

# St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.  
DURKIN

March 27, 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,

Happy Easter! Jesus is risen, Alleluia! Love and mercy, hope and forgiveness are always ours and our celebration of Easter is a glorious reminder. I hope that it is a special time for your family and the culmination of a Lent spent drawing closer to our Lord.

I wanted to encourage you to consider attending our solar eclipse viewing party with your child on Monday, April 8th immediately following dismissal. I've included the flyer in this newsletter. Not only will this be a fun way to celebrate a unique event, it's a way to ensure safety as well. Those in attendance will receive eclipse glasses and snacks. Students who will be traveling home at dismissal will also receive glasses to wear on their ride or walk home. We will stress the importance of not looking directly at the sun without this protection but you may want to review this at home as well. I've included some safety tips in this newsletter.

We're drawing very close to SJR Drama Club's performance of "The Little Mermaid, Jr." It will be on the stage at Archbishop Wood on Saturday, April 6th at 3:00p.m. Please see the flyer for information to purchase tickets. I've also included a flyer for pre-sale orders for "Kisses for the Cast." You can purchase these special greetings for the cast and crew who have been hard at work since September.

You will be in my prayers in a special way this Easter.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Durkin

## Home and School Information

Please read below for upcoming events:

### Donut Day, 4/2:

Our Donut Day was snowed out on February 13th. It is postponed until Tuesday, April 2nd on the day we return from Easter Break. A nice treat to celebrate our return! All will receive a donut at snack time.

### 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.

### Phillies Dress Down Day and Ballpark Lunch, 4/19:

We're so looking forward to celebrating the new Phillies' season! Students will wear Phillies gear or Phillies' colors (red/white/blue) on this dress down day. Look for more information to come.

### SJR 5K RACE/Walk, 5/10:

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](mailto: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

## From Around the School



### **Engineering in the Lab:**

The 8th graders engaged in planning and crafting a device that would protect their team's egg in the annual egg drop from out of the science lab's window. Only one broken egg! Well done!



### **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.



### **Easter Egg Hunt:**

Thank you to Mrs. McReynolds, Mrs. McWilliams, and the Service Corp for hosting a wonderful Easter egg hunt yesterday for our students in grades Pre-K through first. It was a wonderful way to lead into our Easter break!

### **EITC Webinars :**

A reminder to contact your representative to voice your opinion against HB 2063. While we express our opposition, 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!

### Dress Down Day \$2.00, 4/10:

One of our alumni, Matt Sorge, has the opportunity to travel to Italy on a service trip. The service will include working with youth and local members living in Scampia, one of the poorest parts in all of Italy. SJR will host a Dress Down Day on April 10th to support his service. If your child would like to dress down that day, please send a minimum donation of \$2.00 to school.

### Extended Lunch Recess:

During the week of April 15th, the students will enjoy fifteen extra minutes of lunch recess each day they are in school. This is for meeting the school-wide Walkathon goal in the fall.

### Our Spring Show, 5/23:

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:

Our Apple of My Eye winners were "caught" doing something good. Thank you to Walker, Eddie, Peter, Lyla, and Emma 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.

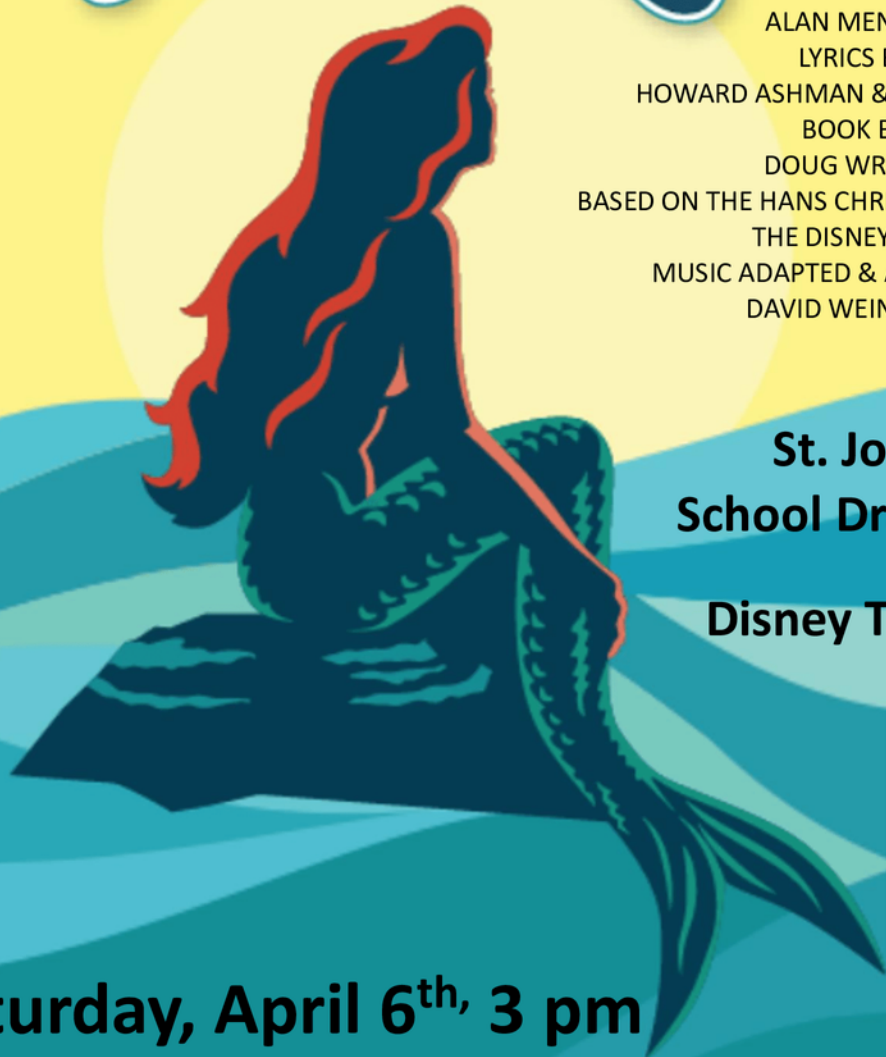
Please check the bulletins for St. Joseph Church or St. Robert's for the many opportunities you have for worship during the Easter Triduum. The opportunities provided during this Holy Time are some of the most beautiful. Please consider adding a new family tradition to your Easter celebration and joining the church for Mass on Holy Thursday, Living Stations on Good Friday, or one of the additional opportunities for prayer.





