



During this busy week, let's remember, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

From the Desk of Mrs. Durkin September 1, 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I can't tell you how exciting it was to see all of you this week for the first days of school and for the visiting days of our youngest students. Tomorrow will be our first day altogether as a community of learners from Pre-K -8th grade. I can't wait! I know that the transition from the more flexible schedule of summer to the school schedule can be difficult for some students and families. Let me assure you that the faculty is aware of this, too. Teaching the routine that provide the structure and support needed to adjust to a school schedule again is an important part of these first days.

There are also some changes to our morning arrival as many of you heard about during your visit to school this week. All students will enter through the main doors. Pre-K students will be crossing through the crosswalk into the main entrance. A reminder to drive slowly through the parking lot and bus lane for the safety of your child and all the students at SJR.

At dismissal, Pre-K students are dismissed first. Other students who are car riders are to meet the adult who is picking them up. They will not be permitted to walk across the parking lot to a waiting car. Please pull in to the lot, park the car and wait in the designated area across from the main entrance.

I'm excited to announce that our newly formed Safety Patrol will be assisting with morning arrival and dismissal at SJR. I'm so thankful to our 8th grade student leaders for providing this valuable service to our school.

Thank you for your prayers as I begin the school year in my new role as principal. It is a pleasure and a privilege.

Register for the Band and Strings Program



To enroll your child in the band program at SJR, you register through Northeastern Music Programs at www.nemusicprograms.com or by calling 1-888-636-2439. Please see the flier for this important information. You can register for lessons, arrange to rent and instrument, or purchase accessories as part of the process.



Home and School News



Welcome Back SJR Families!

The HSA is looking forward to a fun and exciting year. This week the children were sent home with volunteer sheets, HSA member forms and directory ad forms. Please fill those forms out and send them back by September 12th. If possible, copy and paste this link www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0849aaaa29a4ff2-sjrhome3 to complete the volunteer form. For your convenience, you can use PayPal for the HSA dues and directory. Thank you in advance for your help.

We are very excited to kick off the school year with the water ice dance party tomorrow!!!

Some other fun events coming up this month are:

September 10: 1st Annual Cornhole

Tournament. There is limited space so get your ticket soon. If you don't want to play, that's not a problem...come and hang as a non-participant! See attached flyer for more details.

September 13: Rita's Spirit Night. Details on flyer

September 16: Movie Night. The Rise of Gru. Details on flyer.

September 23: Covered Dish Dinner for PreK-1st grade families. This event is a long standing SJR tradition where you will get to meet new SJR friends and their families.

Our first HSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Mr. Ron Rolon, an Olweus certified trainer, will speak about how to prevent bullying.

Keep an eye out this month for the Kid Stuff books! They will be sent home with your children. Please be sure to return the books as soon as possible if you choose not to purchase it.

The board is excited to announce that we were able to fund a First Aid class for the faculty and staff this year. What a great way to add more safety to the school!

We also purchased all of the students' water bottles this year as a welcome back gift. If you could please mark your child's name on the bottom of their cup.



Frozen, jr. News



Congratulations to the students who tried out for the lead roles for the play, Frozen jr., to be put on by the SJR Thespian Club! A big round of applause to our cast:

Maggie Dixon, Sammy Palo, Maeve Kulp, Caterina DelPriore, Hannah Palo, Giuliana DelPriore, Kelsey Shimp, Brynn Rankin, Nina Tkach, Gracelyn Greenlaw, Nellie Brookreson, Abby McKinney, Olivia Yogis, Ardynn Shimp, Brynn Brennan, Emma Serpico, Runor Ogagarue, Hannah Outland, Kendall Junod, Caroline McGettigan, Danny Rosenello, Maddy Mooney, and Addison Hill

There are more opportunities to join in the play. For all other students who would like to participate in the ensemble (grades 1-8 are welcome), stage crew (grades 5-8), or art crew (grades 5-8) please go to the SJR website at www.stjstr.org and sign up under the "Thespians Club" which can be found in the "Parents" tab dropdown. Registration is needed by September 15. Once registered, the thespians must join the band app (on the original communication) in order to receive all Thespians updates



Coming Attractions



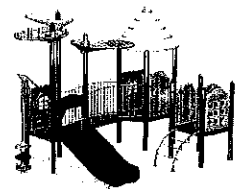
A reminder that, after a wonderful start, we will have the day off on Friday and Monday for the Labor Day weekend. Next week:

- all students will report to school on Tuesday, September 6th.
- there will be a band demonstration on the 7th so that students have the opportunity to express an interest in lessons.
- there will be a virtual band parent meeting the next evening on September 8th at 6:30p.m.
- will wrap up with the First Annual SJR Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, September 10th.



