



# St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN  
January 28, 2026

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,

It has certainly been an eventful start to the week! Between snow, shifting schedules, and a lot of emails, our plans required flexibility and patience from everyone. Thank you for your understanding as we navigated a week that didn't quite unfold the way we originally imagined.

Even so, Catholic Schools Week at St. Joseph/St. Robert School is a meaningful reminder of who we are and why we do this important work. At its core, our school exists to form young people in faith, character, and knowledge—to help them grow as disciples of Christ while receiving a strong academic foundation that prepares them to serve the Church and the wider world.

Although the snow forced us to adjust some events, the spirit of the week remains strong. Students will have opportunities to celebrate their faith and gifts through special activities such as the Religion Bee and SJR's Got Talent, and we are especially grateful for the chance to recognize our teachers, whose commitment and care bring our mission to life every single day.

I look forward to gathering for Mass on Friday and, once again, placing all that we do firmly in God's hands. I hope you can join us.

Our Open House, originally planned for last weekend, is now scheduled for this Sunday from 12:00–2:00 p.m. The classes worked hard researching to decorate our hallways in honor of our 100th anniversary this year. We hope you'll join us for this event as well.

I am deeply thankful for our students, their families, our faculty and staff, our volunteers, and our supporting parishes. Your prayers, flexibility, and encouragement sustain our school—especially during weeks like this one! Even with snow days and rescheduled events, it is a joy to celebrate the shared mission that unites us as a Catholic school community.

Happy Catholic Schools Week!  
Mrs. Durkin



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community



## School News

Enrollment for 2026-27 is open for all students. Please be sure to re-enroll your child this month for 2026-27!

### Thank you!

We're still getting a few donations to wrap up our Moebius Syndrome Awareness Day last week. Thanks to your generosity, SJR raised over \$900 for awareness and research related to this very rare syndrome. It was a pleasure to have Jackson and his family welcome you all to school last Friday and so fun to see all of the purple. Your generosity is heartwarming. Please see some pictures below.



### The Next Step Program Collection

The Next Step Program in Doylestown is a nonprofit dedicated to empowering young adults with disabilities through social opportunities, job support, and skill-building. Their exciting Vision 2030 initiative focuses on creating an inclusive campus with housing, a marketplace, and lifelong learning—fostering independence, dignity, and belonging.

For the past four years during Catholic Schools Week, we have proudly supported our friends at The Next Step Program. Please see the flyer below to learn how we will be helping this year. There is also a link on the flyer to sign up.



### SJR at The Wings! - March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m.

See the flyer below! If we have at least fifty people, we may be able to high five the players as they come out of the tunnel and onto the field to begin the game. This would be our third annual day at the Wings and it's always so much fun!

### New Session of Young Rembrandts begins 2/12

Consider this popular after school art club. See the flyer below.





## More School News

### Fab Lab

Our friends at the Fab Lab are hosting a special STEAM Saturday event on February 7 for students in grades 7-10 on 3D mapping and digital storytelling. See the flyer below.



### SJR CYO Spring registration is now open!

Think Spring!!! And spring sports!

Spring sports being offered are:

- Bantams track for boys and girls in grades 1-3
- Varsity track for boys and girls in grades 4-8
- Girls flag football for grades 5-8
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Please use the following link to register!

<https://stjosephstrobertcyo.sportngin.com/register/form/924735934>

See flyer below for additional information.



# From the Director of Enrollment Mrs. Kathy Williamson

## Re- Enrollment for 2026-27 is Now Open for All Grade Levels

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we kindly encourage our current school families to complete the re-enrollment process this month.

To begin the enrollment process, please go to your family portal in FACTS and select “Enrollment/Re-Enrollment” on the left side.

- Type in your username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please click on the link provided
- Go to left-side Navigation Menu
- Click on Apply/Enroll
- Click on Enrollment/Reenrollment

The process should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Your information will be saved if you need to quit and come back later. If you have any questions, please contact me at [kwilliamso@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamso@stjstr.org)

The application process for BLOCS Scholarship funds for the 2026-2027 academic year is now open. We are excited to announce that the family income limits for BLOCS Scholarship have increased. The handout below outlines the new income brackets for family dependents.

