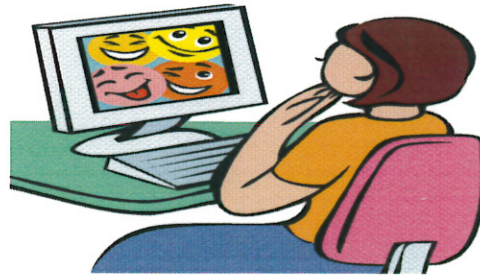


# From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster



October 29, 2013



**APPLE OF MY EYE:** The following children were recognized for being “caught doing something good”! Congratulations to our latest Apple of My Eye winners: Victoria Speranza, Nick Welte, Grace Moffet, Nicole Chesla, and Jack Studley!

**MIDDLE STATES REPORT:** Before our Visiting Team left on Friday afternoon, the Chairperson gave an oral report of their findings. I can honestly say that I have never heard a more positive oral report of a school! The Team members truly found SJR to be an exceptional school! Our children were praised for their attitudes and academic excellence. Our parents were found to be positive and supportive. Our faculty and staff were commended for their positive professionalism and child-centered methods. We do have much of which to be proud! We will receive final word from the Middle States Association in the spring of 2014.



**MIDDLE STATES VIDEO:** As part of our opening presentation we produced a short video about our school. The video highlights SJR from the view of our children. If you would like to see the video, please go to YouTube.com and search St. Joseph/St. Robert School! I think everyone will enjoy it!



**GENTLE REMINDERS:** Please accept these gentle reminders for the upcoming days:

- Tomorrow, dismissal will be at 12noon. There will not be any buses for the Centennial School district. The other districts ARE providing bus service for dismissal.
  - Tomorrow is also SJR Spirit Day at Chick-fil-a!  
Parent conferences for students in Pre-K, K, and grades 2 – 6 will take place tomorrow afternoon, evening, and Thursday morning. Grade 1 parent conferences will take place in November. Grades 7 and 8 have been using a different format.
    - There is no school for students on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.
    - **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day, a holyday of obligation; there is no school. Mass at St. Joseph parish will be at 5:30pm Thursday evening, and 8am, 10am, and 7pm on Friday. Mass at St. Robert parish will be 7am, 9am, 12noon, and 7pm on Friday.**
- The change to winter uniforms will begin when the children return to school on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> following parent conferences and the holyday.





**TEACHING TOUCHING SAFETY:** This week, the children received the first of two annual classes on touching safety. These classes are intended to ensure that all of our children know how to keep safe.



## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- SJR Discount cards are on sale now. Each card costs \$10 and are good for one year of discounts at the vendors listed on the back of the card.  
Should we reach our goal of selling 750 cards, Mrs. Jaster has promised to do the Chicken Dance wearing a chicken costume!
- Dance Party for children in grades 1 – 4 on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 3pm until 5pm in the gym.
  - Mother/Daughter Tea will be held on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in Monsignor Marley Hall.



**PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH:** Yesterday we were able to raise over \$350 to donate to this worthy cause. Special thanks to the Yogis family for creating a poster and making ribbons for all members of the school community to wear. Our thoughts and prayers go to the Corey family!



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT:

### New Family Open House

Our annual Fall Open House for new families is approaching quickly and we encourage you to continue to spread the word to family and friends to visit our vibrant school. We are the enthusiastic “voices” that bring new families to our school. **Please share the invitation included in this week’s communication.**

In addition, this weekend representatives from SJR will be in the vestibule of each parish to share the highlights of our school and invite interested families to visit our school.

### Opportunities to Financially Support Our Students

This weekend at both parishes there will be information at our school table on two valuable programs that can provide tuition assistance to qualified students.

\* “Sponsor a Student” is a program administered through our school and provides our parish community/family/friends with the opportunity to financially help students at our school that need tuition assistance. As long as the donor does not identify a specific student for their sponsorship, the financial investment is 100% tax deductible.

\* The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program allows business owners in Pennsylvania to receive a 75-90% tax credit by directing their state tax dollars to Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS). Companies that redirect and designate their tax dollar contribution to BLOCS and



specify our school as the recipient will provide valuable tuition assistance to our qualified students.

