



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN

March 20, 2024

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

Dear SJR Families,

I am sharing some information which was forwarded to me from the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference in regards to changes which would be devastating to the EITC Program - a vital program for making Catholic Education more affordable for families in our state. I know that many of you are either contributors to the program or benefit from the program through scholarships. Please take a moment to contact your state representative and tell them to oppose House Bill 2063.

PA Representative Joe Ciresi has introduced legislation ([HB 2063](#)) that would end the EITC & OSTC programs as we know them.

WHAT THE BILL WOULD DO:

- Cut family income limits for students participating to 200% of the federal poverty level (This would cut the current family EITC & OSTC eligibility in half).
- Eliminate support level factors for families with students with a disability.
- Impose new reporting requirements on scholarship organizations to report data on every student given a scholarship, and for every applicant who was "denied."
- Impose new reporting requirements on schools--affecting every nonpublic school in the state.
- Give the state carte blanche to impose new reporting requirements without legislative approval.

Please copy and paste the link below into your browser so that you can log in and send your message against this bill through the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference:

https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/nqVEjNjnNiJoMt_tZBFz0Q

Gratefully,
Mrs. Durkin



Join us for our

FUN-RAISER

St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School

**MARCH
20TH**

5:00-9:00 PM

NIFTY FIFTY'S, 684 YORK ROAD, WARMINSTER, PA 18974

Delicious Food And Fun!

DINE-IN & TAKE-OUT AND RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION!

**percentage of total sales benefit
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Home and School Information

Please read below for upcoming events:

Friday is the big day - the Sock Hop! A reminder that your child should come to school wearing something that has them looking like they would be going to a sock hop in the 1950s! It will be an awesome event where the SJR HSA will present a check for \$2,000 to The Next Steps Program. That is certainly, "change worth dancing about."

Nifty Fifty's Night Tonight!:

Start getting into the right frame of mind for our Sock Hop on Friday, by heading to Nifty-Fifty's on Wednesday evening, 3/20. Please see the flyer for more information.

SJR Spirit Night at Urban Air, 4/11:

Please plan to join in the fun at Urban Air on Thursday, April 11th from 5:30-8:30p.m. What a fun way to raise funds for our school and get together the evening before a day off for the students. See the flyer below for details.

SJR 5K RACE/Walk:

Planning has begun for the 12th Annual SJR 5K Race, Fitness Walk, and Kids' Run on Friday, May 10, 2024! If you own a business, can participate in corporate gift matching, or have connections with a business that might be able to sponsor our event this year, please contact the 5K Committee at sjr5krace@gmail.com, or call or message Vince Mandes at 215-510-9672. We are extremely grateful for our business and family sponsors who generously support this event each year. More information on race registration and volunteering opportunities will be coming in early March



Thanks for all you do for our school!

HSA Board



Confirmation at St. Joe's and St. Cyril's

From Around the School



Soil Exploration in the Lab:

Mrs. Hilghman invited Professor Dadio, a soil scientist and professor at Delaware Valley University, to work with the 6th grade students on soil identification activities. Thank you, Professor Dadio for sharing your time and passion for science with the students at SJR!



Drama Club:

Tickets are available for purchase! Please come support the cast and crew of "The Little Mermaid, Jr." on Saturday, April 6th! They've worked so hard on this production and I'm so looking forward to the big day. See our website or the flyer below for purchase.



Young Rembrandt's Art Club:

Students have a wonderful opportunity through this after school club. Please see the flyer below for the next session of Young Rembrandts which begins in April.

EITC Webinars :

While voicing our opinion against HB 2063, we will continue to take advantage of the program and benefit from it. Please see the flyer below to learn how you can support this vital program and our school.



Designer Bag Bingo

May 18 | St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School

850 Euclid Ave., Warrington PA

Benefiting Ivyland Presbyterian Church's
Summer Mission Imparare Giocando



More From Around the School

Designer Bag Bingo:

SJR's Art Teacher, Mrs. Alice Jacobs, will be participating in a mission trip this summer with members of Ivyland Presbyterian Church. She'll be hosting a Designer Bag Bingo to raise the funds. The team will be going to Naples, Italy and leading a Vacation Bible School at a non-profit children's center called Imparare Giocando. There's a flyer below if you'd care to join in the fun and support the mission!