As you begin your family reenrollment, please also begin your BLOCS Scholarship application. If questions, please contact Kathy Williamson at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org).

As always, please Like, Comment, and Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram  
Instagram - @sjrschool and @sjr\_homeandschool  
Facebook - St. Joseph/St. Robert School, SJR Home and School Association  
Please like and share our social media platforms with family and friends!

*Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)*

*BLOCS Tuition Scholarships for 2026-2027*

Application for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit BLOCS Scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year is now **open**. 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.

We are excited that the family income limit has increased to \$116,055 plus \$20,428 for each additional dependent. The limits for each additional dependent are as follows:

1 child: \$136,483

2 children: \$156,911

3 children: \$177,339

4 children: \$197,767

Remember to just add \$20,428 per dependent!

Applications for tuition scholarships are completed through FACTS by visiting:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application fee is \$40.00 & all submissions are strictly confidential. Once you complete an online application, you will be required to attach your 2024 or 2025 Federal Tax forms and all supporting tax schedules. Everything must be submitted to FACTS by **May 22, 2026** 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)**



## **HSA News**

### SJR BASKET RAFFLES!

If you or someone you know are interested in purchasing tickets for the SJR basket, please send payment via Venmo to @SJR-HSA. Tickets are \$10, and we will be accepting payment until 3pm this Friday. Please note in Venmo payment that it is for the SJR basket along with your family name. This amazing basket includes:

- a \$500 tuition voucher toward the 2026-2027 school year
- \$150 gift card to Flynn O'Hara
- SJR gear
- reserved front row seating at the 2026 Christmas Pageant

Not only is this a great prize, but it also helps our Bag Bingo fundraising goal! If you have any questions, please email Samantha Williams at [sjmwilliams13@gmail.com](mailto:sjmwilliams13@gmail.com).

### Bingo Spirit Night at Sopranos

If dad is at home with the kids on Saturday during Bingo or if you need something to bring to Bingo, stop by Sopranos! To support the event they're donating a portion of proceeds back to the school. See the flyer below.

### The Sweetheart Dance

Our sweet annual tradition for the girls and dad or favorite guy is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer below for all of the details. Please note that once again this year Flowers by\_Nicole is providing a convenient way to purchase sweet corsages. See the flyer below.

### HSA Meeting - Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30p.m.

Put our meeting on your calendar. Mrs. Joan Fitzpatrick, The Director of Adult Faith Formation, will be our featured speaker. More details to come!

### Candy Grams!

Buy a candy gram valentine for teachers, staff, friends, or family! A sweet tradition at SJR. See flyer below



Moebius Syndrome Awareness at SJR





**FIREWOLVES**

**VS**



**WINGS**

# **PHILADELPHIA WINGS DAY!**

Scan For Tickets



## March 8th 3:00pm!

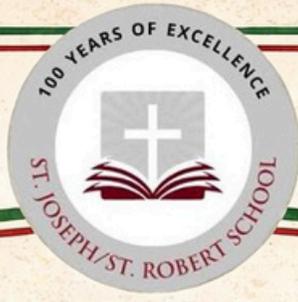


***Come out and cheer on the Philadelphia Wings Lacrosse team! Use the google form to get your tickets starting at \$32!***

***The students will also get the chance to high-five the players as they run onto the field!!***

***Deadline is February 9th for tickets!***

**[CLICK HERE FOR GOOGLE FORM!](#)**



# SPIRIT NIGHT

Support Saint Joseph Saint Robert School (SJR)

