

# St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.  
DURKIN

April 3, 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! The Easter season spans fifty days and continues until Pentecost Sunday, which marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. So I could, technically, wish you "Happy Easter" for several more weeks! Let's make these fifty days a time of joy, reflection, and renewal. There continues to be opportunities in both parishes to help us do just that. You're invited to attend talk tonight at 7:00p.m. at St. Robert's titled, "Woman, Why are You Weeping? Who are You Looking for?" presented by Kathleen McCarthy. It's sponsored by St. Robert's "Soul Sisters" and I hope to see you there.

**SJR will be closing early on Monday, April 8th. Students on Central Bucks and Centennial buses will begin to be dismissed at 11:00a.m. followed by car riders. We are still waiting on word from Upper Moreland and Hatboro Horsham School District if they will be dismissing early/providing transportation. I will keep you updated. There will be no CARES.** I am disappointed to cancel our viewing party but, at the same time, relieved that we won't have to worry about students getting on and off buses during the eclipse. We will send home the viewing glasses that we purchased with your child.

Spring is such a wonderful time...with so much rain! But, without the rain there are no flowers so we'll focus on all of the positive things the season brings. I'm so grateful for Mrs. Perks and our Home and School making Donut Day happen yesterday. And I'm so looking forward to our school play this Saturday. The cast and crew have been working together for months to bring "The Little Mermaid, Jr." to the stage at Archbishop Wood and I can't wait to see it! And, it looks like the Phillies have started to rebound from their usual rocky start. I am excited to celebrate the beginning of baseball season with our Phillies Ballpark Lunch. **Please note, however, that it has been postponed to May 1st. More details will be shared soon.**

On April 25th, SJR will be participating in the Archdiocesan STREAM Expo at Lansdale Catholic High School. STREAM is an acronym for "Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math." Our 6th grade will have their "Core of the Earth" projects displayed and Pre-K01 will have a "Three Billy Goats Gruff" engineering project on display. Both integrate several elements of STREAM. You are welcome to visit the expo from 4:00 - 7:00p.m. on April 25th.

Thank you for all you do for SJR!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Durkin

# Home and School Information

Please read below for upcoming events:

## 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. Tickets for the Urban Air spirit night are now available to purchase directly from the Urban Air website. 20% of the proceeds will go to SJR. See the flyer below for details.

## Phillies Dress Down Day and Ballpark Lunch, 5/1:

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 and enjoy a ballpark lunch provided by the HSA. 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

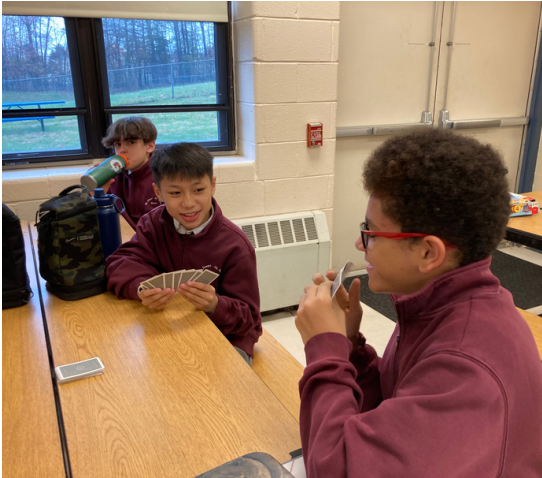


## From Around the School



### **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. You can also purchase "Kisses for the Cast" to demonstrate your support.



### **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. It will be most welcome after all of our indoor recess this week due to the rain!

### **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.



### **Additional Kindergarten Class:**

Because of increased demand for our kindergarten program SJR will be opening an additional kindergarten class for the 2024-25 school year. Please share this information with friends and family.

### **Apple of My Eye Winners:**

Our Apple of My Eye winners were "caught" doing something good. Thank you to Carter, Luke, Grady, and Reilly for your kind and helpful works.

### **St. Joseph Church**

CPR classes are being offered at St. Joseph Church April 10, 2024- 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant.

Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, new parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life. All are welcome. \*Does not include certification card\* Donations accepted. Proceeds will be used towards replacement first aid supplies. Call Jim's CPR and First Aid at 267-221-0088 to sign up or ask any questions.



