



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS.
DURKIN

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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,

We're excited to welcome everyone back for another wonderful school year—especially this one, as we celebrate the beginning of our 100th year! As part of our centennial celebration, we invite you to join us for a special Mass at St. Joe's this Sunday at 11:30 AM, with a reception to follow. There is a link to rsvp on our homepage at www.stjstr.org We hope to see you there as we join in prayer, grateful for our rich history and look ahead to a bright future.

A heartfelt thank you to all who attended our Back-to-School Night last night for our 5th -8th grades. We look forward to welcoming our 1st through 4th grade parents for Back-to-School Night this evening. Your continued support and involvement truly make a difference, and we're grateful to partner with you in your child's education.

We've had a few questions regarding gym uniforms this week. Please note that gym class begins next week, so there is no need to wear gym uniforms this week. For our Pre-K and Kindergarten students, there is no separate gym uniform—they should simply wear their regular uniform on all days.

There has been a change to the gym schedule, so please make note of the new days that your child will need to wear their gym uniform – their teacher will remind them as well:

- Thursdays: 1st Grade (Bertram), 5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, and 8th Grade
- Fridays: 1st Grade (Vona), 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and 4th Grade

Be sure to read through the rest of the newsletter for more exciting updates and important dates.

Let's make this 100th year our best yet!

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





School News

We're welcoming Mrs. Nadine Plomchok to SJR this year as our new 7th and 8th grade ELA and Social Studies teacher. Mrs. Plomchok has a passion for writing and for preparing students for high school. With her strong history in Catholic education, we feel blessed to have her join our faculty.



We're excited to introduce Mrs. Carol Koper as our new STREAM teacher. STREAM is a dynamic, project-based learning approach that integrates Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math. Mrs. Koper will be developing and leading this innovative program, which replaces our traditional weekly Technology class. We are truly grateful for her enthusiasm and vision as she brings STREAM to life for our students.



Additionally, we're pleased to welcome Mrs. Cindy Koons back to SJR. With extensive experience in Catholic education—as both an Honors Math teacher and a former school principal—Mrs. Koons brings a wealth of expertise to our community. She currently teaches future educators at St. Joseph's University, specializing in best practices for teaching math. We are blessed to have her join us and look forward to her teaching the 8th Grade Honors Math class to get us off to a strong start.





More School News

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. We have weekly lessons for a half hour on a rotation so students do not miss the same class for band each week. We put together two major concerts - a Christmas concert in December, and a Spring concert in May. 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

Drama Club:

Key Dates at a Glance

- Auditions: Friday, September 12th, 4:30-6:15 pm (required for all interested K-8th students; one adult must attend).
- Join the (SJR)'s movie night directly after auditions
- Callbacks (Invite-Only Leads): Monday, September 22nd, 3:15-5:00 pm.

Volunteer spots for leadership and support roles are still available! 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

The HSA has been busy getting ready for the new school year. It has provided new ball bags and other outdoor toys/games for recess for students and has generously supported the teachers as they got their classrooms ready for the new year. Additionally, the HSA provided the funds which paid for the faculty and staff CPR/First Aid Training Thank you so much!

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 HSA is running a fundraiser, "Mabel's Labels" that is more like a service to the school community. You can order labels so that your child's belongings all come home with them each day. Help keep our lost and found empty! Please see the flyer below if you'd like to order.

Stay tuned for information about our Cherrydale fundraiser. This raises money to replace classroom technology. Our goal is to purchase a new classroom set of Cromebooks and replace some other classroom technology. You should have already received an email about the fundraiser with information on how to register. Try to register before the kickoff on September 8th.



HAPPY

Jesus Loves Me! Jesus Loves Me! Jesus Loves Me! Jesus Loves Me!

you are here!



Congratulations!

The Rotary Club of Warrington generously sponsored some students to attend STEM Yea! This is a STEM camp that is held on the campus of Kutztown University. Their days were filled with interesting and exciting collaborative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math opportunities. They also experienced living on campus. This year, one of our current 8th graders was invited to attend. Vincent made the most of this wonderful opportunity and then shared his experiences at the Rotary Club meeting on Aug. 27th.

Congratulations, Vincent! And thank you to The Warrington Rotary!



Congratulations to Liliana who was selected to play flag football in the National All-American League. She was recognized and awarded the Playmaker award! Congratulations, Liliana!

Feel free to share good news with me to share with our community in an upcoming newsletter!



Parish News

St. Joseph's Parish

We're excited to kick off our centennial year at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 7! Together with current and former students, families, faculty, and staff, we'll gather in prayer and gratitude for the incredible legacy of our community.