Dine for a Cause at  
**Soprano's Pizzeria!**



Saturday, January 31, 2026

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

 **Soprano's Pizzeria**  
1380 Easton Rd  
in the Warrington Shopping Center

*Soprano's*  
PIZZERIA  
& RESTAURANT  
*Discover the Difference*

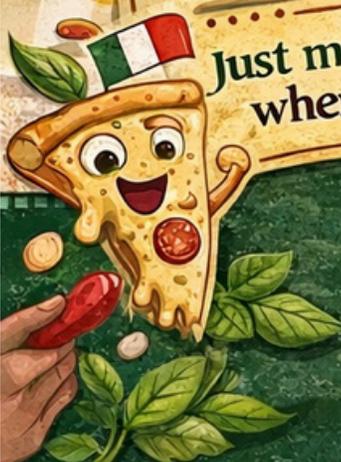
## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Dine In
- Take Out
- Delivery

Just mention **'SJR'**  
when you order!

Your support helps our school –  
and you get a great meal too!

(215) 918-1681





FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 6-8:00 PM

SJR ladies! Invite your favorite guy for a Wicked night of dancing, snacks, games, and photo booth fun!

Tickets are \$35 per couple. \$5 for each additional guest.  
Venmo @SJR\_HSA, check or cash accepted. Please fill out the form and return to Kelly Bontempo c/o Emma 5<sup>th</sup> grade by January 30th.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # OF GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ DATE VENMO SENT \_\_\_\_\_



## Order your corsage for the Sweetheart Dance!

Spray Rose Corsage \$20 each -(Pink, Red, or White)

Call or text - 215-292-6492 to place an order

\*\*\*Pick up your corsage when you check in at the dance \*\*\*

10% of all sales sold for dance will be donated to SJR!

FlowersBy Nicole  
2879 Limekiln Pike  
Glenside Pa 19038  
215-292-6492

# SJR'S DONATION DRIVE

*Benefiting*



**Once again, this year we have the privilege to help **The Next Step Programs!** We will be collecting gift cards and supplies that participants of the Next Step Programs can use for their daily activities as well as skill building lessons. The Evite Sign-Up with a list of items to donate is up and live, [Click Here](#). We will be asking families to sign up for an item or two to bring into school during the collection weeks.**

**Good information to know from last year's collections, is that Gift Card donations were VERY helpful to TNS and were used throughout last year for various activities and supplies in need. We do ask that if you donate a gift card, please try to write the value of the gift card as this is helpful to know when they go to use it.**

**We are kicking off the donation during Catholic Schools Week on Wednesday, January 28th. That day, Josh Fields, CEO of The Next Step Programs will come and speak on SJR Today. He will update the students on all the exciting new things happening at TNS and the impact SJR's donations has on them.**

**COLLECTION BEGINS on Thursday, January 29th and it will run for two weeks. The last day of the collection is February 12th. There will be a bin outside the office for donation collection. Please place all Gift Cards in the box that will be in the office labeled "TNS GIFT CARDS."**

**EVITE SIGN-UP LINK: <https://evite.me/FwDWvTyH3M>**

**Any questions please reach out to Nikki DeGuida at [NMartella1@comcast.net](mailto:NMartella1@comcast.net)**

**Please consider following The Next Step Programs on Instagram and Facebook to follow all the amazing things they do in the community and all the exciting news happening at TNS! [Facebook -TNS](#) and [Instagram- TNS](#).**

**Thank you so much for considering donating to this wonderful organization!**



Founded in 2015, The Next Step Programs, is nonpro fit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for people with disabilities as they age out of the public school system.

"Our programs help students and adults with disabilities build skills for employment, independent living, and planning for their futures. We also work with community employers and businesses around the region to provide training and support for hiring and accommodating workers with disabilities."

For more information about the program [click here](#) or go to <https://tnsprogram.org>.

