables <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up after 3:00pm	

SJR CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

Family Name: _____

Children's Name & Grade #

FAMILY AND/OR INDIVIDUAL	CHILD NAME (FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS ONLY)	INCLUDE BUDDY THE ELF IN PHOTO	GRADE #	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL @ \$3 EACH
MARK F / I		MARK Y/N			

Please send order form & payment by cash or check to SJR HSA to Ann Bukowski
c/o: Kevin Grade 5

TOTAL # OF ORNAMENTS _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

All orders must be received by Tuesday, December 1st.



THIS YEAR
WE ARE OFFERING AN
OPTION IF YOU
WOULD LIKE BUDDY
THE ELF IN THE
PHOTO WITH YOUR
CHILDREN



St. Joseph/St. Robert School
CYO

Christmas Dance

Friday, December 4, 2015

7:30PM - 10:00PM

Monsignor Marley Hall

\$5.00 admission

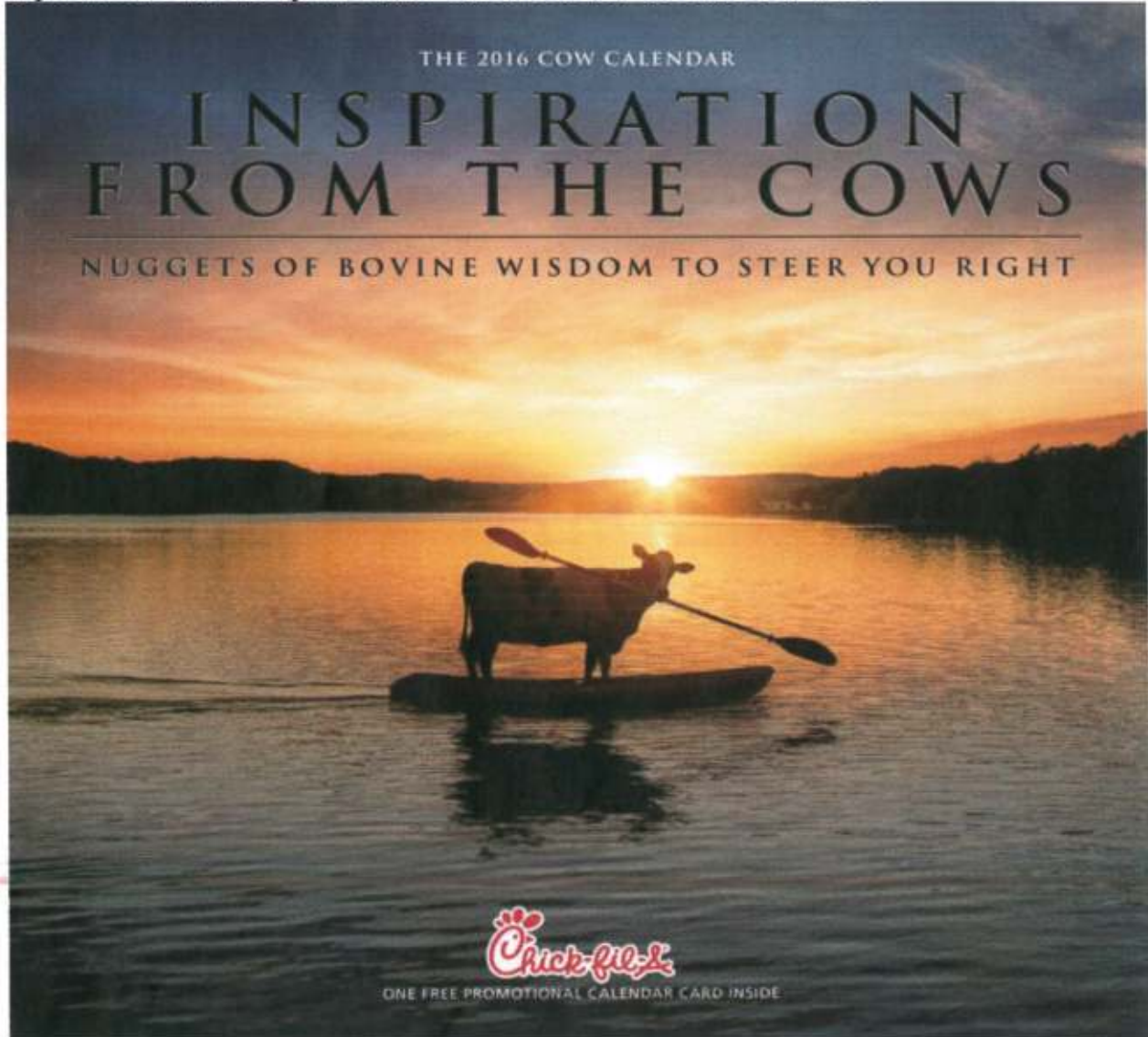
Grades 6, 7 and 8



Chick-fil-A 2016 Cow Calendars on sale NOW!!

Includes a digital offer card with new monthly FREE food or drink offer EVERY MONTH!

If you redeem every month's offer, card is worth over \$30!



These make GREAT Christmas gifts!

2016 Chick-fil-A Calendar Sale

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Calendars ordered _____ x \$9 each = _____

(make checks payable to SJR HSA)

Send home with student (name): _____

Please return order form and payment to Kelly Stefanik c/o Haley - 6. You can e-mail Kelly @ kelly.stefanik@gmail.com if you have any questions. Calendar sales are due by November 20.