March Madness:

Thank you to Mrs. McReynolds and everyone who helped to make our annual March Madness Basketball Tournament a huge success. It's one of our favorite traditions!

Young Rembrandt's Art Club:

Please see the flyer below for the next session of Young Rembrandts which begins in April.

Our Spring Show:

Our Spring Show, which showcases the work students in grades Pre-K-6 have been doing in Music class, will be on May 23rd at 1:45p.m. Parents are welcome to attend. More information will be shared at a later date, I just wanted you to get that on your calendar if you would like to join us.

Apple of My Eye Winners:

Thank you to Elora, Keegan, Gianna, and Brinley for being "caught doing something good!" We are grateful for your kind and helpful works.

Parish News



St. Joseph Parish has teamed up with the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs for a Faith Night Out on Friday, June 7th! The Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs are the AAA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, located in Allentown, Pa.

- Each ticket purchased through the link on the flyer below is \$15 and includes a \$2 ballpark credit, as well as \$3 from each ticket being donated back to St. Joseph Parish Religious Education Program
- Faith music played throughout the night
- Players and coaches sharing what their faith means to them on the scoreboard throughout the night.
- After the game, the team chaplain and players will come out and have a question & answer session
- Fireworks after the game!
- Game time is 7:05 p.m.- gates opening at 5:45 p.m.



St. Robert's

Father Tom McCarthy gave a very engaging series of talks about "Our Restless Journey." It was such a perfect theme for Lent!

Father McCarthy is an Augustinian. A generous donor provided Augustinian cross necklaces for the students in our school that were sold/distributed at the mission. The flaming heart represents Augustine's great love for God. Part of the experience of attending SJR is the benefit of two wonderful supporting parishes. Please consider taking the time to make the most of the opportunities they provide.

