

From the Desk of Mrs. Jester

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APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the "Apple of My Eye" winners for the week! These children are celebrated for being "caught doing something good": Luke Schaeffer, Mavis Brookston, Ava Waltrich, Julianna Schweitzer and Joe Mozzarella



PARENT CONFERENCES: Parent Conferences for students in Pre-K through Grade 6 will be held on Thursday, October 27th and Friday, October 28th. Information about these conferences is found in today's communication.

TEA WITH ME: Our monthly Tea with Me will take place tomorrow, Thursday, October 13th at 10:30AM in the faculty room. All are welcome to come and share ideas.



PAN/CAN DRESS DOWN DAY: Next Tuesday, October 18th, we will have a Dress Down Day to support research into a cure for pancreatic cancer in memory of Alexa Corey's (gr. 5) mother. Children may dress down if they bring in a one dollar donation for this cause.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:



- **Trunk of Treat!:** Friday October 28th is Trunk or Treat. It's an SJR Halloween Party. It's open to all SJR students and their families. Dress up in your costumes, decorate your cars, get and hand out candy, do games or crafts! See this week's communication for registration/sign-up info. Also, go to SJR Home and School Association page on Facebook for additional info.
- **Look for our new directory.** It will be sent home on Monday, October 17th to those who are paid members of the Home and School.

- Our Kidstuff Book fundraiser is well underway. Thank you to those who have already paid or have sent the books back. All orders are due back on Monday, October 17th.
- Don't forget to send in your sale receipts for Rendors and ShopRite. The school gets a percentage of your total order. This is an easy way to earn money for our school without costing us anything.
- Please remember to clip your box tops and send them into Mrs. Suzanne Sorge. We have made over \$800 this year so far. If everyone participates the amount would just keep growing. Let's see if we can reach a goal of \$4000 in Box Tops this year!
- Spirit night for this month is at Chick-fil-a and is being held on Tuesday, October 25th. Mark your calendars~no need for cooking that night.
- **Dads Night Out:** Some of our SJR Dads will be gathering at Mike's York Street to watch the Eagles/Cowboys game on Sunday evening, October 30th. Interested? Please contact Ed Dixon, father of Maggie in Kindergarten.

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST: Calling all artists! Students are welcome to submit an entry for our Yearbook Cover Contest. The contest opens on Monday, October 17th and closes Monday, November 7th. Entries must be 8 1/2" x 11". Our theme is "SJR – Focused on Faith and Learning".



SERVICE CORPS NEWS:

- **Thank you, Mairin!** : Mairin Dulin, President of our Service Corps has donated a recycling bin that we now use in the dining hall each day. We are grateful to Mairin and her family for leading us in our recycling efforts.
- **GENTLY USED CLOTHING DRIVE:** The Service Corps is collecting gently-used items of clothing until October 26th. If you have several bags to donate, could you please send them/drop them off on Wednesdays? Service Corps members will be available to assist you and then move them to their storage spot. Thank you in advance!



FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:

Early Childhood Registration for families of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish and St. Joseph Parish begins Monday, November 7th



Registered families of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish or St. Joseph Parish will have the privilege of priority registration beginning Monday, November 7th. Families can call the school to schedule a convenient time the week of November 7th (Monday – Friday) between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm to tour/complete registration.

New Family Open House & Early Childhood Enrollment

Our annual Fall Open House for new families will be held on Sunday, November 13th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and again on Thursday, November 17th from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Open enrollment for non-parishioners to register their children for Pre-K and Kindergarten will begin on November 13th. After this date, families may call the school to schedule an appointment to complete registration. Registration for new families with children in Grades 1st through 8th will begin in February.

"Open Gym & Play" – Begins Monday, October 17th. - Join the Fun

"Open Gym & Play", a playgroup for young children to come together to play, and make new friends will begin this coming Monday, October 17th. All children ages 6 and under are welcome, accompanied by an adult. Families do not have to be members of the school or parish to participate. Last year the group averaged 20-25 children and 15-20 adults each week. The playgroup will gather on Mondays from 12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm at St. Robert Bellarmine Gym, on October 17th and 24th. Please spread the word & invite your friends.

