



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN
February 11, 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,

Tomorrow we will celebrate a very special milestone – the 100th Day of our 100th Year at SJR! Students will take part in classroom activities centered around the number 100, enjoy a little “Prizes, Prizes, Prizes,” and hear from a special guest: an SJR alum who is now a reporter for NBC10. It’s a wonderful opportunity for our students in grades 3–8 to see how the foundation built here can open doors to exciting paths in the future.

This celebration is also a meaningful reminder of the generations of families, faculty, alumni, priests, and sisters who have shaped SJR into the community it is today. We are grateful to our parents for your continued support and partnership, and to our dedicated teachers for the dedication, care, and energy you bring to our classrooms each day.

As we mark this milestone, we are especially mindful that SJR’s story is not only about years and numbers, but about faith. For 100 years, this school has been a place where students grow not only in knowledge, but in their relationship with God. The values rooted here have guided generations of students, and that same spirit continues to guide us today.

We thank God for the many blessings He has poured out on SJR over the past 100 years. We pray that He continues to guide our students, families, and teachers as we grow in faith, knowledge, and love. We trust that He will help us to carry forward the mission that began here a century ago, and that we will continue to serve Him in all we do.

Thank you for all that you do to support SJR.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





School News



Young Rembrandt's

The start of the new session is pushed back two weeks to allow for enrollment. The group was too small to run yet. So, if you're interested, please sign up asap (see the flyer) but note that the dates will now be 2/26-4/9 with no class on 4/2.

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



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.

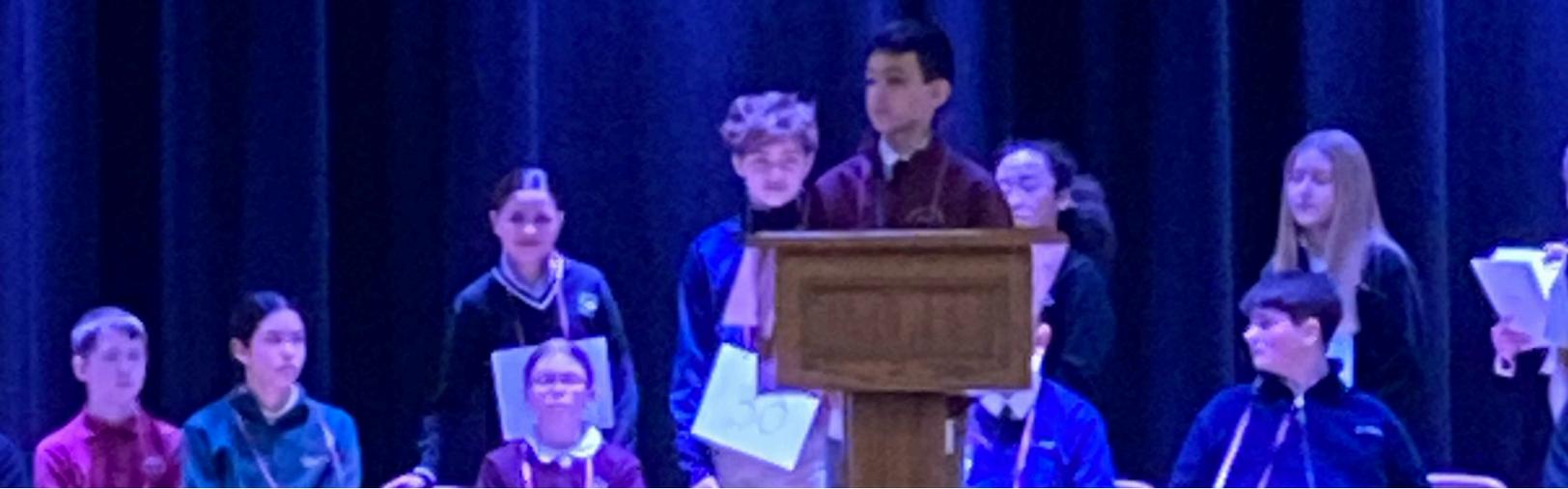


SJR at The Wings! - March 8th at 3:00p.m.

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 tomorrow.

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



More School News



**Spend the Day Exploring
St. Joseph/St. Robert School**

*Interested Students Entering
1st to 7th Grades*

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Students will be paired with a grade buddy and
experience an exciting day at SJR.