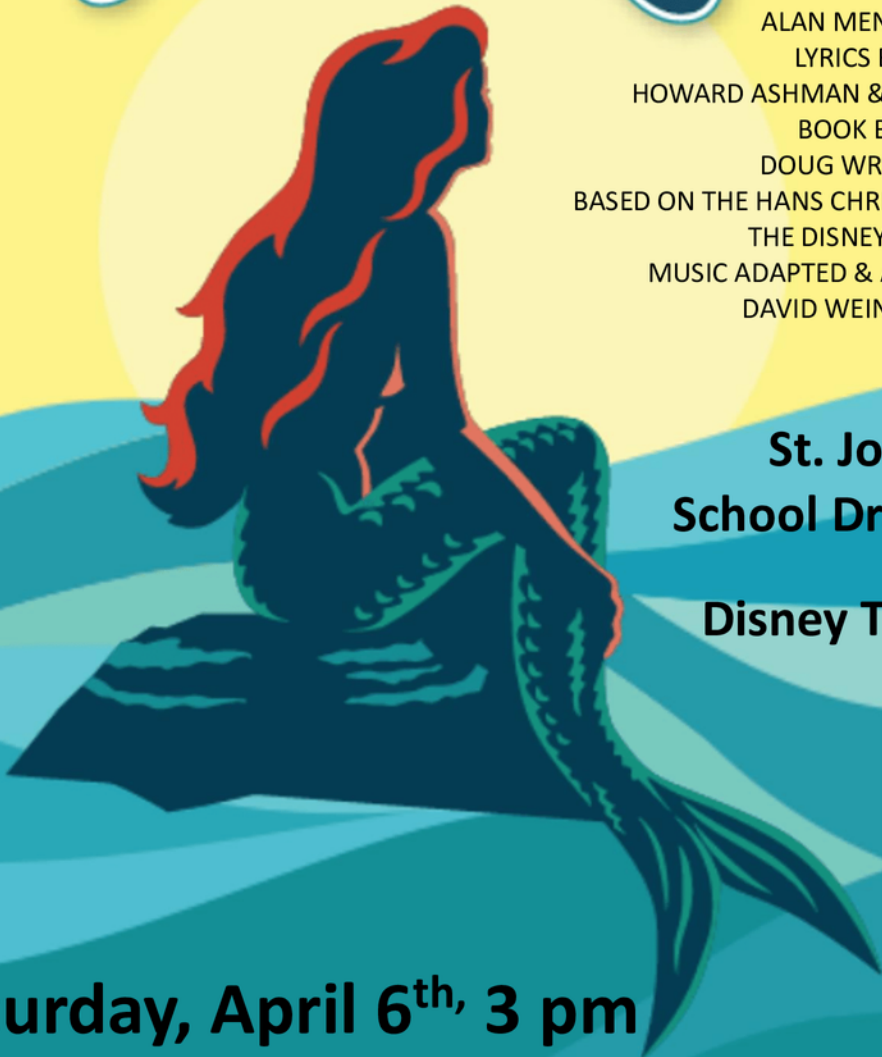




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Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

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Music by
ALAN MENKEN
LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER
BOOK BY
DOUG WRIGHT
BASED ON THE HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON &
THE DISNEY FILM
MUSIC ADAPTED & ARRANGED BY
DAVID WEINSTEIN

St. Joseph/ St. Robert
School Drama Club Presents

Disney The Little Mermaid Jr



\$8
Scan QR for
Tickets

\$10
At the door

Saturday, April 6th, 3 pm

@ Archbishop Woods High School

Buy tickets / Join the guestlist – St. Joseph/St. Robert School Thespians Club Presents Disney
The Little Mermaid Jr – Archbishop Wood High School, Sat Apr 6, 2024 3:00 PM- 4:30 PM
([tickettailor.com](https://www.tickettailor.com))

Spirit night



20%

of the proceeds
are donated back to
your organization

St. Joseph St. Robert School

April 11th, 2024 // 5:30 - 8 PM

Exclusive Spirit Night pricing:

\$30.99 Ultimate Attractions

Tickets available at the front desk. Must mention Spirit Night at time of purchase. Urban Air socks not included.

1150 Easton Road // Willow Grove, PA 19090
(215) 902-9330



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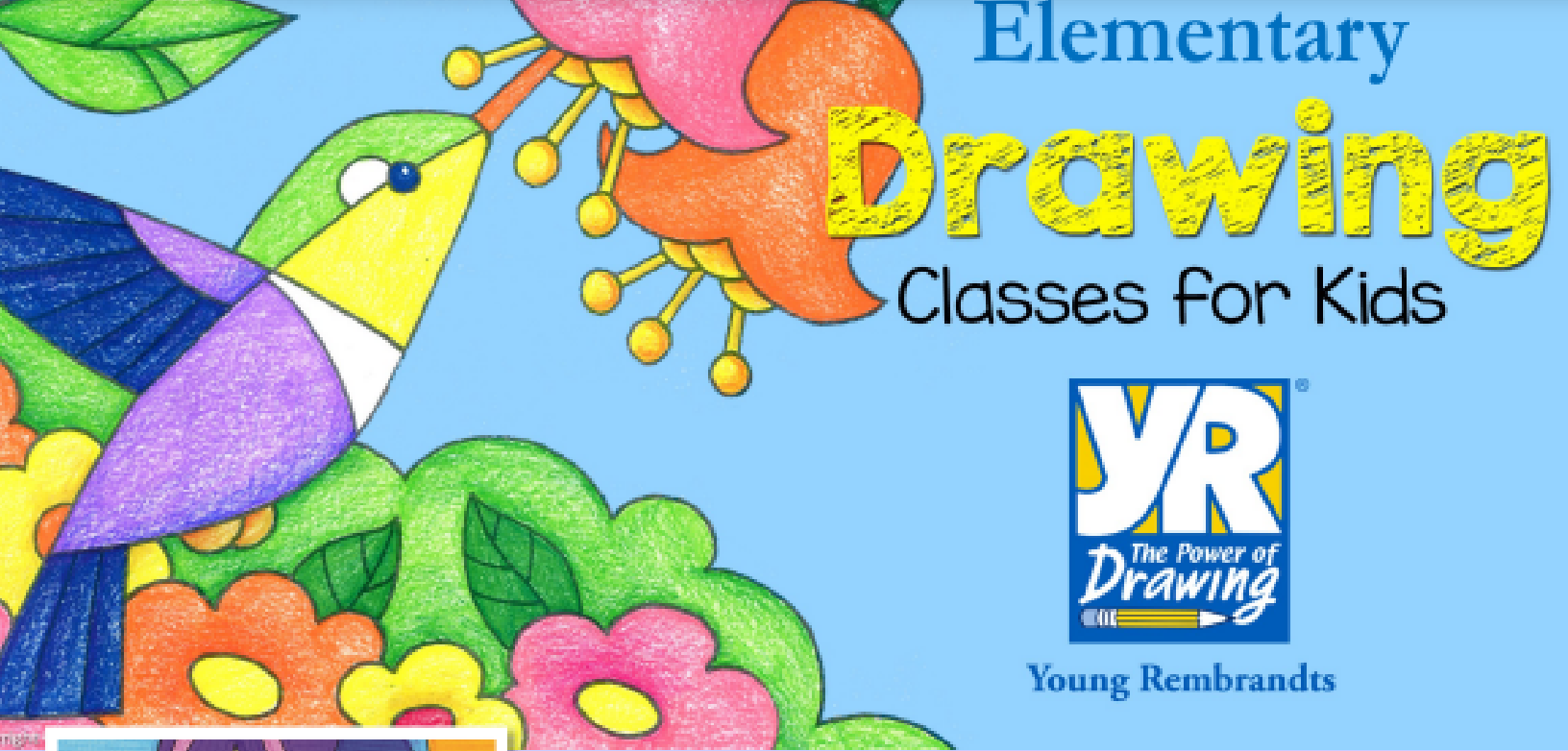
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Classes

