

From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the students who were recognized for doing something good: Shane Golebiewski, Mary Frattara, Paul McDonnell, Naina Rastogi-Wilson and Julia Fellmeth.



CAR RIDERS: When dropping the children off in the morning, please pull all the way up to where I stand. I am outside daily to help with this process. It gives me a chance to welcome all "my" children each day. Thanks!



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: As you know, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is hosting the World Meeting of Families next week. This will be a week-long conference devoted to family issues and our faith. The World Meeting of Families will culminate next weekend with a visit by Pope Francis and a number of public events. I am happy to share that Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, our Pre-K teacher, will be working with a team of interpreters at the World Meeting and at the Papal events!

Due to the World Meeting of Families taking place in Philadelphia next week, we will not be in school on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 23 – 25.



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!

FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS: Beginning on Sunday, September 20th and concluding on Tuesday, September 22nd, St. Robert Bellarmine parish will have Forty Hours Devotions to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The evening devotions will be led by Father Matt Tralies.

The children will spend quiet time in church each day as part of our observance of this devotion. What a wonderful preparation for the upcoming World Meeting of Families and the visit of Pope Francis!



FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT:



SJR LOGO SPIRIT ITEMS

The school has great 'spirit items' each for a \$2.00 purchase. The following SJR logo items are available: lunch bags, water bottle holders, lanyards, boy's winter hats, 36 and 45 inch shoe laces. We also have car flag magnets for \$5.00. **Items will be available for purchase at the Home & School Meeting.** Also, at any time you can send a note to my attention (Kathy Williamson) with the items listed for purchase along with the money or check payable to SJR. The items will be sent home with your children. If you have questions, please email me at kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS: Important dates:

- **Thursday, September 17:** First Home and School meeting begins at 7pm in the school cafeteria.
- **Friday, September 18:** Covered Dish Dinner hosted by grade 2 families for the families of children in Pre-K – grade 1.
- **Friday, October 16:** 2nd Annual Bingo Bonanza. Tickets are available now! See flyer and more details in this week's communication.
- **Homeroom Parents:** If you are willing/able to serve as a homeroom parent, please contact Mrs. Suzanne Sorge. We have several grades in need at the moment.



SJR CYO GOLF OUTING: The SJR CYO Golf Outing will be held Friday, September 25th at Warminster Five Ponds Golf Course. Shotgun start at Noon, check-in at 11:00AM. The \$125 cost includes green fees & cart, lunch, dinner, beer & prizes. We are looking for hole and event sponsors as well as volunteers to help with the day of event activities. If interested please contact Dominic Anzideo at Anzideo5@comcast.net or (215)692-9682.



YOUNG REMBRANDTS: Young Rembrandts begins tomorrow after school for those who registered.



HIGH SCHOOL NIGHTS: There are several upcoming opportunities for parents and students to meet with representatives of local Catholic high schools. These "high school nights" will run from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at each location. These opportunities are open to all families. If you have students in grades 6 – 7 – 8, you may wish to consider attending one of these events.

Local High School Nights include:

- Thursday, October 1 – St. Andrew School, Newtown
- Wednesday, October 7 – Holy Family Regional School, Levittown
- Thursday, October 8 – Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales

7th & 8th Grade Conference Schedule - Conference slips were sent home with the 7th & 8th grade students. The conference includes you, your son/daughter, and the 7th & 8th grade teachers, you will see there are many dates/times before & after school to select from throughout the month of October. Conferences are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Please send back your selections as soon as possible. Thank you for your prompt attention.



LET'S DANCE: A high energy Jazz/Hip Hop class for first through fourth grades will be on Tuesday, September 29th. See this week's communication for more details.

JUST A THOUGHT: As we look forward to the upcoming World Meeting of Families and the presence of Pope Francis, I thought these words of his about families were especially noteworthy:

*"The family is where we are formed as people.
Every family is a brick in the building of Society."*

This week, as we countdown the days to the visit of the Pope, let us all be especially grateful for our families and do what whatever we can to build up families and communities!