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# Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID



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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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))

# Pre- Sale Order - Kisses for the Cast to Support the SJR Drama Club

Support your favorite Cast or Crew Member and Treat them to Hershey Kisses and a Personalized Note to be delivered the day of the show

## **\$1 Per Kiss for the Cast - Message and Candy Included**

Please send payment and message to Maryanne Outland % Hannah Outland Grade 7 or Venmo to Maryanne-Outland and email [sjrdramaclub@gmail.com](mailto:sjrdramaclub@gmail.com) your message

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# Eclipse Viewing Party



There is a partial solar eclipse on Monday, April 8!  
The best viewing time will be at 3:24.

SJR will be hosting a viewing party following bus dismissal and lasting until 4:15. The party will include light refreshments, glasses, and activities.

**ANY STUDENT WISHING TO ATTEND THE VIEWING PARTY  
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

Please RSVP using [this link!](#)



# How to Safely View the April 8, 2024, TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon blocks any part of the Sun. On Monday, April 8, 2024, a solar eclipse will be visible in North and Central America, as well as parts of Europe and South America. All 50 U.S. states (excluding most of Alaska) will have a chance to see at least a partial solar eclipse. In a narrow track across Mexico, the U.S. from Texas to Maine, and Canada from Ontario to Newfoundland, the Moon will completely cover the Sun's bright face, producing a spectacular total solar eclipse.



A total solar eclipse is about as bright as a full Moon — and just as safe to look at. But the Sun at any other time is dangerously bright. View it only through special-purpose solar filters that comply with the transmittance requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard for filters for direct solar viewing.

## Protect Your Eyes

- Looking directly at the Sun without proper eye protection is unsafe EXCEPT during the brief total eclipse phase ("totality"). This happens ONLY within the narrow path of totality. At all other times, it is safe to look directly at the Sun ONLY through special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses," that comply with the transmittance requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard. Ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the Sun.
- If you are inside the path of totality on April 8, 2024, remove your solar filter ONLY when the Moon completely covers the Sun's bright face. As soon as the Sun begins to reappear, replace your solar filter to look at the remaining partial phases.
- Outside the path of totality, there is NO TIME when it is safe to look directly at the Sun without using a solar filter that complies with the transmittance requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard.



## Instructions for the Safe Use of Solar Filters and Viewers

- Always inspect your solar filter before use; if scratched, punctured, torn, or otherwise damaged, discard it. Read and follow any instructions printed on or packaged with the filter.
- Always supervise children using solar filters.
- If you normally wear eyeglasses, keep them on. Put your eclipse glasses on over them or hold your handheld viewer in front of them.
- Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking at the bright Sun. After looking at the Sun, turn away and remove your filter – do not remove it while looking at the Sun.
- Do not look at the un eclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical device. Do not do so even while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer in front of your eyes – the concentrated solar rays could damage the filter and enter your eyes, causing serious injury.
- Solar filters must be securely attached to the front of any telescope, binoculars, or camera lens. Seek expert advice from an astronomer before using a solar filter with a camera, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device.



## What if You Don't Have a Safe Solar Filter or Viewer?

Another method for safe viewing of the partially eclipsed Sun is indirectly via pinhole projection. For example, with your back to the Sun, cross the outstretched, slightly open fingers of one hand over the outstretched, slightly open fingers of the other, creating a waffle pattern. In your hands' shadow on the ground, the spaces between your fingers will show the Sun as crescents.

A solar eclipse is one of nature's grandest spectacles. By following these simple rules, you can safely enjoy the view and be rewarded with memories to last a lifetime. For more information about eye safety and the eclipse, visit <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety>.