Young Rembrandts – a popular after-school art club – will again be held at SJR beginning on September 22nd. Please see the attached flyer for registration information.

With the success of the Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade Summer Playgroup, we are excited to continue meeting on the playground throughout September & October. The group will gather on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. beginning September 11th. Attached is the flyer and calendar of dates. All parish and neighborhood families with children ages preschool to first grade are invited to the playgroup. Please share the flyer with friends and have them join in the fun!





Dear Parents:

As the beginning of the new school year approaches, Northeastern Music Programs invites your child to join your school's instrumental music program. Each year students eagerly await their turn to join/rejoin our instrumental music program. The study of music could be one of the most valuable steps in your child's education. Some of the benefits your child can receive from it are responsibility, mental discipline, teamwork, self-esteem, and above all an enjoyment and lifelong appreciation of music. They will also be participating with a positive peer group that can influence their success in other academic and social areas. Our experience as music teachers has convinced us that any child willing to put in a reasonable amount of effort can succeed.

Parents and students often wonder if the time required in music will hinder other studies. The National Association of Elementary School Principals reports that children who participate in music often excel in academic areas. Their study shows that music can enhance reading, writing, math, history, art, eye-hand coordination, memory, self-discipline, and the ability to follow directions.

This packet includes a list of frequently asked questions as well as pricing information for tuition and rental instruments. There will be a virtual parent meeting scheduled for your school in early in the school year. The date of your school's meeting will be shared with your child at the instrument demonstration assembly at the beginning of the year.

HOW TO JOIN*

For those interested in joining our program, you have 2 options for registering your child:

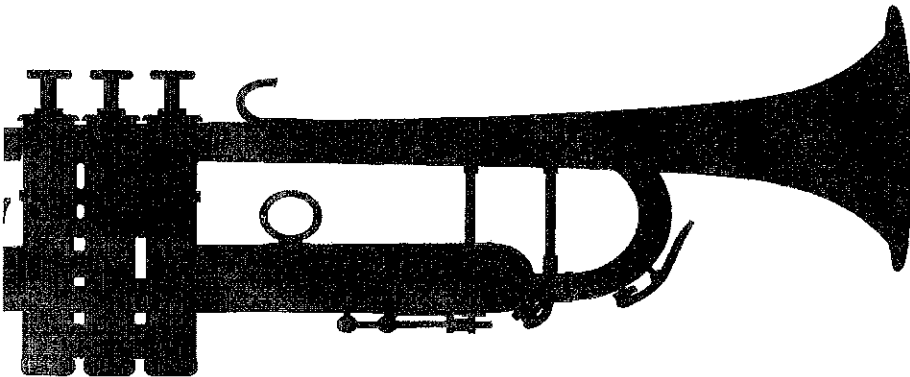
- Enroll online - <https://nemusicprograms.com>
- Enroll by phone - Contact us at 888-636-2439

**Our program is open to all students in grades 4-8, while some schools begin violin in 3rd grade. Check with your school for the exact eligibility requirements.*

We are passionate about growing a new generation of musicians, music lovers, and future patrons of the arts. Please join us in 2022-23 in what we know will be a transformative experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Daryl Balseiro
Music Supervisor and General Manager
Northeastern Music Programs



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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FAQs FOR PARENTS



Does my child need to know how to play an instrument to join?

No. We teach your child everything he/she needs to know to play their musical instrument.

When do lessons begin for students?

First lesson dates vary by school. Dates are listed on the enrollment page when you register your child for lessons. Once registered, you can expect an email from your child's teacher within a week of the first lesson.

When do lessons occur?

Your child will receive one (1) small group lesson each week. **All lessons are scheduled during the school day.**

How long are lessons? How much class time will be missed?

All lessons are 30 minutes long and meet on a rotating schedule. Students do not miss the same class each week. In most situations, students will not miss the same time more than once a grading cycle.