Thursday
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
04/04/2024 - 05/30/2024
(No class 5/9)



Tuition

\$140.00
(8 Week Session)



Enrollment

ENROLL ONLINE at
www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa



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youngrembrandts.com to find
a class near you



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FAITH NIGHT AT COCA-COLA PARK

PRESENTED BY: Fellowship
community



JOIN THE IRONPIGS TO CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH!

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Warrington

Friday, June 7th, 2024 7:05 PM

Coca Cola Park

1050 Iron Pigs Way

Allentown, PA 18109

Come on out to Coca-Cola Park on Friday, June 7th to see the Lehigh Valley IronPigs take on the Buffalo Bison!

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- To Purchase tickets, visit this link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Saintjoseph5> or Scan the QR Code



- Questions? Reach out to James Ness

Email: jrness1992@gmail.com

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12 Rounds of BINGO + Bonus Round
Door Prizes / Basket Raffles

Saturday, May 18th at 6:00pm doors open at 5:00pm

To purchase tickets visit



Or EMAIL: officeivyland@gmail.com

Tickets cost \$35 or \$40 at the door

BYOB



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*Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)
BLOCS Tuition Scholarships for 2024-2025*

Application for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit BLOCS Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year is now **open**. Before applying, please visit: <https://www.blocs.org/scholarship-faq> and review the FAQ. It is very important that every SJR family review. We recommend that you apply even if you are over the annual income. If available, your family may qualify for other sources of tuition funding. Families can apply who have students enrolling in grades Pre-K through 12th.

The 2024-2025 family income level is \$108,444. The allowance for each child is \$19,088. For example, a family with one child can have an income level of \$127,532 (\$108,444 + \$19,088) or less to qualify. If a family has two children, then the income level would be \$146,620, and the increase of \$19,088 would continue for each dependent. For three children, the income level would be \$165,708 and for four children the income level would be \$184,796.

Applications for tuition scholarships are completed through FACTS by visiting: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application fee is \$30.00 & all submissions are strictly confidential. Once you complete an online application, you will be required to attach your 2023 Federal Tax forms and all supporting tax schedules. Everything must be submitted to FACTS by **May 30, 2024** to determine your family's eligibility for tuition scholarship. If qualified, Mrs. Dorothy Aschenbrenner, SJR Business Manager will notify the family of their award.

Questions about the application process can be directed to FACTS at 866-441-4637. In addition, you may contact Kathy Williamson at: kwilliamson@stjstr.org

EITC

Informational Webinars

Learn how to redirect your state tax dollars to support students in the Archdiocese and receive a 90% Tax Credit with the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.



Informational Webinar Dates

- ▶ Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM
- ▶ Monday, March 25 at 4:00 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, April 10 at 10:00 AM
- ▶ Thursday, April 25 at 2:00 PM
- ▶ Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, May 22 at 1:00 PM



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