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



HSA NOTES

Covered Dish Dinner

Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade Families
Friday, September 18 Monsignor Marley Hall
6:30-8:30 Doors Open at 6:15 for Pictures



Home and School Meeting Tomorrow

Thursday, September 17
7:00 SJR Cafeteria



Bingo Basket Raffle Donations

Parents, please remember to send in your donations no later than next Tuesday, Sept. 22nd in order to receive a dress down pass.

We will also be collecting at tomorrow evening's Home & School meeting if you would like to bring your donation then.

Thank you to the following families who have already sent in their donation for the basket raffle.

These families will receive a dress down day on Monday, October 26.
Chesla, Razler, Messina, Sorge, Harper, Barry, Scott, Bukowski, Huegel, McGlinchey, Serpico,
Garofalo, Schroeder, Davies, Funk, Moyer, Fuller, Newlin, Sanford, Bethman, McDonnell, Edwards, Cantwell, & Gassman



Bingo Bonanza

Please join us for a great Ladies night out. You can purchase tickets at www.stjstr.org or at the school office. Please contact Daiana Fuller with any questions at fullerfamily1999@gmail.com

Annual Mother/Daughter Event

will be held on November 15.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Janine Edwards janine-edwards@comcast.net or Kathleen Sigda katsigda@aol.com

**ST. JOSEPH / ST. ROBERT
HOME & SCHOOL
2ND ANNUAL
BINGO BONANZA
LADIES NIGHT OUT**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

7PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6PM)

**TICKETS \$ 35
INCLUDES
15 BINGO ROUNDS
HOT/COLD BEVERAGES
DESSERTS**

**(ADDITIONAL BINGO CARDS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)**

**15 BINGO ROUNDS
ALL PRIZES WORTH
\$ 250 +**

**BASKET RAFFLES
50/50
DOOR PRIZES**

**LOCATION:
ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
CHURCH HALL
856 EUCLID AVENUE
WARRINGTON, PA**

BYOB & SNACKS

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS, GO TO
WWW.STJSTR.ORG
OR CONTACT
DAIANA FULLER (215) 801-8602**





Basket Raffle

Our Bingo Bonanza will include wonderful baskets for raffle. As in the past, we are asking each family to donate an item (or cash equivalent) to be included in one of our baskets. We are asking for donations valued at approximately \$15/\$20. Each family is asked to donate a maximum of \$30 cash or gift value.

In order to have baskets assembled for ticket sales in advance of the event, please have all donations turned in to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Tuesday, September 22nd.

Each child who returns their donation by this date will receive a dress down day pass to be used on Monday, October 26th. Please label your donations with your family information so we can give your child credit for the dress down day.

Also we would greatly appreciate if any family would donate mini water bottles or soda to the event. They can be dropped off at anytime at the school office.

We thank you in advance for your generosity!!!

Terry Funk & Janet McGlinchey

Basket Raffle Committee

Any questions please contact us:

terryfunk@comcast.net or janscrazy5@yahoo.com

Basket Raffle

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Basket Theme</u>
Pre-K	Ladies Night/Spa
K	Toys/Board Games
1	Baking/Cooking
2	Barbecue/Grill
3	**Food Store & Restaurant Gift Cards
4	**Retail Store Gift Cards
5	Fall/Halloween/Thanksgiving
6	Philadelphia Eagles
7	Cash for a Money Tree
8	Cash for Computer/I Pad/Video GameSystem

**Combine with a friend for a higher dollar value if you can

Thank You for your Support!!

Let's DANCE!

A high energy Jazz/Hip Hop class for first through fourth grades. This class focuses on building a foundation of basic jazz/hip hop movements, across the floor exercises and short combinations to today's popular music. To sign up, please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return to your child's teacher by Friday, September 18th.

When: Tuesdays beginning September 29th

Time: 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Where: TBD

Cost: \$40 per month for first child; \$30 per month for each additional child

**You will receive a tuition notice every four weeks

SEP
22ND
@ 3:15

● PARENT MEETING
● kids welcome | **FRIDAY**
● at the school at 3:15

For more information please contact
Colleen Rafferty (267) 240-1066
crafferty81@gmail.com

Please return the bottom portion to your child's teacher by **Friday, September 18th.**

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Parents Name _____ Email Address _____

Home Number _____