How much does participation cost?

There are two components to participation in the program: tuition and a **quality** musical instrument. Refer to the attached flyers for tuition and rental instrument pricing.

If my child doesn't sign up now, will he/she be able to later?

Although we do not recommend delaying enrollment in the program, we do welcome registrations throughout the year. Students that join the program mid-year will have to work diligently to catch up to their peers. Our teachers will do their best to get your child caught up.

Will participation affect my child's grades in other subjects?

It will almost surely help them. Research has shown that band has a positive influence on other studies. Music students consistently average higher grades than non-music students.

Can you be in the band/orchestra and be involved in other school activities like sports, cheerleading, dance, step, chorus, or art?

Absolutely! Most of our music students are involved in other electives and activities.

My child is involved in so many activities. Won't those activities affect his/her performance in band/orchestra and vice versa?

Music students often have many varied interests that make them among the busiest students in the school. The experience that they gain in balancing these interests and activities often proves to be one of life's most valuable lessons.

What should I do if my child is struggling?

Practice is a key component for improvement; students must practice to improve. If your child is practicing and still struggling with their instrument, contact your child's music teacher for suggestions. Above all else, remain positive and encouraging as your child learns this new skill.

Will my child have an opportunity to perform?

Yes! For beginning students, your child will have at least 1 performance this year. For advanced students, there will be a minimum of 2 performance per year. In addition to school concerts, there are other opportunities to perform in our annual Northeastern Honor Band festival, Archdiocese festivals, and other performances arranged by your child's teacher.



10%
Early Bird Discount
**if enrolled in annual tuition
by the end of September*



Learn to play a musical instrument!

Each year, students have the opportunity to join their school band and learn a musical instrument. Learning a musical instrument is one of the best decisions you will ever make! Enroll your child in band today and begin a musical journey that can last a lifetime!

Lessons and Rehearsals

- Students attend weekly small group lessons during the school day. Daytime lesson times rotate each week so students do not miss the same class.
- There are also weekly full band rehearsals before or after school.
- The band will play a minimum of 2 concerts - holiday and spring.

Lesson Tuition Costs

- The current tuition rate is \$81 per month, paid in 9 monthly installments.
- Multiple payment plans and family discounts are available.
- Customers that enroll in an annual plan before October will receive 10% off the standard annual rate.

Musical Instrument Costs

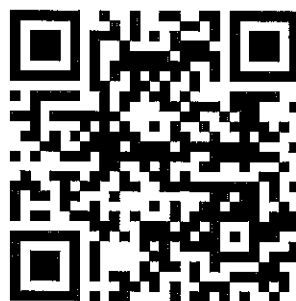
- If needed, students can rent an instrument directly from our parent company, Menchey Music Service.
- Instruments and materials are delivered directly to your school.
- Rental prices vary by instrument.
- Instrument purchase options are available.



First lesson date:
Varies by school

Please visit your school's enrollment page on our website for complete details including start dates, registration deadlines, and other important information.

ENROLL TODAY!



Why Northeastern Music?

- We have 40+ years experience providing music programs to schools.
- We believe that every child deserves the gift of music!
- No commitment. You can cancel at anytime.



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info@nemusicprograms.com

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Tuition rates through September 30

Annual Plans

One-time payment due at enrollment

	Registration Fee	One-time payment Reflects 10% discount
Single Student	\$30.00	\$656.10
Family Plan	\$60.00	\$992.25

Installment Plans

1st installment due at enrollment, then monthly on the
1st of each month through May 1.

	Registration Fee	Monthly Installment
Single Student	\$30.00	\$81.00
Family Plan	\$60.00	\$122.50

Tuition rates beginning October 1

Annual Plans

One-time payment due at enrollment

	Registration Fee	One-time payment
Single Student	\$30.00	\$729.00
Family Plan	\$60.00	\$1,102.50

Installment Plans

1st installment due at enrollment, then monthly on the
1st of each month through May 1.

	Registration Fee	Monthly Installment
Single Student	\$30.00	\$91.13
Family Plan	\$60.00	\$137.81

**Enroll early to get the most value
out of your membership!**

*Tuition rates do not include the cost of an instrument.
Rental instruments are available for an additional fee.



