



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this takes place through a rich path made up of many ingredients. True education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life.

— Pope Francis

Dear SJR Families,

Tomorrow we mark twenty-four years since the events of September 11th and remember the lives lost and honor the courage shown in the face of tragedy. The legacy of that day continues to shape our shared sense of resilience, unity, and compassion. Let us hold in prayer all those who were affected and recommit ourselves to building a future rooted in hope and peace.

This week brings a special kind of energy to our school community. With the first days behind us, it's a joy to see students beginning to find their rhythm. Our youngest learners are adapting to new routines, setting the stage for deeper engagement and growth in the months ahead.

At the same time, our 8th graders are stepping into leadership roles with confidence and care—supporting our school as safeties, Service Corp leaders, and by preparing to take the reins of SJR Today, our student-led news program. Their contributions benefit our entire student body.

Thank you for your support of our fundraiser - our technology plan includes replacing one classroom set of Chromebooks each year. This year we're hoping to replace at least one SMARTboard with the proceeds as well.

I hope to see you at the Family Movie Night!

Gratefully,
Mrs. Durkin





School News

It was a joy and an honor to gather in prayer at 100th Anniversary Mass alongside so many members of the SJR community – alumni faculty, current faculty and staff, alumni students, and current students and their families. Moments like these remind us of the deep roots and lasting bonds that define our school's legacy. We are thankful to our pastors who presided at Mass and to the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors for their support and recognition. We were especially honored to welcome Dr. Michael Diorka, Chair of the Warrington Board of Supervisors, who presented a proclamation celebrating St. Joseph/St. Robert School's contributions to the community.

"Specials" classes kicked off this week! Students began exploring Japanese culture and language with Ms. Macrone. Mrs. Koper met with all her classes and launched our exciting new STREAM program—a project-based learning opportunity that integrates Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math. We're also happy to welcome back Mr. Matt Pena as our Music teacher. Today marked the first Library and Art classes of the year with Mrs. Jacobsen and Mrs. Jacobs. Finally, Mrs. McReynolds will begin Gym classes this Thursday and Friday.





More School News

Homework Club Begins on Monday, 9/15:

Students in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate in The Homework Club...a structured environment to support getting homework done regularly and productively. Please see the flyer below. **Please note that this is not a tutoring opportunity, though Mrs. Jacobsen does assist students to stay on task and solve problems that may arise. Please register your child for homework club on our homepage at www.stjstr.org.



Music:

Students in 3rd grade are eligible to join on string instruments - violin, or cello. Students in 4th through 8th are eligible to play any of the listed instruments: violin, cello, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, bell kit, and snare drum. To learn more about our program check out this website: <https://nemusicprograms.com/> you can also reach out to Mr. Miller directly at kpmiller@nemusicprograms.com



Mr. Miller gave a band demonstration for students in grades 3-6 today.

Drama Club:

Auditions are on Friday!! Please see the updated Drama Club communication below.

Questions? Contact the Drama Club director Ryan Keegan @ Howitbegins@gmail.com



Young Rembrandts Art Club - Beginning 9/25

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, they will also learn about art history as our lessons feature a master artist. Please see the flyer below for details.



HSA News

Family Movie Night

Please plan to join us on Friday, September 12th to watch Lilo and Stitch! See the flyer below! Note that the logistics will be a little different this year. We will be parking our cars in the upper lot or Church parking and everyone will be sitting on blankets or chairs (please bring) in front of the school to enjoy an outdoor showing. Can't wait- the weather looks like it will be perfect!



Water Ice Dance Party

Our Water Ice Dance Party on Thursday was a fantastic way to kick off the school year! The music was pumping, the energy was high (isn't it always?), and the students had so much fun dancing, laughing, and enjoying refreshing water ice with their friends. It was a joyful celebration that brought our school community together and set a positive, spirited and delicious tone for the year ahead!

