

From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the first students who were recognized for doing something good: Emma Nucera, Adam Townsend, William Buckleman, Cole DuHaime and Gabriella Sheldon.



AFGHAN GUILD: The St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Afghan Guild was established in 1998 and has distributed over 3500 afghans to organizations that give aid to people in need. The Afghan Guild is looking for some help. They would appreciate monetary donations or skeins of yarn (7oz. 4ply). Let's see if we can help this very worthy cause!

ALTAR SERVERS: St. Robert parish is looking for students in grades 4 -5 – 6 who are interested in becoming an altar server. Altar servers assist the priest at Mass on weekends, for weddings, and for funerals. In order to participate in this most special ministry, a period of training is necessary. Classes will be held on Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 – 6:30. The first practice for all interested candidates will take place on Thursday, October 8th in church.



FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT:

Early Childhood Registration for families of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish and St. Joseph Parish begins Monday, November 2nd



This year registered families of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish or St. Joseph Parish will have the privilege of priority registration beginning **Monday, November 2nd**. **Families can call the school to schedule a convenient time the week of November 2nd (Monday – Friday) between 9 am – 3 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 8th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm** and again on **Wednesday, November 11th from 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon**. Open enrollment for non-parishioners to register their children for Pre-K and

Kindergarten will begin on **November 8th**. 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.

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



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: This week, the children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 have the opportunity to hear about fire safety from members of the Warrington Fire Company. The theme of this year's celebration is: "Hear the Beep Where you Sleep!" Every bedroom should have a working smoke alarm. Be fire safe!

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS: Important dates:

- **Friday, October 16:** 2nd Annual Bingo Bonanza. Tickets are available now – and going quickly! Don't miss out!
- **Kidstuff Coupon Books** were sent home with the students on Monday. Returns are due
- **Yankee Candles:** Information was sent home last week. Please note, if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rosenello at kathleen314@aol.com



PERFECT ATTENDANCE/LATENESS: Each year, we award Perfect Attendance certificates to students who are present and on time each day of the academic year.



The faculty and I have worked to define "late" and "absent" when it comes to children arriving past the designated start time or leaving before the scheduled dismissal. To that end, beginning on October 1st the following standard will be put in place:

- Children arriving after 8:10 until 8:45am will be marked "late".
- Children arriving after 8:45am will be marked "absent" for the morning session.
- Children leaving before 3:00pm will be considered "absent" for the afternoon session.



Yankee Candle Fundraiser runs until October 16th. A packet with information and selling materials was sent home with students last week. See flyer for more information. Please note: contact email on instruction sheet in sales packet is not correct. For questions please contact Kathleen Rosenello at kathleen314@aol.com.

SJR HAWKS BASKETBALL: SJR Hawks Basketball On-line registration is now open, please visit www.wagdogs.com to register.

Registration for basketball is open for boys and girls in grades 3 - 12.



Pancreatic Cancer Dress Down: On Monday October 19th, we will have a Dress Down Day to support the Pancreatic Cancer Network. Alexa Corey, grade 3, will be walking in the PanCan Walk for Research in honor of her mother, Andrea. A donation of \$1 will go to support Alexa and her team. Thanks, too, to Emma and Julia Yogis for making purple ribbons for all who support this very worthy cause!

A GENTLE REMINDER: Each year as families register/re-register, they are asked to sign a tuition contract. Stipulated in the contract for Grades 1 – 8 is a statement saying that the family agree to a minimum \$10 weekly donation to the parish they attend.

In the coming weeks, we will be sending out a YTD record of the Sunday offerings received. As a matter of justice, those families who do not live up to the signed agreement may be charged a higher tuition for the coming school. Please know, that EVERY child receives a substantial scholarship from the supporting parishes each year. The tuition is not the actual "cost per pupil" for the operation of the school.



JUST A THOUGHT: Many people have had the opportunity to visit the Mary, Undoer of Knots grotto in Philadelphia. It is a place where people can come to lift up the "knots" or struggles in their lives to God.

I came across this prayer that, while not related to the devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots might also be helpful to us in our daily lives:



The Knots Prayer

Dear God:

Please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots, may nots,
and might nots that may find
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,
would nots and should nots

that obstruct my life.

