

# 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: Michael Holly, Jake Newlin, Aiden Hood, Carter Junod, and Connor Shimp!



**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:** As you know, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is hosting the World Meeting of Families this week. This will be a week-long conference devoted to family issues and our faith. The World Meeting of Families will culminate this 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:** Forty Hours devotions continues at St. Robert parish tonight. Tonight's evening's devotion will culminate with an outdoor procession.

The children are spending 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!



**SCIENCE EXPLORERS:** Science Explorers begins next week. We only have 3 children registered. If we do not get more students to attend we will not be able to have Science Explorers. See flyer in this week's communication.



## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS: Important dates:

- **Donations for the Bingo Raffle Baskets** are due. Any family who makes a donation will have a dress down day on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday, October 16:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bingo Bonanza. Tickets are available now!



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:** As I mentioned last week, a Memorandum of Understanding has been issued by the Archdiocese to reaffirm our commitment to our core Catholic values. Enclosed in this week's communication is a copy for your review and signature. Going forward, it will be part of our registration process and placed in our Family Handbook online.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** St. Joseph parish is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found in this week's communication.

**SJR CYO GOLF OUTING:** The SJR CYO Golf Outing will be held Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE:** This past summer, SJR participated in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. I am delighted to share our results!

As a school, our students read 200, 384 minutes.

The Top Three winners 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Julia Fellmeth Grade 7, - 20,215 minutes,

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Matt Sorge Grade 3- 12,906 minutes and

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kaitlin Sigda- 11,607 minutes

1<sup>st</sup> grade- Connor Shimp- 4850 minutes

2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Joshua Wood- 2155 minutes

3<sup>rd</sup> grade- Matt Sorge- 12906 minutes

4<sup>th</sup> grade-Kaitlin Sigda- 11607 minutes

5<sup>th</sup> grade- Andrew Lyons- 6866 minutes

6<sup>th</sup> grade-Elizabeth Rosenello- 7780 minutes

7<sup>th</sup> grade- Julia Fellmeth- 20125 minutes

8<sup>th</sup> grade-Mary Frattara- 1775 minutes

Dress Down Day is Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> for all who participated.



**WORDS OF WISDOM:** Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Ewald's son Kyle was married at St. Robert's. During the homily, Father John said that he had asked our seventh and eighth graders for some words of advice to share with the bride and groom. I was very moved by their thoughts and thought they were worthy of sharing with everyone: Be kind to each other and try not to cry too much on your wedding day - it might smudge your makeup! Pray and go to church on Sundays. Do little things for each other every day to show how much you love each other. Be compassionate and forgiving and listen to each other.

**JUST A THOUGHT:** What an exciting time for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! The visit of Pope Francis is certainly a time we will all remember well for many years to come. One of the many reasons he is so beloved is the simplicity of his life. While still a bishop, Pope Francis shared a simple method of praying that I think is worthy of sharing once again. It is called the "Five Finger Prayer":

Using the fingers on your hand, start with the thumb and pray these intentions in this order:

- 1.) The thumb is closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
- 2.) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
- 3.) The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4.) The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
- 5.) And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.



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





## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Every Catholic school student has a right to be treated as a child of God, with the love and respect that implies, regardless of family circumstances. In like manner, the believing community has the right to an education guided by Catholic teaching and identity, unimpeded by pressures contrary to Church teaching.

As parent/guardian of a student in a Catholic school, I understand, affirm, and support the following:

1. The primary purpose of a Catholic school education is two-fold: to strengthen the Catholic community in its faith, and to form students in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.
2. Catholic schools are distinctive religious education institutions guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church. They are not simply private schools offering a positive moral code. Rather, they exist to advance the faith mission of the sponsoring Catholic parish(es), Archdiocese, or Catholic religious community.
3. While Catholic education places a high value on academic excellence and extracurricular achievement, its fundamental priority is fidelity to Catholic teaching and identity.
4. Attending a Catholic school is a privilege, not a right. The school and its administration have the responsibility to ensure that Catholic teaching and moral integrity permeate every facet of the school's life and activity and that the school is able to function as a community of faith.
5. In all questions that involve Catholic teaching, morals, and Church law, the final determination rests with the Archbishop.

As a parent/guardian desiring to enroll my child in a Catholic school, I accept this memorandum of understanding. I pledge support for the Catholic identity and mission of this school and by enrolling my child I commit myself to uphold all principles and policies that govern the Catholic School.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

# St. Joseph Parish Hall

**Date: Sunday Oct. 4,**

**Time: 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.**



*B.Y.O.B.*

## Dinner Includes:

Spaghetti and  
Meatballs, Salad, Roll  
with Butter, and a  
Drink.

Take out available.  
Desserts for sale.

## Looking for Volunteers:

Bakers, Set-up, Clean-up,  
Ticket Sales. To help, or for  
any questions call

**Rita 215-343-3936 or  
Marilyn 215-385-4808**

## Tickets

**On Sale after all Masses starting Sept. 5/6  
and Mon. - Fri. at the Rectory 9am - 4 pm**

**Adults: \$12.00**

**Children: ages 4-12 \$ 7.00**

**Bakers needed: Please drop off a  
dessert that we can sell. We will  
receive the desserts on Saturday, 10/3  
during the day and Sunday, 10/4  
before and after all Masses.**



# Spaghetti Dinner

## HSA NOTES

### THANK YOU

To all the second grade families who volunteered to host the Covered Dish Dinner! It was a fun night and everyone who attended had a wonderful time!

### BINGO BONANZA

OCTOBER 16

Ladies if you are planning on coming to the Bingo night, please don't wait to order your tickets. They are selling quickly. Please contact either Daiana Fuller 215-801-8602 or Colleen Welte at 215-820-4544 for tickets. You can also order online at [www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org).

Tables of 10 can be reserved.

### BOX TOPS

Don't forget to clip your boxtops and send them to Suzanne Sorge c/o Matthew grade 3. Every family who sends in 350 will receive a dress down day and the family who sends in the most boxtops will receive 3 dress down days at the end of the school year.

# St. Joseph / St. Robert Home & School



September, 2015

Dear Families,

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bingo Bonanza Ladies Night out fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2015. We have bingo rounds that are in need of a sponsor.

If you have a business or are employed by someone who might be interested in supporting our school please consider being a sponsor. Your sponsorship will be recognized throughout the evening and in our event program. We hope that you are able to help us fund this event. Your sponsorship or donation is tax-deductible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and please join us for a fun night on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact us with any questions.

Daiana Fuller

Colleen Welte

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[crw317@yahoo.com](mailto:crw317@yahoo.com)



## Sponsorship Form

(Please return no later than September 30, 2015)

Checks can be made payable to SJR HSA and return this form to

St. Joseph / St. Robert School, 850 Euclid Avenue Warrington, PA 18976

Attn: Bingo Bonanza

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a round of Bingo \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 250.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed please find a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 150.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ other

to be applied towards a bingo round.

**Sponsor Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Businesses – please include your business card when returning form

Thanks!  
for your  
Support!!





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](http://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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