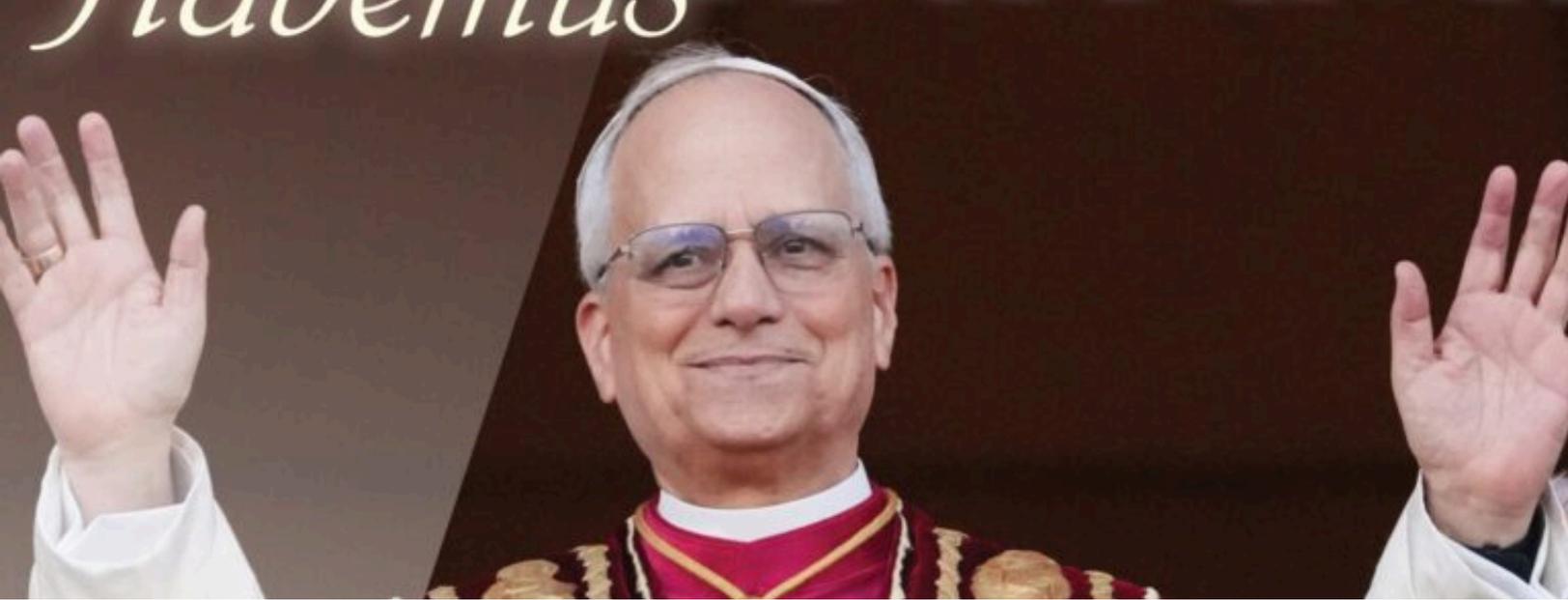




Congratulations!

The Neumann Scholars Program honors Saint John Neumann, the 19th-century bishop and educator who established the parochial school system in Philadelphia in 1852. Launched in 1995, this prestigious scholarship program identifies eighth-grade students who have excelled academically within the parochial school system through a competitive examination administered by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Selected students are awarded four-year scholarships to attend one of fifteen Archdiocesan high schools. In addition to full tuition, Neumann Scholars receive college and career advising, as well as opportunities to apply for a variety of summer enrichment programs.

While the final selection of Neumann Scholars is still to come, we are proud to recognize the following 8th-grade students who have qualified for consideration: Ellie S., Hannah P., Brynn B., Adrian L., and Vincent M. Congratulations on the outstanding work that qualified you to be considered for this prestigious award!



Parish News



St. Joseph's Parish

If you can't make the Family Movie Night, you may want to join your parish family for a fun Family Bingo Night on Friday, September 12th. See the bulletin for details.

A special thank you to St. Joe's for hosting our 100th Anniversary Mass.

Please consider having your child serve at Mass. If your child is a parishioner at St. Joe's please reach out to Father Pawelko for more information.



St. Robert's Parish

St. Robert's will be hosting Forty Hours Devotion beginning on Sunday, September 14 and concluding on Tuesday, September 16.

Please consider having your child become an altar server. Boys and girls in grades 4th - 8th are eligible to serve. Please see the form below.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS



Any boys or girls in the 4th grade and above are welcome and encouraged to participate in training to become an Altar Server. Those who wish to serve must be in the parish grade school, private school or our PREP program. They go through a period of training before they are commissioned to serve at Mass. Our altar servers are able to serve throughout high school, if they so wish.

Altar Servers assist the priest at Mass. They assist at the weekend Mass, at weddings the special liturgical celebrations throughout the year. They have an extreme privilege to kneel so close to the altar as our Savior, Jesus Christ, becomes truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity upon the altar.

Classes will be held on Wednesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The First practice for ALL Candidates will be in the Church on September 24th.

Enter by side door across from the Rectory.