# Catholic Schools Week Community Care Event Fundraiser Challenge



**Warrington Crossing  
Warminster**



**January 26th - 29th  
4:30-7:00pm**

**ONLY Mobile Order through the Chick-fil-A App**

**St. Joseph/St. Robert  
Warrington Crossing  
160 Easton Road  
Warrington**



**Nativity of Our Lord  
Warminster  
45 W. Street Road  
Warminster**

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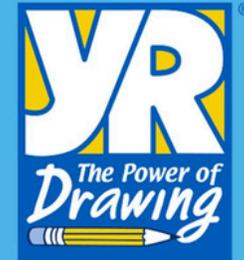
**\*School Codes are case sensitive.**

## How it works:

- Winner determined by Highest Combined Daily Sales.
- Winner Receives 15% of Total Sales & a visit from the Chick-fil-A Cow at the CSW Pep Rally.
- Runner-up receives 10% of Total Sales.
- All Mobile Orders placed during the allotted time that have entered the school code will count as part of the fundraiser challenge.
- Challenge does not include app scans at the register or orders placed through our delivery partners: DoorDash/Uber Eats/Grubhub.

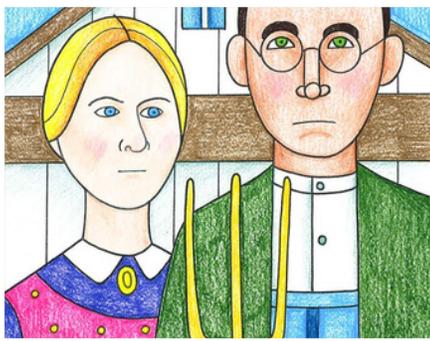


# Elementary Drawing Classes for Kids



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  
02/12/2026 - 04/09/2026  
(No class 4/2)



### Tuition

\$150  
(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

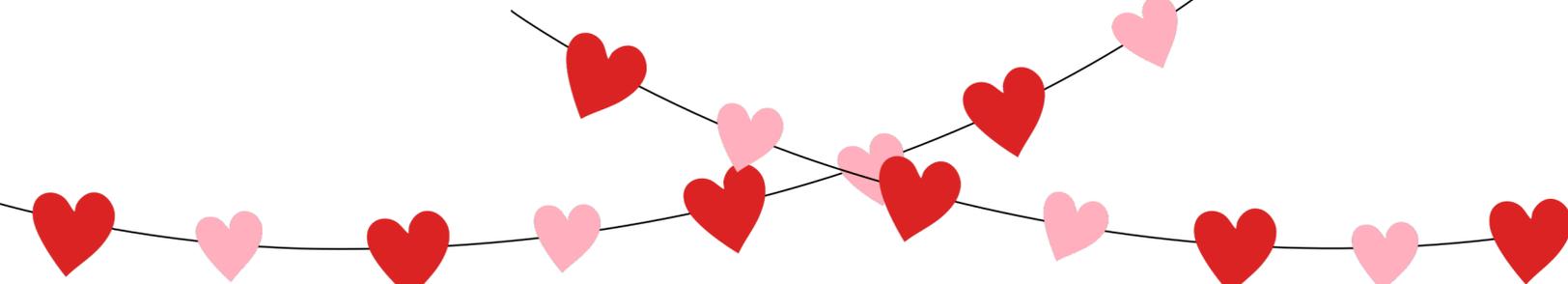


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**SJR VALENTINE'S DAY**  
**Candy Grams**

**THE SJR CUPIDS WILL BE DELIVERING VALENTINES ON  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.**

**BUY A CANDY GRAM FOR FRIENDS, TEACHERS, STAFF OR FAMILY.**

**SEND \$1.00 AND MESSAGE IN ENVELOPE FOR EACH GRAM TO  
LAUREN KULP C/O MAEVE KULP GRADE 7 BY FEBRUARY 11.**

**CANDY GRAMS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE KIDS TO  
PURCHASE DURING LUNCH ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AND  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.**

**EACH CANDY GRAM WILL INCLUDE A LOLLIPOP AND WILL BE  
DELIVERED TO CLASSROOMS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.**