Don't forget:

GENTLE REMINDER: There is no school for the children on Friday, October 14th due to a faculty professional development day. No CARES will be available that day.

JUST A THOUGHT: At the conclusion of First Friday Mass last week, we said "thank you" to our family and local First Responders for all that they do to keep us safe each day. Those present received a rosary and a copy of this prayer that we said and shared with them:



Lord, I ask for courage.
Courage to face and Courage to conquer my own fears.
Courage to take me where others will not go...
I ask for strength
Strength of body to protect others.
And strength of spirit to lead others.
I ask for Dedication.
Dedication to my job - to do it well.
Dedication to my community - to keep it safe.
Give me Concern, Lord, for those who trust me.
And Compassion for those who need me...
And please Lord,
Through it all
Be at my side.
Amen!

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Focused on Faith and Learning!

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KidStuff book orders & payment are due by:

Monday October 17th

OUR SCHOOL EARNS 50% OR MORE PROFIT...THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!



October 2016

St. Joseph/St. Robert School

“OPEN GYM & PLAY”

*All children ages 6 & under are welcome, accompanied by an adult

* Adults and kids can play, socialize, and make new friends

*Play equipment provided

*Free & no registration required

Time:

* Mondays, 12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm

Dates:

October 17th & 24th

Place:

**St. Robert Bellarmine Gym
856 Euclid Avenue
Warrington, PA 18976**

Questions:

Call Kathy Williamson at St. Joseph/St. Robert School – 215.343.5100, ext. 209
or email – kwilliamson@stjstr.org





FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

SJR PARKING LOT

COME DRESSED IN YOUR COSTUME AND DECORATE YOUR CAR. PRIZES AWARDED IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES FOR BOTH COSTUMES AND CARS.

What is it? In some areas, Trunk or Treat is offered as a safe or more practical option to traditional Trick or Treating. That isn't the reason we're doing it—we're doing it to have a party! This is an excuse to dress up and have fun with your SJR family. Think of your trunk as your front porch. You can decorate it as much (or as little) as you please. We will have music, prizes and a few activities for the kids. The rest is up to you! You can hand out candy. You can have fun Halloween themed activities or games at your trunk. Trunk set-up and start times, as well as additional information will be available in next week's communication.

Also, check out the SJR Home and School Association Page on Facebook for more information, pictures, and ideas!

Any additional questions email or call Brian Zook at brianzook@comcast.net or 410-598-0184



A Halloween celebration for the whole family!

When: Friday October 28th

Time: 5:30-7 p.m. (setup can begin as early as 4 pm)

Where: SJR School parking lot

Prizes will be awarded for Best Costumes, Trunks, and Creativity!

SJR students and their families are invited to decorate their trunks, wear costumes and trick or treat while viewing decorated cars in the school parking lot. Cost is only \$5 per family. Please fill out the registration below so that we have a general idea of how many "treaters" there will be and also how many parking spots we will need. **This is not a "drop off" event.** Children should be accompanied by an adult.

For additional information or to reserve a spot for your decorated vehicle, you can also contact Brian Zook at brianzook@comcast.net or 267-483-8409.

Family Name: _____ **# of kids "treating"** _____

Do You Plan on Decorating Car/Trunk? (circle) YES NO

If yes, how many parking spaces needed—1, 2, or 3? _____

Email: _____

Please return form and \$5 per car to: Brian Zook: c/o Molly, grade 4



Please return completed form & money or check payable to SJR HSA by Friday, **October 7th**
Attention: Kathleen Sigda c/o Kaitlin Sigda 5th grade

Family Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Yes, we love to attend!

No, sorry....can't make it.

Name of Children(s):

Grade(s):

Food Allergies?

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: _____

Included are drinks. snacks. games and prizes