



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN
February 4, 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,

I love being part of such a vibrant school community! Our Open House, despite being postponed, was well attended by current families and prospective families. The positive energy was wonderful! I'm so grateful to Mrs. Williamson, our faculty and staff, our student ambassadors, and all of you who were able to attend!

The celebration continued on Monday when we had our alumni speaker, Mr. Bob Long, come to speak with the third-eighth graders about his career as a sports broadcaster for high school sports. February is a busy and exciting month, too! We have our Sweetheart Dance to look forward to this weekend. Additionally, we'll be celebrating our 100th Day of our 100th year on February 12th! The day before Lent, we will have our traditional Donut Day.

We'll begin our observance of Lent together at Mass on Ash Wednesday. All are welcome.

We're in the midst of our enrollment season. Please be sure to enroll your child and like/share any of the Instagram and Facebook posts to broaden our reach to the local community. We're having a shadow day to welcome some prospective students on February 17th and we'd love to include some more.

Please be sure to go to the google form to sign up for how you can help SJR support the important work of The Next Step Program. We've partnered with them for several years and are delighted to do so again. <https://evite.me/FwDWvTyH3M> For more information about the program please visit <https://tnsprogram.org/>

Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and partnership in all that makes SJR such a special place for our students to learn, grow, and thrive. I am grateful every day for this wonderful community we share.

Gratefully,
Mrs. Durkin





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 8th 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
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- JV baseball for boys in grades 5-6
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- Co-ed HS Volleyball

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

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.

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



HSA News

The Sweetheart Dance

Our sweet annual tradition for the girls and dad or favorite guy is scheduled for February 7th. 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 Cancelled

Our meeting scheduled for Monday evening is cancelled as the scheduled speaker is unable to join us. We will host our meeting in the spring.

Candy Grams!

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





FIREWOLVES

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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!



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

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>.

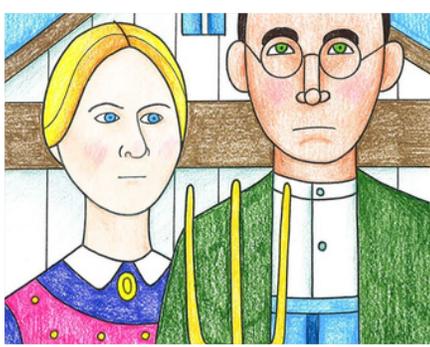


Elementary Drawing Classes for Kids



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



Scan or visit
youngrembrandts.com to
find a class near you

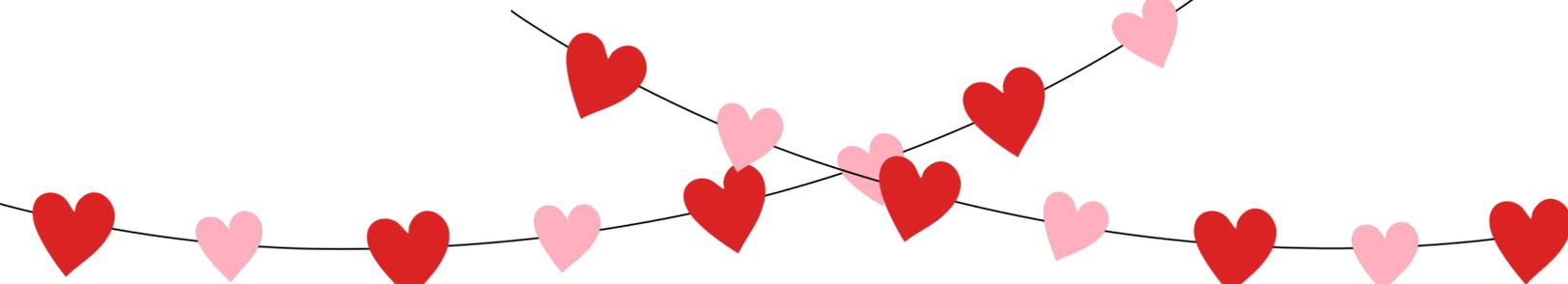


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SJR VALENTINE'S DAY
Candy Grams

**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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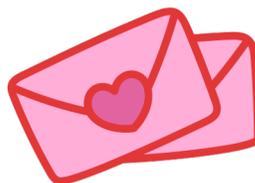


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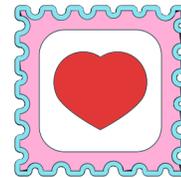


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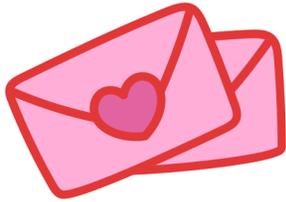


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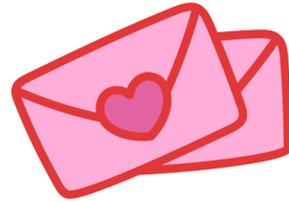


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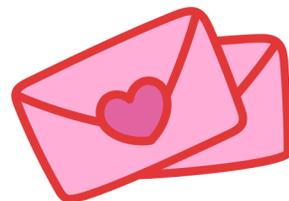


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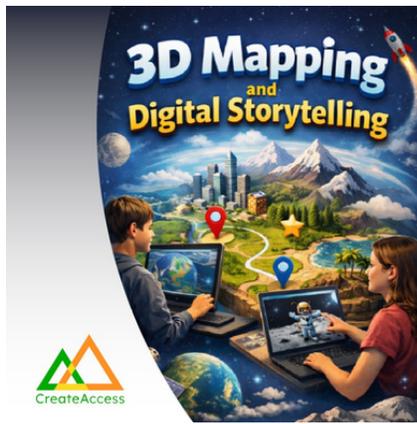
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Co-ed HS Volleyball

Please use the following link to register!

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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.

DATE - TIME	February 7, 2026 from 12:30 - 3:00pm
COST	\$5 Non-Refundable Reservation Fee
FOR	Children in grades 7-10
LOCATION	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