Musical Instrument Rental Purchase Program



2022 Rental Rates

***To learn more, visit mencheymusic.com/instrument-cleaning-standards*

instrument packages tailored to your child's school music program

- ♪ Special rental rates for Northeastern Music Students
- ♪ Instrument switching and trade up program
- ♪ Rental purchase with return option
- ♪ Regular pickup & delivery service to your child's school
- ♪ Rates include maintenance & replacement protection
- ♪ All instruments locally repaired, cleaned & sanitized**

Band Instrument Rates

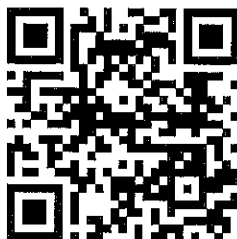
Monthly Rental Rate
includes M&R*

Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Drum Kit, Bell Kit	Alto Sax, Oboe & Bass Clarinet	French Horn, Tenor Sax, Baritone
\$32.99	\$45.99	\$55.99
Violin & Viola Fractional Size	Cello Fractional Size	String Bass Fractional Size
\$21.99	\$34.99	\$56.99

String Instrument Rates

Monthly Rental Rate
includes M&R*

**ENROLL
TODAY!**



BAND: 80% of your payments apply toward purchase of a similar new student grade instrument. All prices before tax. **STRING:** 100% of your fractional instrument payments apply toward a full size student instrument. All prices before tax. *M&R* is Maintenance and Replacement coverage. With this teacher recommended coverage, we cover all routine instrument maintenance, replacement coverage should the instrument be stolen or irreparable, and loaner instruments while your instrument is in our service department.

Rental Rates effective until August 14, 2023

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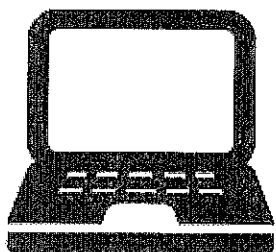
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HOW TO ENROLL



Enroll Online

ENROLL* your child in the band program at
www.nemusicprograms.com

DURING THIS PROCESS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- REGISTER FOR LESSONS
- RENT AN INSTRUMENT
- PURCHASE ACCESSORIES

OR



Call Us

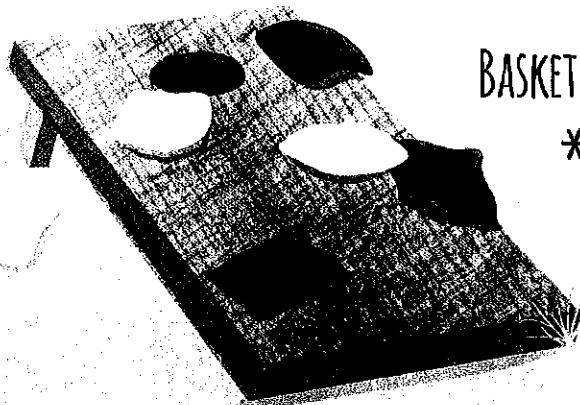
Our customer service representatives are ready to assist you by calling:

1-888-MENCHEY (636-2439)

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
EMAIL: MARK.SHIMP@GMAIL.COM

SPONSORS NEEDED
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PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH,
CHECK OR PAYPAL



BASKET OF CHEER AND 50/50
* ADULTS ONLY *

1ST & 2ND
PLACE PRIZES

\$100 PER TEAM | INCLUDES ENTRY FEE, FOOD, WATER & SODA
\$25 NON-PARTICIPANT | INCLUDES FOOD, WATER & SODA

EVENT IS BYOB

** ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SJR HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION **



Presents

The Annual SJR Family Movie Night

Featuring:



    **SJR Lower Lot**    

Lot opens at 6:30 PM

Movies Starts at dusk approximately 7:00 PM

This is NOT a Drop Off Event!

Parents must remain with their children at all times.

Please bring your own snacks and chairs or blankets.

This is a FREE event!