**For more information on how your family, relatives or friends can support these programs, please contact me by calling the school or email [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org).**

**Coke Rewards Dress down Day** – Our first Coke Rewards dress down day will be November 25! All families that have contributed at least 25 points during the Summer or Fall will be able to participate in the dress down day. Points are located in the caps of most bottled “Coke” products and on the cardboard or cellophane packages of multi pack “Coke” products including Dasani water and Powerade! You can either enter the points on-line and donate them to SJR or send the points into school c/o Bobby Sautner 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you enter your own points, please send an email to Carol Sautner at [robcarol@verizon.net](mailto:robcarol@verizon.net) as the Coke website doesn't provide the name of the family that donate points on-line.

**SERVICE CORPS NEWS:** Members of our SJR Service Corps will be delivering cards and plants this week to families in St. Joseph parish and St. Robert parish who have lost a family member in the past year.

- The Service Corps has also sponsored a “Candy Count” contest. The student who correctly guesses the right number of candy bars in the jar, wins the jar of candy!



**TIME TO FALL BACK:** This weekend marks the end of Daylight Saving Time. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night – and enjoy the extra hour of weekend time!



**JUST A THOUGHT:** The excitement in school last week was palpable. We had worked very hard writing the self-study and wanted to be sure that our visitors could appreciate the special school we have. (I am convinced the teachers were every bit as excited as the children!)

As the team visited classes, conducted interviews, observed our routines, and met with a cross-section of parents and students, I could sense of deep feeling of school pride by our constituents.

What a joy to work and minister in an atmosphere where the feeling of community is so evident!

**Happy Halloween**

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

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					 All Saints' Day Holiday of Obligation- no school	 All Souls Day
 3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Dance for grades 1-4 3pm - 5pm</i> Pizza lunch	9
Daylight Savings Time ends	Formal Uniforms begin					
<b>10</b> SCHOOL DAYS Open House - Early Childhood 10am - 1pm	<b>11</b>	 12 School Pictures	 13 Open House 9am - 12noon Tea with Me 10am - 11am Pretzels: \$5.40 Milk: \$8.50	<b>14</b> Grade 8 Universal Visitation Day Bucks County Principals meet at SJR	<b>15</b> Hot Sandwich lunch	<b>16</b>
 17 Mother/Daughter Tea	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Chick-fil-a lunch	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	 26 First Grade Parent Conferences No school for grade 1 only!	 27 SJR attends 9am Mass Kindergarten Thanksgiving to follow 12noon dismissal	 28 Happy Thanksgiving!	<b>29</b> No school	<b>30</b>





*You are cordially invited to visit:*

## St. Joseph/St. Robert School



- \*Offering education to grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup>
- \*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 Boards, Netbooks and iPads in all grades

### OPEN HOUSE & EARLY CHILDHOOD

### REGISTRATION BEGINS

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

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

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Making a World of Difference!*



# HSA HAPPENINGS

## DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER

SO FAR, WE HAVE SOLD 153 CARDS. IT'S NOT A BAD START, BUT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IF WE ARE GOING TO REACH OUR GOAL OF 750.

Mrs. Jaster is so anxious to dress like a chicken and dance - Don't disappoint her! Order forms and information are included in this communication envelope.

## CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT

OUR FIRST SPIRIT NIGHT IS THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 FROM 5:00 - 8:00.

Take a break from cooking, and meet other SJR families for a fun night.



## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

KEEP COLLECTING YOUR BOX TOPS. THE CLASS WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER RETURNED BY MAY WILL RECEIVE A DRESS DOWN DAY. ALL BOX TOPS CAN BE SENT TO SUZANNE SORGE C/O MATTHEW - 1ST GRADE.

Please cut them out neatly, and send them packed in groups of 50. Thus far, our classroom leaders are as follows:

1st Grade - 881;

3rd Grade - 791;

PreK - 580



## 5th & 6th GRADE HALLOWEEN DANCE

LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, THE 5TH & 6TH GRADE HAD AN AWESOME TIME. THE COSTUMES AND THE MUSIC WERE GREAT!



## MOTHER / DAUGHTER TEA

OUR FIRST ANNUAL MOTHER / DAUGHTER TEA IS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 17.

Please send your responses in ASAP!



# SJR DISCOUNT CARDS

October 21 ---- November 6

## **What is this year's fundraiser?**

We are selling discount cards. These are cards which have the look, feel, and size of a credit card. They fit in your wallet, and are easy to always carry with you. No forgetting this coupon! These cards offer discounts at 21 local merchants and restaurants for an entire year. They can be used an **unlimited** number of times.