### **St. Robert's Church**

The Bereavement Group will be meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 1:15–2:15PM Parish Meeting Room. Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Join others for an informal gathering once a month using scripture, prayer, reflection, and faith sharing. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Fitzpatrick — [jfitzaff2@verizon.net](mailto:jfitzaff2@verizon.net)

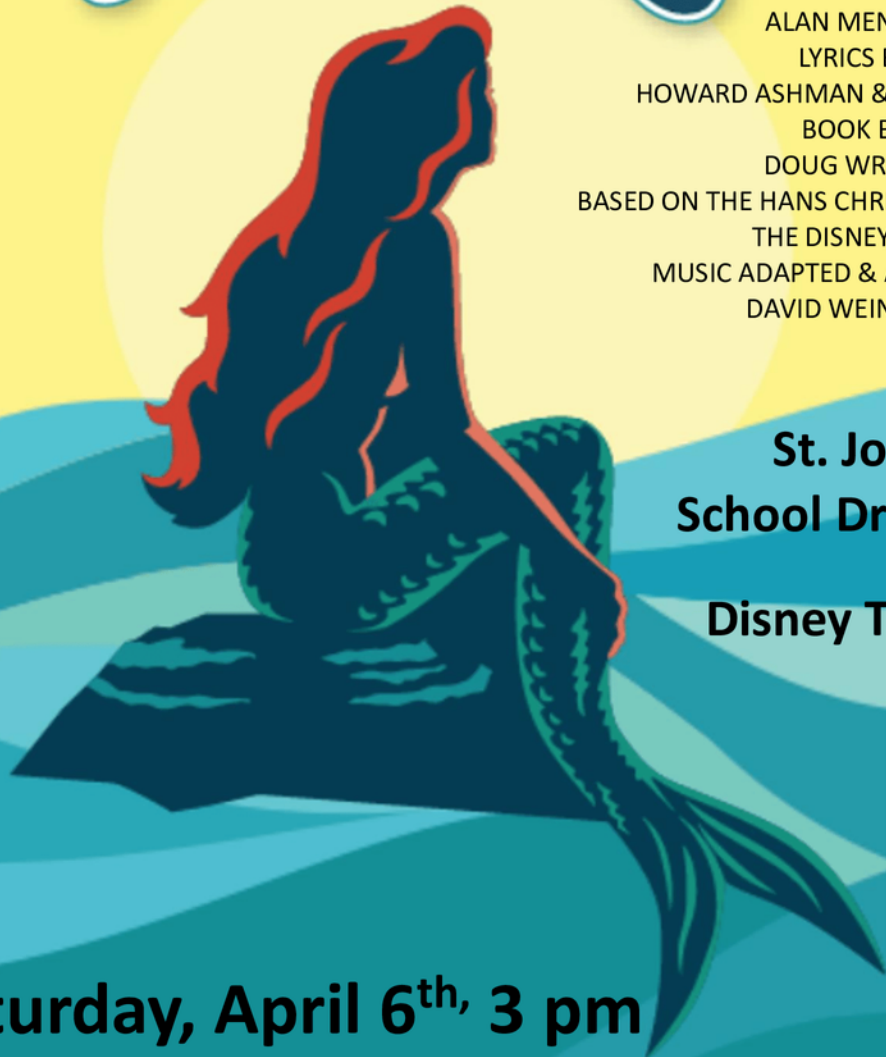






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# Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID



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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**Sunday, June 2, 2024 from 11-3 P.M.**

Warminster Community Park: 350 East Bristol Rd, Warminster, Pennsylvania 18974



Family fun event and your leashed loved ones: 80 plus vendors, 8 animal rescues, K9 police, Bucks Bubble Foam Zone, petting zoo, kids sand art, food trucks, live music, face painting, balloon twisters, adoptable pets and more!



**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT AMANDA GERSHANICK  
 EMAIL [EVENTS@BWSAC.ORG](mailto:EVENTS@BWSAC.ORG) OR CALL OR TEXT 215-284-7238**

Proceeds benefit Ben Wilson Senior Center - a nonprofit organization. Have questions? Call 215-284-7238 for more info!





