

From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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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": Mairin Dulin, Matt Gannon, Michelle Graham, Peter Jorgenson and John Kurek.



PARENT CONFERENCES: Our parent/teacher conferences will take place tomorrow beginning at 1pm and continuing through the evening. In addition, we will continue and complete the conferences on Friday.

- Because of the conferences, we will dismiss at 12noon tomorrow so that afternoon and evening conferences can take place.
- In addition, there is no school for the children on Friday, October 28th for the completion of the conferences.
- CARES is available until 6pm on tomorrow for families who have registered.

EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION: We want to give our current families priority registration for our Early Childhood Program for the coming school year. If you have a child you would like to register for our Pre-K or Kindergarten programs for the coming school year, please notify the school office by Friday, November 4th. Once the Early Childhood Open House begins, registrations are taken in the order they are received.



DRESS UNIFORMS: Our dress uniform must be worn beginning on Wednesday, November 2nd.

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST: Calling all artists! Students are welcome to submit an entry for our Yearbook Cover Contest. The contest opened 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"





FAMILY INFORMATION: All family information that our school uses is contained in our Student Information System – My Students Progress. Any changes in phone numbers, email addresses may be made by the families online. The system is continually updating its information.



HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- **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 @ edixon@fultonbank.com or 267-918-6846.
- **Clothing Drive:** We will continue to collect clothing, accessories, gently used house hold items, and toys (hard toys must fit in a 24 x 24 box). Please have all donations to school by 9 am on Monday Nov. 7th. You can check the website to verify items they collect and don't collect www.clothingdrive.net
- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** Looking forward to a lot of Halloween Fun this weekend between the Trunk or Treat (Friday) and the 5th/6th grade Halloween Costume Party (Saturday). I think it will prove to be a Spooktacular weekend!
- **Trunk or Treat update:** As of Wednesday morning, we have 47 families participating with approximately 105 kids! That number could change-- anyone who still wants to come, please respond ASAP to Brian Zook at brianzook@comcast.net Final totals will be posted on the SJR Home and School Association page on Facebook.
- **Yankee Candle** is under way. All orders and payments are due by Nov. 7th
- We do have a few **Kid Stuff Books** if you find you are in need of an extra. Contact Christa Speranza at speranzahome@gmail.com or 215-956-9769



SERVICE CORPS NEWS:

- **CUPCAKES FOR THE CURE:** Thank you all for your support of our bake sale. We were overwhelmed by the response!

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 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.

Please share the invitation included in this week's communication envelop with your family and friends. We are the enthusiastic "voices" that bring new families to our school.

JUST A THOUGHT: Sometimes we might feel anxious and may need this gentle reminder of the ***Seven Wonders of the World:***

1. *To see*
2. *To hear*
3. *To taste*
4. *To touch*
5. *To feel*
6. *To laugh*
7. *To love*

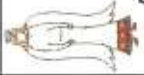











I hope each day is "WONDER"- FUL for you!



SJR SCHOOL:
Focused on Faith and Learning!



NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  All Saints Day No school - holiday of obligation	2  Winter uniforms begin Wendy's Wednesday	3 Young Rembrandts	4  First Friday Mass Parade of Saints Pizza lunch	5
6  Daylight Savings Time ends	7 Yearbook Covers due	8  Election Day	9 Wendy's Wednesday	10 Young Rembrandts	11  Pasta lunch	12
13  Early Childhood Open House 9am - 1pm	14 Yearbook Covers due	15  Picture Day	16 Wendy's Wednesday	17  Young Rembrandts Early Childhood Open House 6PM - 7PM	18 Hot Sandwich lunch	19
20  Tea with Me 7PM - 8PM Pie at lunch	21 Tea with Me 7PM - 8PM Pie at lunch	22  Gr. 7 Field Trip	23 Wendy's Wednesday 12:00 dismissal CARES available for PM	24  Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26
27  First Sunday of Advent	28	29	30			



SJR Home and School Annual Walkathon

November 11, 2016

(Rain date November 18, 2015)

It is time to get ready for our Annual Walkathon, a major fundraiser for our Home and School Association and a fun tradition for our students. As most of you know, the Home and School Association is a wonderful partnership of administration, faculty and school families that helps provide enrichment to the SJR experience. All of the proceeds from the Walkathon are deposited directly into the HSA account and are used to fund activities and programs for your children.

Children in grades Pre-K-8 will assemble at 1:00 p.m. in the schoolyard and then walk through the Palomino Farms neighborhood. Family members are welcome to meet the children in the schoolyard and walk with the SJR students. In order to participate in the walk, each student **MUST** return the permission slip no later than November 7, 2016. Any student who does not have written permission to participate in the Walkathon will not be able to leave the school grounds.

In addition to a fun day for our school community, we have some incentives to encourage you to participate in our fundraising efforts:

\$25.00/family in pledges – Dress Down Day (Date TBD)

**Each \$75.00/family in pledges – one 2 quart insulated jug
(Dress Down Day also included at this level)**

Each \$100/family in pledges – name into a drawing for your family to earn a week of dress down days. (previous incentives listed included at this level)

**** Of course, any and all pledges are welcome ****

Use the pledge form to record your pledges. Pledge money can be returned to Kate Gozdan c/o Patrick – grade 5. All money is due by Tuesday, November 29th and checks can be made payable to SJR HSA.