It's a true joy to be part of something with such deep roots and lasting impact. We hope you'll join us for this special celebration.

All are warmly invited to a reception in the church hall following Mass.

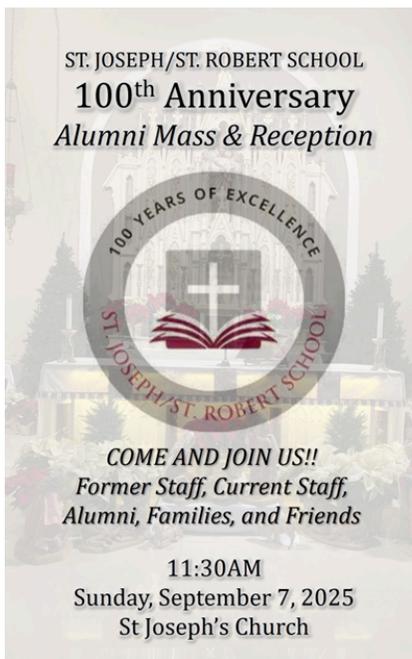
St. Robert's Parish

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

Please plan to join in this beautiful time of prayer and Eucharistic adoration.

More details are available in the parish bulletin.

All are welcome.



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

Support Our Organization

Get your kid's labels with our logo on them!



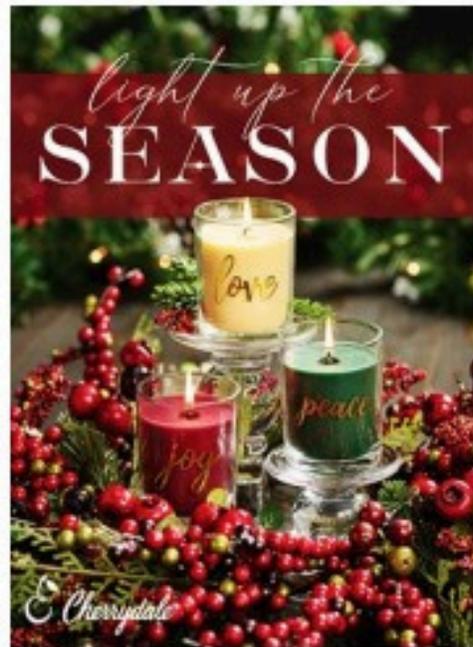
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FUNDRAISING

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.

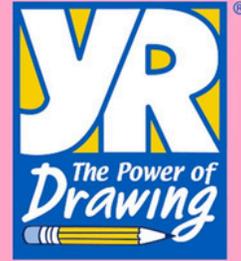
As a reminder all proceeds from this Fundraiser will go towards purchasing new Chromebooks for the children!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!

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

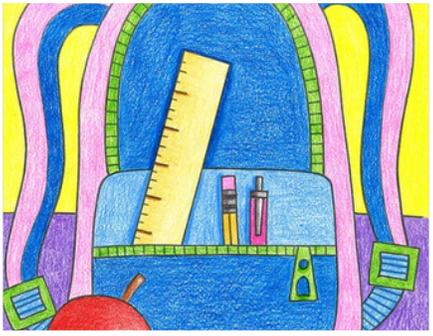


Elementary Drawing Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts

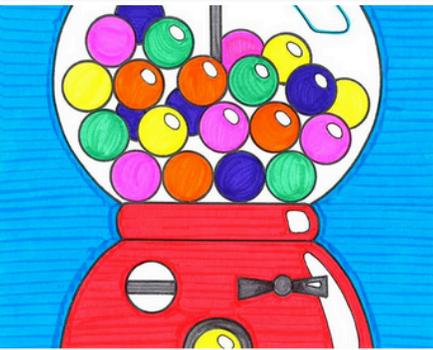
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ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

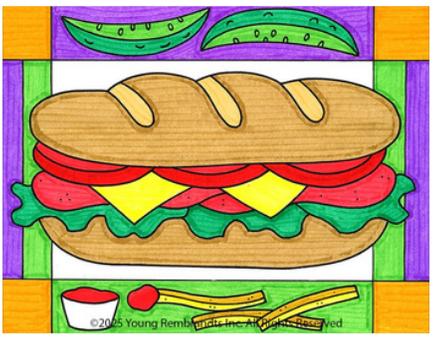
Join us at St. Joseph St. Roberts School

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
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

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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

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Individuals or Businesses can join our Special Purpose Entity

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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!](#)**