# 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



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**St. Joseph St. Robert School**

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

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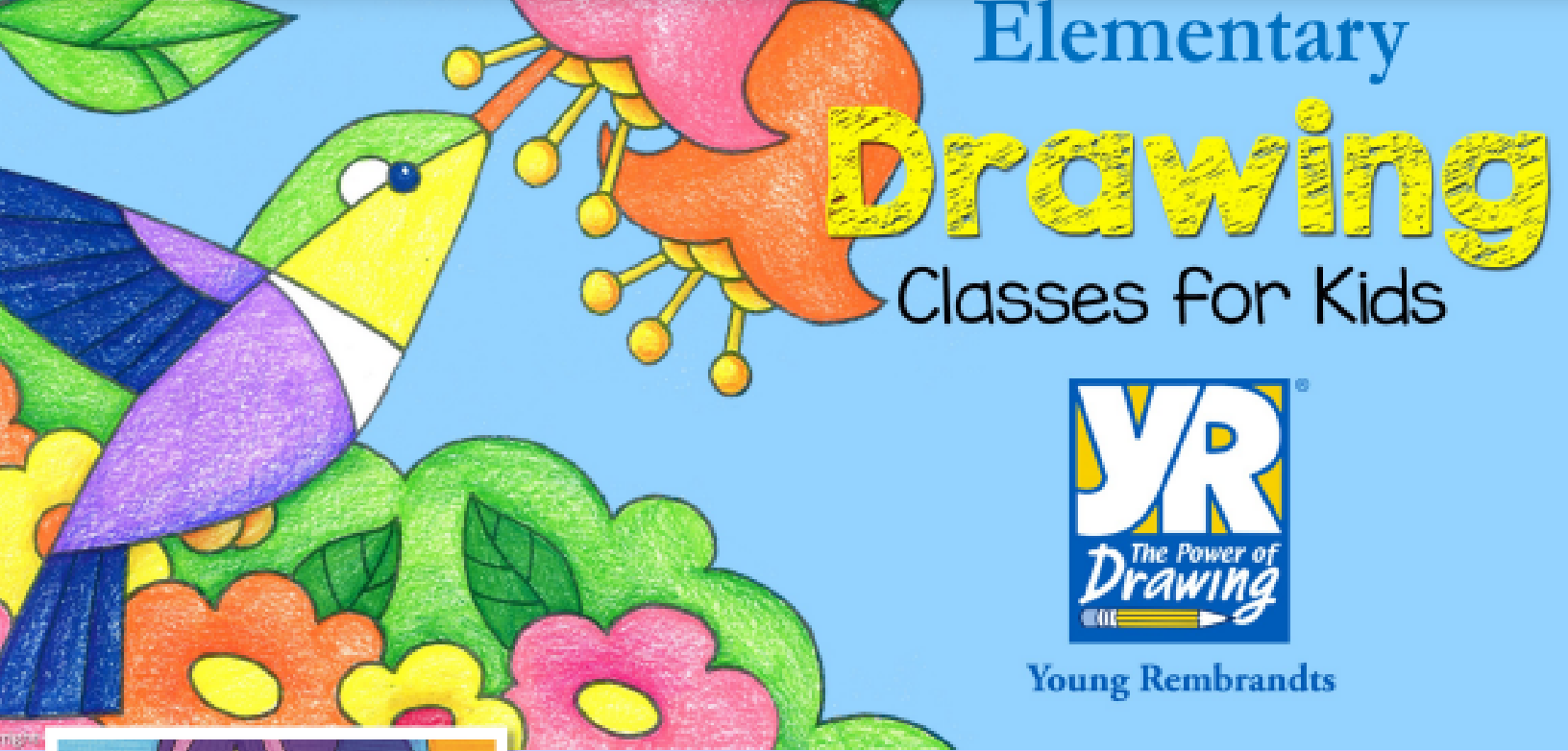
**\$30.99 Ultimate Attractions**

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

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



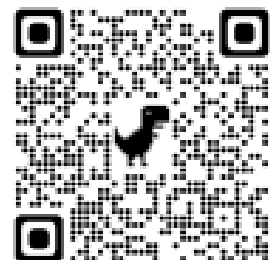
### Tuition

\$140.00  
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### Enrollment

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# FAITH NIGHT AT COCA-COLA PARK

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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.

- Each ticket purchased through the [link below](#) is \$15 and includes a \$2 ballpark credit, as well as \$3 from each ticket being donated back to St. Joseph Parish & The 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 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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*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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