If you have questions, please contact Kate Gozdan at 484-368-9638 or kategoaldan@gmail.com.

I hope that everyone is able to support this year's Walkathon in some way. We are looking forward to a safe, sunny and very successful outing!!

**Permission Slip
Walkathon for Catholic Education**

Dear Parents and Students,

It is time for our Annual Walkathon for Catholic Education.

Date: Friday, November 11, 2016 (rain date November 18, 2016)

Time: Grades Pre-K – 8, 1:15 p.m.

Place: Residential area surrounding school; starts in the school parking lot

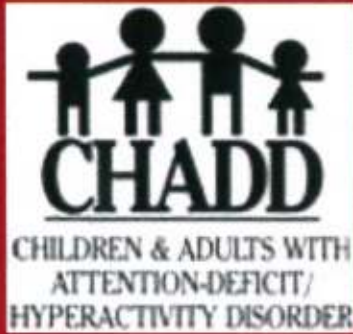
Please return this portion of the form to school no later than November 7, 2016.

Waiver: In consideration of the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the Pennsylvania Committee Walkathon for Catholic Education and in consideration of your permitting me to participate in the Walkathon for Catholic Education, on behalf of myself waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages, especially against the Walkathon Committee, as well as any other person or organization connected with the Walkathon, for any and all injuries arising out of the Walkathon.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Names/Grades/Room Numbers of Students participating in the Walkathon:

ANY STUDENT NOT RECEIVING WRITTEN PERMISSION FOR THIS WALKATHON WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL PROPERTY.



ELKINS PARK CHADD PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Elkins Park CHADD is pleased to announce
a special presentation by
Jacqlyn (Jaci) Zarraba, Psy.D.

"Behavior Therapy and Strategies to Improve Executive Functioning in Children with ADHD"

Children with Executive Function challenges require a balance of external management, together with guided practice to facilitate internalization of self-regulatory strategies. The presentation will provide a brief overview of Executive Functioning, and cover practical strategies that can be utilized across home and school settings.

Dr. Zarabba is a Certified School Psychologist, Assistant Professor at Widener University's Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, and has experience helping children and families with a wide range of behavioral challenges, including anxiety, depression, autism, and learning disorders.

There is no charge for CHADD members. A \$5.00 donation is suggested for non-CHADD members.

A Handout will be provided.



DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

TIME: 7PM – 8:30 PM

PLACE: EINSTEIN HOSPITAL/MOSS REHAB
CONFERENCE ROOM G1
60 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD
ELKINS PARK, PA 19027

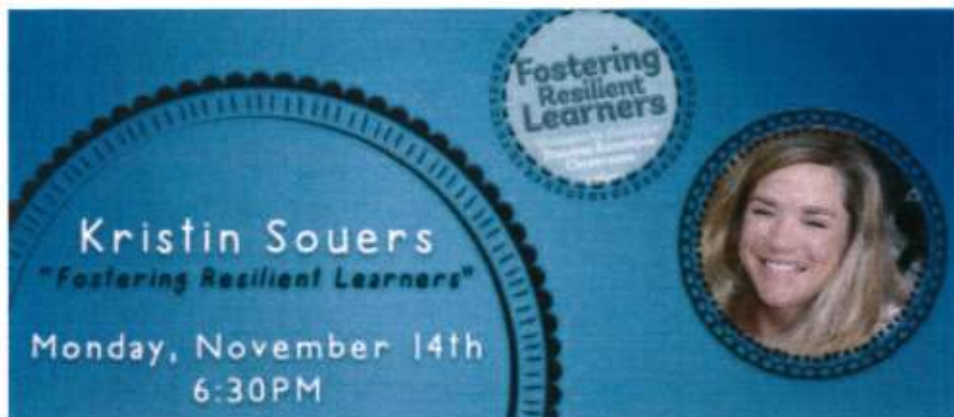
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Collaborative Leadership
Advocacy
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Support

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“Fostering Resilient Learners” with Kristin Souers



Come on out to Blair Mill Elementary School (109 Bender Rd, Hatboro, PA 19040) on Monday, November 14th at 6:30pm and join us in welcoming Kristin Souers, author of “*Fostering Resilient Learners.*”

Kristin is a licensed mental health counselor and Assistant Director at Washington State University’s Child and Family Research Unit. She is an expert in understanding the impact of trauma on individuals and families and has provided consultation and training on this topic to education and human services systems for more than 20 years. In her presentation Kristin will explore how trauma disrupts learning and discuss how to create a safe space where all students can learn.

The evening will start at 6:30pm with a ‘Meet the Author’ reception in the library – light refreshments will be provided. The presentation will begin at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Childcare will be available in the gymnasium. Please let us know if you will need childcare when you register.

This is a FREE EVENT; however, registration is recommended at:

<http://www.hhef.org/fostering-resilient-learners-with-kristin-souers/>

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