

From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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OPENING MASS: We will attend the 9am Mass on Friday morning to ask God's blessings on our new school year. All are welcome to join us!

NEUMANN SCHOLARSHIP: The Connelly Foundation established the Neumann Scholarship program a number of years ago in memory of St. John Neumann, founder of our parochial school system. It is a program designed for the highest academically achieving eighth graders who have a strong desire to attend one of the Archdiocesan secondary schools. Only students who meet the following criteria are invited to sit for this scholarship test:

- Achieve a total battery percentile of 90 or above OR a Cognitive Skills Index of 120 or higher on the seventh grade Terra Nova tests.
- Achieved a final GPA of 92.0 or above in grade 7
- Attend a parish elementary school for the entire seventh grade year.
- Currently attend a parish elementary school.

We are delighted to announce that sixteen of our current eighth graders have been invited to take this prestigious exam! Congratulations to the following students and their parents and teachers: **Luke Cantwell, Thomas Christie, Michael Darcy, Marin Dulin, Julia Fellmuth, Joseph Horan, William Horan, Hailey Jacobsen, Ryan Landry, Joseph Mazzarella, Michael McDonnell, Grace Moffett, Julianna Schweizer, Lauren Scott, Daniel Shaeffer, and Samantha Waltrich!**



ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR: St. Joseph Church is forming a Children's Choir for grades 2 through 8. If your child would like to join, please contact the new Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or email at mariaalennon@comcast.net or consult the Parish Bulletin for further details.





HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS: We have some important dates in the month of September! Don't forget to mark your calendar for:

- **Sunday, September 11:** Spirit Night at Dairy Queen: Rumor has it that Mrs. Jaster will be helping out from 4pm – 6pm!
- **Thursday, September 15:** General Home and School meeting. The meeting will begin at 7pm
- **Saturday, September 17th:** Fall Movie Night: Come and join our

SJR families for a screening of Zootopia

- **Tuesday, September 20th:** Last call for donations to Raffle Baskets
- **Friday, September 23rd:** Covered Dish Dinner for families in Pre-K through Grade 1 hosted by Grade 2 families.
- **Home & School News -** Just a reminder to look back in last weeks e-communications for the **Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets** and **HSA Membership Dues forms**. We encourage you to become a member and get involved. Also, if you'd like to take an ad out in our Family Directory to help off set the cost of printing it, the form is there. Ads are due in by **Sept. 23** but "why put off until tomorrow that which you can do today"!



FACULTY CHANGES: Over the summer, we had some changes to our faculty. As many of you may know, Mrs. Meghan Kloc, is expecting her second child any day now. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Pam Barnes, a long-time member of the faculty of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel join us during her absence.

Mrs. Jean Stanton met with me a few weeks ago to say that she is not fully recovered from her bilateral knee replacement surgery and cannot return this academic year. Mrs. Melanie Branchide (Mrs. B) who took Mrs. Stanton's place last year, will be with us for the year.

Our music teacher, Mrs. Melissa Sabo, has taken a position with the Bensalem School District. We welcome Mr. Joshua Friment as our new classroom music teacher.



THANK YOU! Thanks to the wonderful work of our Home and School Association, we have been able to make some wonderful purchases for enhancing our school program. Over the summer, we have purchased 26 Chromebooks, 2 portable scanners, 2 portable library research stations and the online components for both our newly updated Math and Reading series.



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ARCHBISHOP WOOD ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES INFORMATION NIGHT:

Families who are investigating high schools are invited to this information night on Wednesday, September 21st beginning at 7pm. Come and learn about the various activities and athletic teams offered at Archbishop Wood and how involvement may help them as they move on to college. Coaches and Moderators of teams, music programs, service groups, robotics, and many more will be available.

FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR:

WELCOME

Again, I welcome our faculty, students and families to a new academic year. In addition, I am excited to announce our new branding tagline and core school mission “*Focused on Faith and Learning.*” If you have not done so already, please take a minute to view and tour our vibrant redesigned website: www.stjstr.org.



I value “spreading the word” to the community related to our many service, academic achievements, and school events. I make every effort to post our spirited events by the end of the school day so families receive first hand coverage! *Like and Follow us on Facebook: St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School and Tweet with Us: <https://twitter.com/SjrSchool>*. You can also access our FB and Tweeter pages from our SJR website.

I am always open to new ideas to “*highlight*” SJR and available to be of assistance to families. I can be reached at 215.343.5100, ext. 209 or kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

TECH UPDATE - SUMMER ADDITIONS

This summer SJR was able to add 24 additional new ChromeBooks, 2 portable scanners, 2 portable library research stations, and 2 SMART Tables to our technology resources.

Our 5K R.A.C.E (Run for Catholic Education) held in May reached a record sponsorship goal of \$16,675.00. I again thank the school community for their dedicated “team work”. The proceeds from the 5K will be used to purchase a 5-year online subscription to our newly updated EnVision Math series. Funds will also be used for more projectors and other technology purchases.

SJR Spirit Day at Dairy Queen--The Warrington Dairy Queen is graciously hosting an SJR Spirit Day at Dairy Queen this Sunday, September 11th from 12 noon to 10pm. Dairy Queen will donate a portion of the day's sales to the school.

Watching the Eagles game at 1? Come in before to grab a treat for the game or come after to celebrate the win. Have a soccer game in the afternoon? Come after the game with your team. Anyone wearing SJR "gear" might just win a free prize! So wear your school colors, uniform, CYO gear--**ANYTHING**--to show your SJR pride! What better way is there to support our school than by eating ice cream!! The weather's going to be beautiful and it lasts ALL day, so we hope to see EVERYONE there! You may even have your Blizzard or ice cream cone made for you by special guest servers!

SJR MOVIE NIGHT will be Saturday, September 17th at sundown (approx 7:45pm). This year we will be showing *Zootopia*. Bring your favorite stuffed zoo animal and enjoy the movie under the stars with your SJR friends and family. There will be refreshments available, but feel free to bring your own. Admission is free, but there will be an at will donation jar to help cover the cost.

BOX TOPS:Reminder...every family who sends in 350 boxtops 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!! Please send your neatly cutbo xtops in groups of 50 to Suzanne Sorge c/o Matthewgrade 4.

JUST A THOUGHT: This weekend, we will mark the 15th anniversary of the act of terrorism visited upon our country on September 11, 2001. For so many of us, this was a day that will be forever etched in our minds. We remember where we were and what we were doing when we heard of the tragedy. That day our world was forever changed.

For me, I remember watching the children in my school and thinking how their lives would be forever different. I remember hearing their voices and laughter as they played in the beautiful sunshine on such a crystal clear day. I remember seeing people coming to churches in great numbers. Churches stayed open for days on end. Somehow, we needed to be with and pray with and for one another.

As we mark this very sad anniversary, let's continue to pray for peace in our time and for those who work for that peace!



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HSA SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

Water Ice
Day
Sept. 1



General HSA
Meeting



September 15

September 17 at dusk Family Movie Night



Annual Covered Dish

Dinner hosted by 2nd grade
parents for Pre-K,
Kindergarten and 1st grade
families.

September 23rd at 6:30



1ST SPIRIT NIGHT



DAIRY QUEEN IN WARRINGTON

SEPT. 11 FROM 12N – 9:30PM

**WEAR OR BRING SOMETHING
SJR AND RECEIVE A PRIZE**