Deacon George

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____



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PARENTS E-MAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE, SJR OFFICE OR P. R. E. P. OFFICE.

DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS MONDAY, September 22nd.

St. Joseph
St. Robert School



HOMEWORK CLUB



Available
Monday
through
Thursday
3:15-4:15

SJR Homework Club is a quiet, structured, safe and productive environment outside of school hours to complete homework for students in Grades 3-8.

Benefits of Homework Club:

- ✓ Instill good work habits
- ✓ Organizational skills
- ✓ Time management

Visit the link for more information and to SIGN UP.



See reverse side for more info

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SJR Homework Club

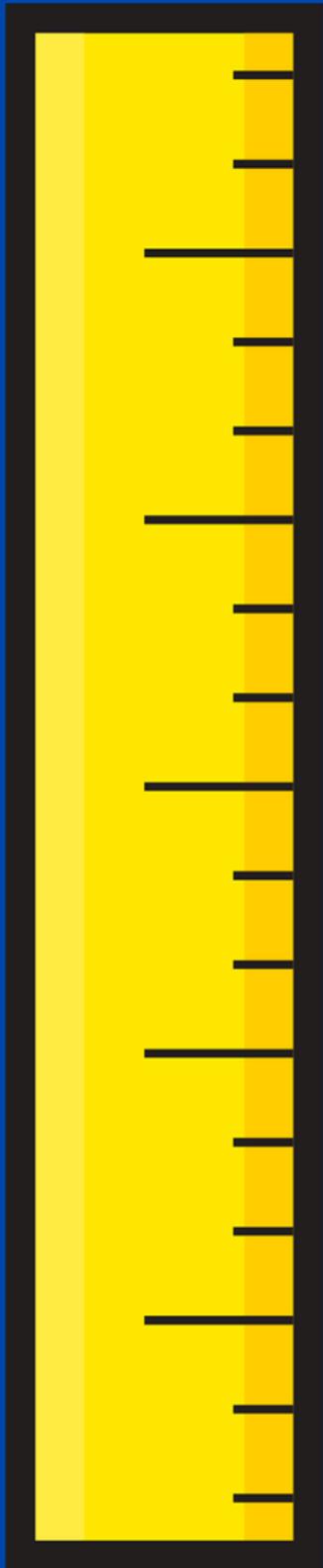
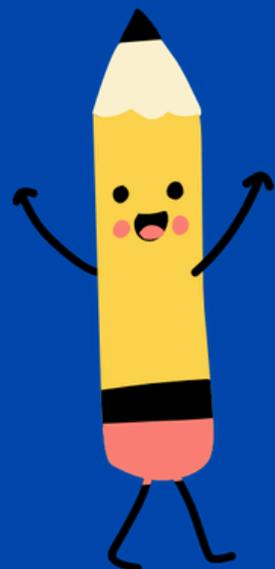


- Students may attend Homework Club any or all days. Please remember to sign up each week.
- Homework Club runs Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- \$5 per day and is billed monthly through your FACTS account.
- Homework Club will be held in the library from 3:15-4:15. Please wait for your child outside the front school doors.

Students must be signed out at time of pick up.

- Homework Club will not be offered on half days, days prior to school holidays and may be subject to cancellation should school close early for inclement weather.
- Please send your student with an after school snack and drink.
- While the goal is for students to have their homework completed, parents are still asked to sign homework books and tests nightly and to make sure their child is prepared for all tests and projects.
- Homework Club is not a substitution for one to one tutoring.

Interested families can SIGN UP with the link on our SJR School Homepage or use the QR Code on the front of the flyer.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us in watching the live action Lilo and Stich



Date & Time

September 12th
lot opens at 6:30
movie begins around
7:15

Location

school parking lot
please park at church
or the recess yard

DON'T FORGET

snacks
chairs
blanket

THIS IS NOT A DROPOFF EVENT. PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES. PLAYGROUND IS CLOSED DURING EVENT

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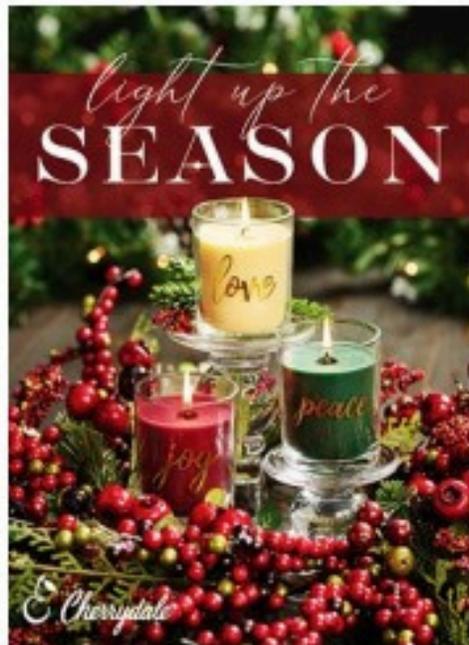
HOW TO ORDER:

1. Head over to campaigns.mabelslabels.com
2. Search for our organization
SJR - HSA (Warrington)
3. Click Shop Now, and **Logo Label Pack** will be one of the first options

Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and choose our organization from the list!

OTIS SPUNKMEYER & CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER 2025!

The Fundraiser begins **SEPTEMBER 8th**. Some details to know before selling.



-All frozen items will be shipped to the school and must be picked up on delivery date which will be provided at a later date. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR ITEMS!**

- If you order Frozen items and items from the Cherrydale catalog in the same order then your **WHOLE** order will be delivered to the school not your home address.

- We must sell at least **350 FROZEN** food items to receive the 40% proceed from the sale. Last year many people had regrets about not buying more cookies.... **YES** they are **THAT** good!

PRIZES AND COUPONS

-**NEW** this year! Kids **MUST** Register **AND** obtain 500 coins in order to receive the Registration collectable. You **MUST** submit your child's coupons in order to receive the collectible key chains. Attached is the coupon sheet for families with multiple kids. Simply print it out and send them into school!

Coupons will be collected by their teacher on the following dates...

Thursday, Sept. 11th - **REGISTRATION COUPONS ONLY**

Monday, Sept. 15th

Thursday, Sept. 18th and

Sept. 24th (Last Day)

Kids will receive their prize the next day at school.

As a reminder all proceeds from this Fundraiser will go towards purchasing new Chromebooks for the children!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!

Any questions please contact Nikki DeGuida at Nmartella1@comcast.net.



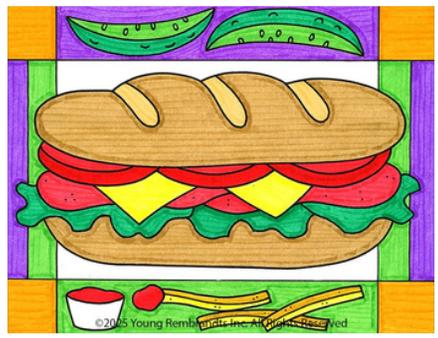
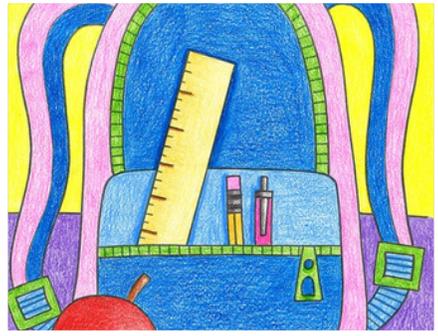


Elementary Drawing Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts

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ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

Join us at St. Joseph St. Roberts School

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Classes

Thursday
03:15 PM - 04:15 PM
09/25/2025 - 11/20/2025
(No class 10/30)



Tuition

\$140.00
(8 Week Session)



Enrollment ENROLL ONLINE at

www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa



Scan or visit
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a class near you



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2025-2026
SEASON

Presenting
Mary Poppins
junior

Start,
October 1, 2025
April 11, 2026

Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program

Redirect your State Tax Dollars to support Catholic Education!

Individuals or Businesses can join our Special Purpose Entity

- ✓ **You can join if you have PA tax liability**
- ✓ **No maximum contribution**
- ✓ **Redirect tax dollars to Catholic schools**
- ✓ **Receive a 90% tax credit**

Contact Kevin Kelly today!



KKelly@FoundationFCE.org



610-793-8597 (Office)



**Scan the QR code to
enroll in the EITC
program today!**

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.



Webinar Dates

Wednesday, September 3 at 1:00 PM

Tuesday, September 16 at 10:00 AM

Thursday, October 2 at 9:00 AM

Monday, October 20 at 3:00 PM

Friday, November 7 at 11:00 AM

Wednesday, November 19 at 4:00 PM



**[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR AN
UPCOMING WEBINAR!](#)**



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- Sand Bar Art
- Petting Zoo
- Balloon Twister
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- Kids Mini Golf
- Bucks Bubbles
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- Bluey and Bingo Characters
- Action Karate