## **How much do these cards cost?**

Each card costs only **\$10.!** Hard to believe that something which offers so much could cost so little. In almost no time, the discounts received will far exceed the \$10. investment.

## **What are our goals as a school? As individuals?**

As a school, we hope to sell a minimum of 800 cards. Easily, we could far exceed that goal. As individuals, we are hoping that each family will sell at least 5 cards. These make awesome Christmas gifts for friends, family, hairdressers, mail carriers, babysitters, neighbors, etc.

## **Are there any rewards offered for selling the cards?**

Oh yes, and the rewards are great!

- Any family who sells 5 cards will receive a **dress down day** for each member of the family.
- The family who sells the most cards will receive a **DRESS DOWN WEEK** for each member.
- Any class that has 100% participation (5 cards per student) will be rewarded with a create your own ice cream sundae bar.
- If our school reaches its goal of 750 cards, Mrs. Jaster has agreed to dress in a chicken costume and do the chicken dance for the school!
- Finally, for every 5 cards a family sells, each child's name will be entered into a drawing. Three students' names will be drawn, and each will win a \$50 gift card ( Visa gift card, RegalMovie card, or Montgomery Mall Gift Card).

..... Over for Order Forms .....

# SJR DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER

October 21 - November 6

Please use the order forms for all orders. All orders will be filled and sent home the day they are received. Be sure to fill out the form completely, and send it in a clearly marked envelope. You can place numerous orders during the three weeks of the drive. Orders can be sent in immediately. The first orders will be filled and sent home on October 23.

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## SJR DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER

**Family name** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Name & grade of all students** \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**# of cards** \_\_\_\_\_      **Amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Send order home with** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_.

-----Please make checks payable to SJR Home & School Association-----

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## **SJR DISCOUNT CARDS**

For only \$10, you will receive discounts for an entire year at the following retailers. Cards can be used an unlimited number of times now through 11/01/2014.

10% off your purchase or order at:

- Applebee's.
- Graziano Flowers.
- Menchie's Frozen Yogurt.
- Schuylkill Valley Sports.
- The Pour House.
- Warrington Pizza.
- Pabby's Pet Pantry.
- Dairy Queen
- IHop
- Pep Boy
- Pizza Plaza
- Warrington Pastry Shop
- Wendy's
- Uno's Chicago Grill

15% off services at:

- Rosemore Cleaners

Other Retailers offering discounts:

- Monster Mini Golf
- SMG Sports Plex
- Village Bagel Company.
- Tamburini's Deli & Catering
- Yum Yum Bake Shop

# Spirit Night for St. Joseph/St. Robert School



Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
5:00-8:00pm

**Chick-fil-A**

**WARRINGTON CROSSING**  
160 Easton Rd, Warrington, PA 18976  
Phone: (215) 491-4500

KNOW THAT WITH EACH ORDER PLACED, ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT  
SCHOOL CAN EARN UP TO 10%\* OF THE TOTAL SALES.  
\*PERCENTAGE AWARDED BASED ON TOTAL SALES BETWEEN 5-8PM

**Help raise more money!**  
Share this flyer with friends, family & co-workers!  
Party tray & drive thru orders can be added  
to the event total.





## GRADES 1 - 4 FALL DANCE

For the first time, St. Joseph / St. Robert HSA is planning a dance for the students in grades 1 through 4. The dance will take place on Friday, November 8, 2013. It will begin immediately after school, and end at 5:00. The dance is free to all students. There will be a DJ, snacks, and lots of fun. Any student who is interested in attending will be permitted to wear his or her gym uniform to school that day. Please make certain that all sweatshirts are labeled with the children's names.

There will be plenty of parent chaperones who will walk the students over to the hall at dismissal, and who will remain there to watch over the boys and girls during the dance. If your child is interested in attending, please complete the form below and return it to school by November 5. No student will be able to attend if this form is not returned. Once all forms have been returned, teachers will be notified as to which students will be dismissed for the dance on that day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ann Bukowski at [atbukowski@verizon.net](mailto:atbukowski@verizon.net). Thank you for your interest. It should be a great day for the students!

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Yes, I am planning to attend the dance on November 8!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be picking your child up at 5:00 that day?

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE RETURN TO ANN BUKOWSKI c/o KEVIN GRADE 3\*\*\*\*\*