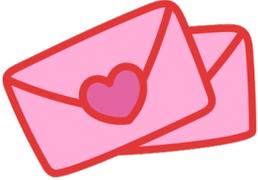


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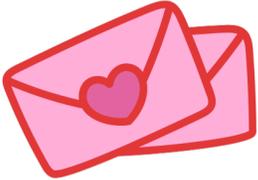
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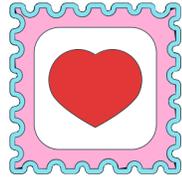
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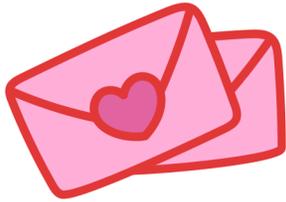
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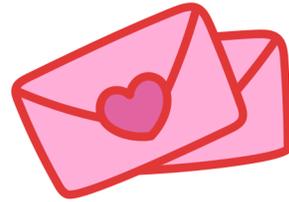
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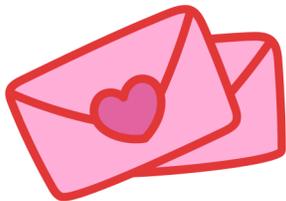
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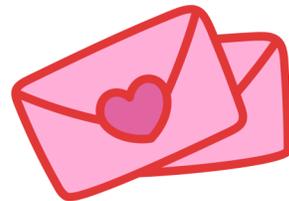
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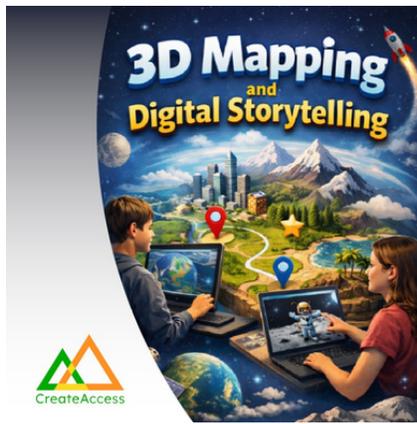
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Co-ed HS Volleyball

Please use the following link to register!

<https://stjosephstrobertcyo.sportngin.com/register/form/924735934> Registration closes 2/25/2026. Any registration after registration closes, will be charged a \$50 late fee.

Contact Sarah Jaskowiak with any additional questions at Sarah.g4@hotmail.com



## A Special STEAM Saturday Event



Kids will build interactive 3D maps using real-world terrain and beginner-friendly mapping tools. They will highlight meaningful places such as their own community, favorite locations, or dream destinations while learning how digital maps are used to tell stories and share information. Kids will also have the opportunity to experiment with animated elements and explore how 3D environments are created for games, simulations, and digital media.

**This event is generously sponsored by Bentley Systems and Create Access.**

<b>DATE - TIME</b>	February 7, 2026 from 12:30 - 3:00pm
<b>COST</b>	\$5 Non-Refundable Reservation Fee
<b>FOR</b>	Children in grades 7-10
<b>LOCATION</b>	Fab Lab Center, One Ivybrook Blvd., Suite 190, Warminster, PA 18974

[CLICK HERE for DETAILS and to REGISTER](#)

## And More Fab Lab Events...Register Now!



**Fab Lab Grand Prix:  
MarioKartMadness!**  
Jan. 23 from 5:30 - 7:00pm

Kids will race their way to victory using Nintendo Switch in this action-packed tournament featuring Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. Whether drifting like a pro or just learning the tracks, everyone is welcome to join the race!

[Details-Register](#)



**eSports Club**  
Jan. 26 - Mar.2  
5:30 - 7:00pm

Ready to level up your gaming skills? Join us for 5 weeks of friendly eSports challenges featuring favorites like Minecraft, Mario Kart, and Super Smash Bros. on the Nintendo Switch.

[Details-Register](#)

Follow Us on Social Media



For the details on all upcoming events, go to our website:

[www.BucksIU.org/FabLab/Events](http://www.BucksIU.org/FabLab/Events)

# ARCHBISHOP WOOD BOYS BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP

# 2026

Please save the date for our  
Boys Basketball Summer Camp

Save the Date

 JUL 17 June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 26th

 Location: Archbishop Wood High School

 Who: Grades 3rd - 8th

 Cost: \$190.00

More details, including registration information  
& camp schedule will be shared soon.

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the DATE

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