Sunday Dec 6th

St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar!

(Church Hall)

9:30am till 4:00pm



Vendors Crafters
Food Santa!

SCIENCE EXPLORERS®

After-School

SCIENCE CLUBS

Anniversary Special: Mix It Up!

We've picked our top 3 favorite hands-on science activities for this special 3-session club! This is a great program to try if you've never participated in Science Explorers before, or if you want to experience some favorites, this is for you! We'll take some chemistry, throw in a little creativity, and mix in tons of fun! Create our ever popular foaming "Matter Monster", build your own motorized invention, and make groovy lava lamp test tubes!

Abracadabra!

Hocus Pocus, you're the focus, as you amaze and astound your friends with some awesome science magic! Master the art of illusion and discover the scientific secrets behind these tricks. Use your newfound skills to make an egg sink or float on command, create invisible ink, make water disappear, and shock your family and friends when you walk through a piece of regular copy paper!

Burps, Belches & Bad Breath

Did you know that mucus is part of your daily diet? On what part of your body are you producing a cement-like substance? Are there little creatures living on you? What happens to our cells when we sweat? Find out the wacky science going on inside all of us! We'll make our own mucus, create body spray to keep us smelling good, make an explosion of gas bubbles, mix up noisy putty, and use chemistry to show how to neutralize stomach acids. We like to call it a "cool kind of gross"!

Freaky Physics

What do you get when you take matter and mix in some energy? Freaky Physics! We'll mix up a gas that is heavier than air, change states of matter to make slippery slime, and build a circuit to create an awesome motorized "drawing-bot". Plus see how physics and building are related as our engineering teams compete to see who can build the tallest towers. Test your science skills as we freak out with physics!

Secrets of Ancient Egypt

Become an Egyptologist as we explore the fascinating world of ancient Egypt. We'll discover how Egyptians used science every day as we construct pyramids, learn how to tell time using the sun, mummify apples, build a model shadoof that was used for irrigation, create your own mummy, and decode Egyptian writings!

Is There a Doctor in the House?

If you have ever wondered what is running through your veins and what happens to your lunch after you eat it, then join Science Explorers for five fun filled "office visits" that are guaranteed to kick your senses into high gear and stimulate your mind. We'll create edible blood, make a model of the digestive system, build a working lung model, and investigate a real sheep brain! Make no bones about it, the doctor is in!



www.ScienceExplorers.com

Registration & More Info.



SCIENCE EXPLORERS

After-School



Toll Free: 1 (877) 870-9517
www.ScienceExplorers.com

St. Joseph/St. Robert School
Wednesday Afternoons - 3:15 - 4:15 - Grades 1-5

- 1 Anniversary Special: Mix It Up!**
September: 30 October: 7, 14
- 2 Abracadabra!**
October: 21, 28 November: 4, 11, 18
- 3 Burps, Belches & Bad Breath**
December: 2, 9, 16 January: 6, 13
- 4 Freaky Physics**
February: 3, 10, 17, 24 March: 2
- 5 Secrets of Ancient Egypt**
March: 16, 23, 30 April: 6, 13
- 6 Is There a Doctor in the House?**
May: 4, 11, 18, 25 June: 1

Important Information!

Class size is limited. Deadline to register is three days prior to club start date. Registrations will only be confirmed via email. Register online at www.scienceexplorers.com or mail your completed form with check or credit card information to Science Explorers Inc. 110 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton PA 19540. Do NOT send cash. REFUNDS ARE NOT PERMITTED ONCE SESSION HAS BEGUN. \$15.00 processing fee for all refunds. \$35.00 processing fee for returned checks. Please note: Parent is responsible for child's attendance and prompt pick-up. Late pick-ups are subject to additional fees. In the event of inclement weather, Science Explorers will follow your school's dismissal procedure. By registering my child I grant permission and release Science Explorers and its affiliates from any and all liability relating to or arising from Science Explorers after school club program.

Multi-Club Discount

Register for 3 or more clubs in one order and take 5% off the total.

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Please mail this form to Science Explorers, Inc., 110 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton PA 19540 -or- register online at ScienceExplorers.com

Registration Form St. Joseph/St. Robert School

Please check desired session(s) below:

- Anniversary Special: Mix It Up!
- Abracadabra!
- Burps, Belches & Bad Breath
- Freaky Physics
- Secrets of Ancient Egypt
- Is There a Doctor in the House?

Total Clubs: _____

Less Discounts: _____

Amount Due: _____

The cost per club is \$80.00

"Mix It Up" club is \$50

Check here to add a \$1 donation to the S.P.A.R.K.S. Foundation Scholarship Fund! (Science Projects Are Really Kid Stuff!)

Make Checks Payable to:

Science Explorers Inc. 110 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton PA 19540

Students Name _____

Grade _____ DOB _____ / _____ / _____

Email (required) _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

I authorize my child to attend after care at school.

I authorize my child to walk home.

_____ may pick up my child from school.

Medical Info:

(List other important medical information about your child on a separate sheet of paper.)

Bee sting allergies Nut allergies Latex allergies

Other Food Allergies (List) _____

Other (List) _____

Taking Medication (List) _____

Image Release: Science Explorers has my permission to film/and or photograph my child for promotional purposes. Yes No

Print Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Payment Method:

Check (enclosed)

Visa

Discover

Mastercard

Name on Card _____

CC# _____

Exp _____ / _____