Registration Required

Call Today

215.343.5100

www.stjstr.org



Grants & Scholarships Available




*Get the
scoop on
Kindergarten*
St. Joseph St. Robert School

Thinking of kindergarten for your child?
Come see what makes our half-day & full-day so special!
We invite you to get the inside scoop on kindergarten
meet our teachers • explore our classrooms • experience the joy of learning

Tuesday, February 17th - 10:30AM-11:30AM
Monday, February 23rd - 10:30AM-11:30AM

**\$1,000 Welcome Grant for all students entering kindergarten
from the Foundation for Catholic Education**

Register now online at www.stjstr.org
or call 215-343-5100
850 Euclid Ave. Warrington, PA 18976






CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our Patron Award recipients for the month of January.

Lacey, Henry, Giavonna, and Wade were acknowledged for being wonderful models of the virtues of charity and kindness!

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.

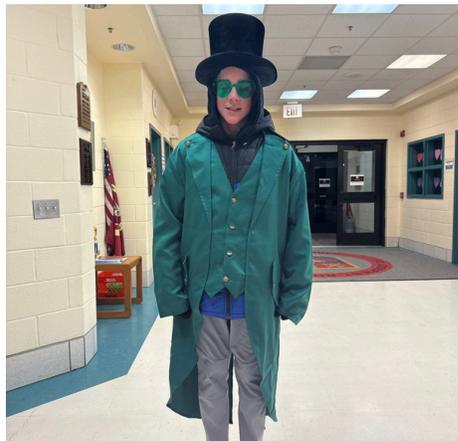
Questions about the application process can be directed to FACTS at 866-441-4637. In addition, you may contact Kathy Williamson at: kwilliamson@stjstr.org



HSA News

The Sweetheart Dance

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Sweetheart Dance such a memorable evening! From the decorations to the music, and especially to all the parents and volunteers who helped the night run smoothly, it was a wonderful celebration.



Candy Grams!

Candy Grams will be delivered this Friday! Thank you to all who participated and helped spread a little extra joy around the school. Whether you sent one to a friend, a teacher, or a classmate, these treats are a fun way to show kindness and brighten someone's day.



Mother-Son Bowling

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, March 15th, join us at Thunderbird Lanes from 3:00–5:00 p.m. for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and friendly competition. It's a great chance for mothers and sons to spend quality time together. Please see the flyer below for details and return your registration by Friday, February 27th to reserve your spot.



Donut Day!

It's hard to believe but Tuesday is Donut Day at SJR in anticipation of Ash Wednesday on the 18th. You don't need to do anything - but please reach out to your child's teacher if you have concerns about allergies.



Sunday, March 15th, 3-5pm
Thunderbird Lanes (1475 Street Road)
\$18 per bowler

Includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, & drinks. Max 6 bowlers per lane. A bowling pin trophy will go to the mother/son team with top single game high score (one for PreK-4th and one for 5th-8th). Arrangements can be made if you have 2 or more sons - you can all bowl together or invite a mother figure to bowl with each additional child.

***Please complete form below and return to Paulie Klein (Grade 3)
no later than **Friday, February 27th**.***

Contact Diana Klein with any questions at dbdemp@gmail.com

of Sons: _____ x \$18.00 = _____

Mothers/Mother Figures: _____ x \$18.00 = _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Child(ren) Name(s) & Grades: _____

Cash: _____ Check(payable to SJR HSA): _____ Date Venmo Sent: _____

**please submit form even if paying via Venmo*



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!

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!



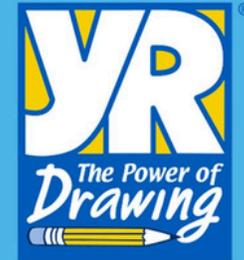
Founded in 2015, The Next Step Programs, is nonpro fit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for people with disabilities as they age out of the public school system.

"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>.

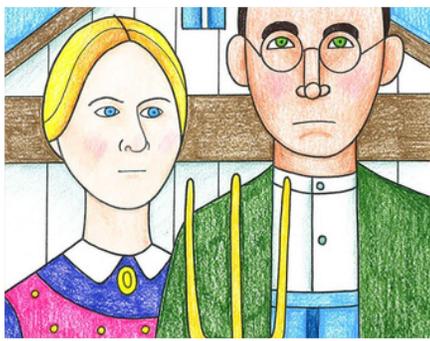


Elementary Drawing Classes for Kids



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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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