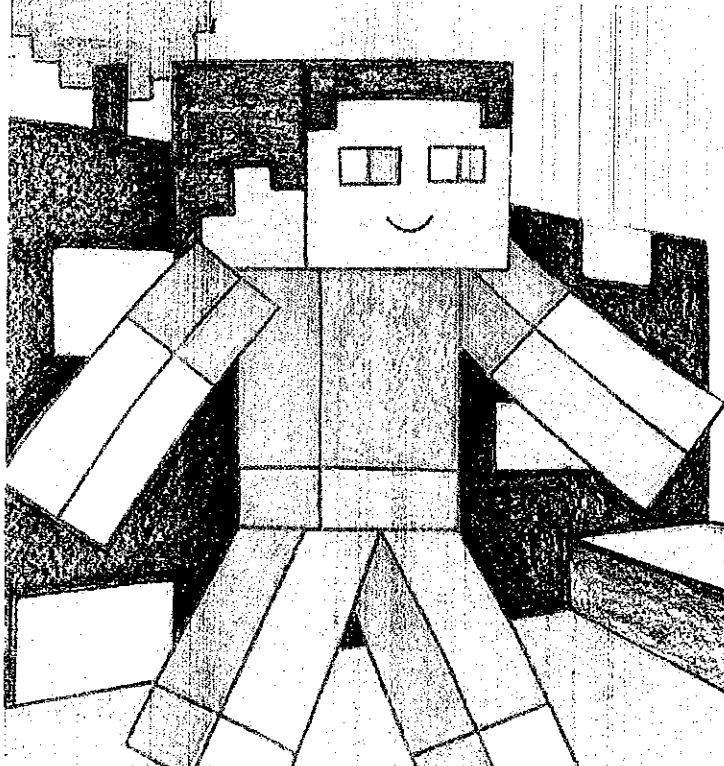
**COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE
ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday, September 13th from 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm

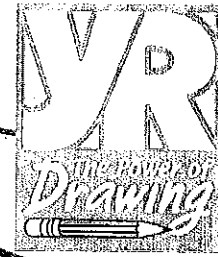
**Rita's at 29-31 Easton Road Warrington, PA
(Rt. 611 & County Line Road)**

**** Just be sure to mention the SJR HSA Fundraiser ****



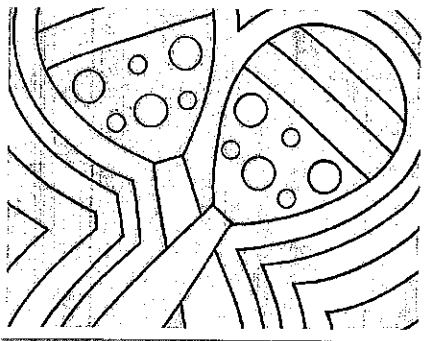
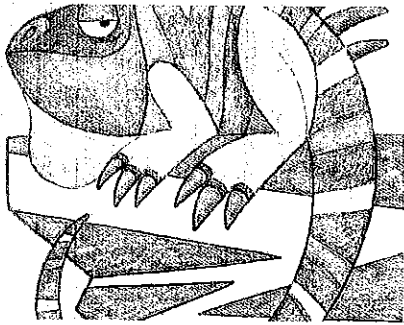


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3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

09/22/2022 - 11/17/2022

(No class 10/27)



Tuition

\$130.00

(8 Week Session)



Enrollment

ENROLL ONLINE at

www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa



Scan or visit
youngrembrandts.com to find
a class near you

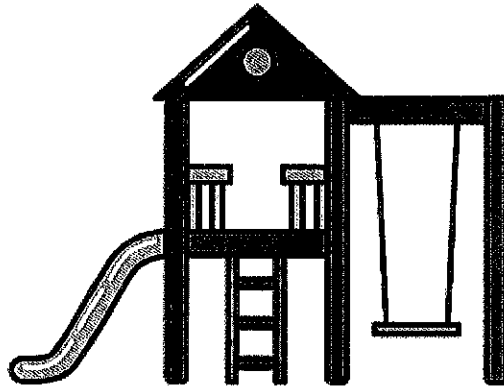


101 E. 2nd Avenue, Buxmont, PA 19001

✉ enrollment@youngrembrandts.com

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SJR Playground Playgroup



Come join us on the playground to play with your classmates and their families this fall!

WHO: Families of students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade

WHEN: Sundays @ 3PM, Weather Permitting (see attached calendar)

WHERE: SJR playground

Please contact Kathy Williamson (kwilliamson@stjstr.org) or Becky Moran (m.rebecca.tate@gmail.com) if you have any questions!