*This safety information has been endorsed by the American Astronomical Society, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. National Science Foundation, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Academy of Optometry, and the American Medical Association.*



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# 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:

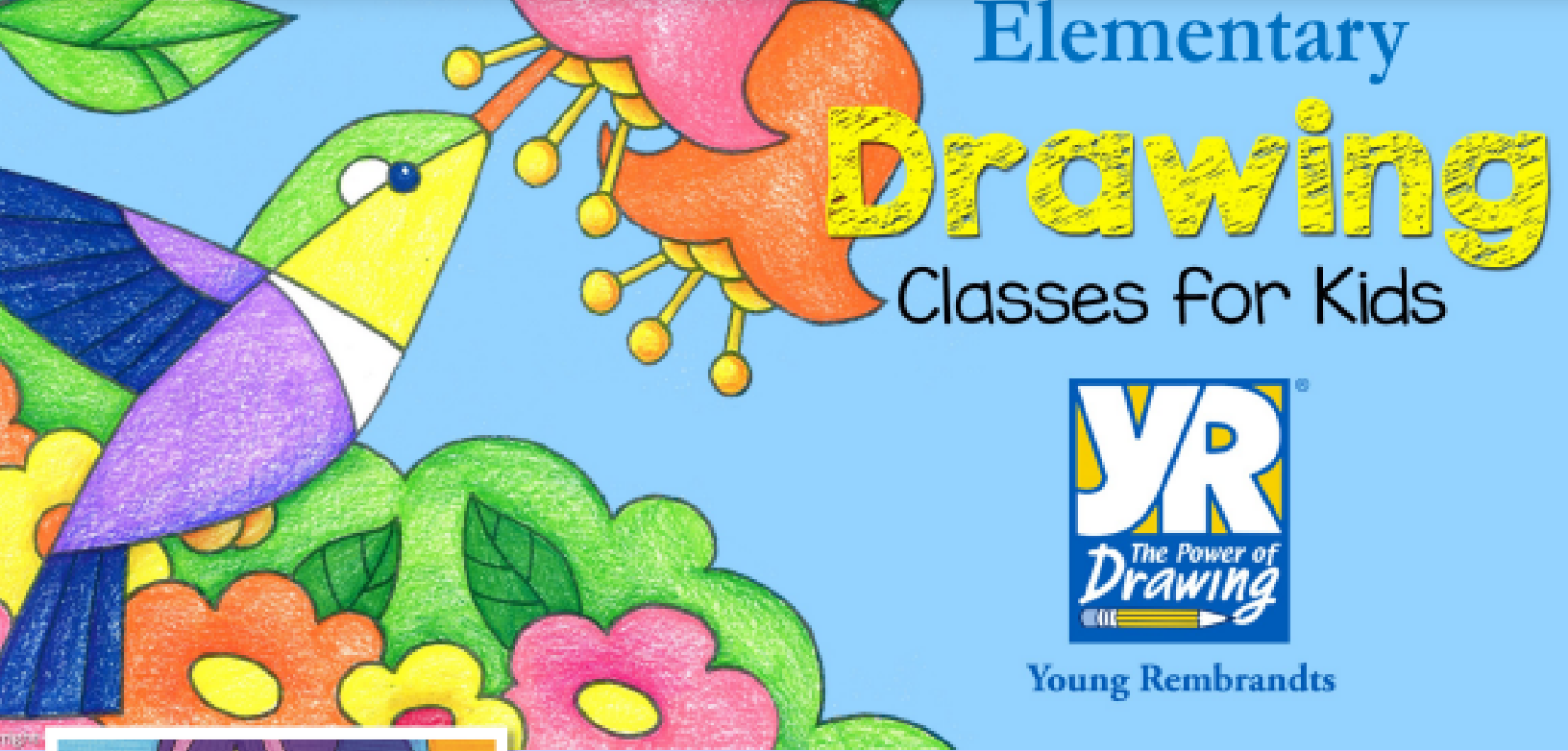
**\$30.99 Ultimate Attractions**

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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Elementary

# Drawing

Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts

## ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

Join us at **ST JOSEPH ST ROBERTS**

Make this a memorable time by signing up your elementary child in a Young Rembrandts drawing class. Your child will learn about design, composition and illustration using our unique step-by-step drawing method. Besides strengthening your child's drawing and coloring skills, he or she will also learn about art history as we present lessons featuring a master artist. Don't miss out, enroll now!



### 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](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa)



Scan or visit  
[youngrembrandts.com](http://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!

The Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs are the AAA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, located in Allentown, Pa.

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- Fireworks after the game!
- Game time is 7:05 pm, with gates opening at 5:45 pm
- 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](mailto:jrness1992@gmail.com)

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

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Benefiting Ivyland Presbyterian Church's  
Summer Mission *Imparare Giocando*



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

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm doors open at 5:00pm

To purchase tickets visit



Or EMAIL: [officeivyland@gmail.com](mailto:officeivyland@gmail.com)

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

\*BYOB\*



Sponsored by Ivyland Presbyterian Church



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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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto: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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to sign up for a  
webinar!

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