Dear God,
I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought
that I am not good enough.
AMEN

Author: Unknown





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Mrs. Deborah Jaster, Principal

October, 2014

Dear Parents,

While it seems that school just began, we are already making plans for our parent conferences! Parent Conferences are scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th.

In order to have sufficient time for the conferences, the children will dismiss at noon on Thursday, October 29th and no classes will be held on Friday, October 30th. Parents of students in grades 7 & 8 have already received information detailing the conference format for those students. No seventh or eighth grade students need to be scheduled on this form.

If you are unable to attend a conference on these days, please contact your child's teacher to set up a mutually convenient day/time. Too, if you would like to meet with a teacher other than your child's homeroom teacher, please contact them directly.

Would you please complete the form below and return it to school by Monday, October 12th. Once the forms are received, you will receive a slip with your scheduled days/times.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Deborah R. Jaster
 Principal

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 Family Name: _____
 Please indicate your first and second choice of preferred time/date.

Thursday, October 29th: 1:00pm – 5:00pm _____
 6:00 pm – 8:00pm _____

Friday, October 30th 8:00 am – 11:30am _____

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Student name(s) Grade Appointment time(completed by teacher)

All Prospective Families are cordially invited to visit:



St. Joseph/St. Robert School



- *Offering education to grades Pre-K through 8th
- *Options for five half day or full day Pre-K and Kindergarten
- *Faith based values integrated into education and activities
- *Challenging curriculum based on *Common Core State Standards*
- *Innovative use of technology including SMART Board, Surface Tablets and iPads in all grades
- *Specialty teachers for weekly Spanish, Library, Technology, Art, Music & Physical Education in all grades

OPEN HOUSE & EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION

Sunday, November 8th 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. **Wednesday, November 11th 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon**



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Information/Enrollment Requirements: 215.343.5100 or [www. STJSTR.ORG](http://www.STJSTR.ORG)
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Setting Screen Time Limits

It's no secret that our children are spending more and more time in front of screens. In reality, we all are. For adults, our jobs tend to require major time with technology, in addition to television time, e-readers, tablets, web surfing, and phones. The same goes for children. In school, students are using technology to connect and create, and then at home are utilizing tech for homework and personal enjoyment. But is there such a thing as too much screen time? The simple answer - Yes.



The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently recommended limits to daily screen time for children. The organization discouraged screen time for children under 2, and suggests a limit of two hours for older children. Too much screen time, for children OR adults can lead to lack of sleep, difficulty focusing, obesity, and aggressive behaviors.

So what's a parent to do? Talk with your children and set some limits. Not only will you be helping to improve their mood and overall well being, you'll be teaching them positive digital media skills, self-regulation, and self-control. Here's 3 quick tips to work towards a better screen time balance:

1. Be a Role Model - Attached to your phone 24/7? Whether you intend it or not, your children see it. Be a tech balance role model! Make sure to take some screen free time for yourself. An added benefit - more family time for an activity together!
2. Pick Screen Free Zones - Many pediatricians recommend technology (TVs, phones, and computers) stay out of children's bedrooms. Keep major tech in communal areas. You'll be able to better monitor your child's screen time and their online choices. "Screen free" dinners are great option too!
3. Tech of Choice - Children don't need to have all tech, all the time. Planning to watch the new Disney Channel movie tonight? Then perhaps computer time is limited that day. If a big school project is coming up, help children break it up into reasonable daily chunks, so they still have time for personal tech time too.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sale starts: October 2nd

Sale ends: October 16th ****All orders & money must be returned NO LATER THAN the ending date. ****

MONEY COLLECTION

Please collect all money while taking orders.

Checks should be made payable to: **SJR HSA**

3 WAYS TO ORDER

1. **CATALOG** - Share the catalog with family, friends and co-workers. Fill out order form and **KEEP** the **PINK COPY** and **RETURN** the **YELLOW AND WHITE COPIES**.
2. **WEBSITE** - Create a Seller's Login on the website, www.yankeecandlefundraising.com, and invite friends and family to shop online. **Our group # is 990085509.**
3. **MOBILE APP** - Create a Seller's Longin on the mobile app (or use one you create on the website), **Yankee Fundraising**, and invite friends and family to shop on the app.

Detailed instructions will be sent home in the fundraising packet.

*Any questions, please contact **Kathleen Rosenello** at kathleen314@aol.com .*