



St. Joseph/St. Robert School Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DURKIN
February 25, 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,

As we make our way through these snowy days, it's hard to believe that spring is almost here — even if the weather hasn't gotten the memo yet! The days are getting a little longer and the Phillies are in spring training. That's always a sure sign that warmer days can't be too far off.

One of the real highlights of this week was seeing our students in grades 1–8 come together to pray the Stations of the Cross. It's such a powerful thing to watch our children enter into Lent with reverence and thoughtfulness. Taking that time to slow down, reflect, and pray as a school community is such an important part of who we are. Even as we move through this season of preparation, we're reminded that spring — and especially Easter — is just around the corner.

I also noticed in the bulletin at St. Robert Bellarmine Church that Amalio's Pizza - 1145 York Rd is donating \$1 from every pizza ordered on Fridays during Lent to SJR when you mention St. Robert Bellarmine. A great way to support the school and make Friday dinner a little easier!

Thank you for your flexibility these past few weeks as we've dealt with the ups and downs of winter weather. I'm so grateful for your patience and partnership — it truly makes all the difference.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





School News

Basketball Camp at SJR!

SJR will be hosting a three half-day Basketball Camp on Tuesday, August 11; Wednesday, August 12; and Thursday, August 13 in Msgr. Marley Hall. This co-ed camp is open to all 7-11-year-olds. Please see the attached flyer for full camp details.

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Dress Down Day - Wednesday, March 4

Join us as we support one of our alumni, Bella '25, in her efforts to raise funds for Blood Cancer United (formerly The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society). She is working with her team, The Cure Crusaders, to fund research, advocacy, and support for families affected by blood cancer. Students may dress down with a donation of \$2 or more.

Thank you for your generosity!

Young Rembrandt's

The start of the new session begins tomorrow and will run from 2/26-4/9 with no class on 4/2. There's still time to join! See flyer below.

Art Goes to School of Delaware Valley

Volunteers from this non-profit volunteer organization are bringing art appreciation classes to SJR this week. They are in classrooms today through Friday. Art Goes to School is supported by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the James A. Michener Art Museum. We look forward to welcoming them again this year!

Health Screenings

On Wednesday, March 11, a team of nurses from Central Bucks School District will be on site to complete our annual health screenings. Those include:

- Scoliosis - Grades 6 & 7
- Hearing - Grades K - 3 and Grade 7
- Vision - Grades K-8
- Height/Weight - K-8





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

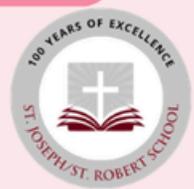


Wednesday, March 4th - 10:30AM-11:30AM

\$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



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

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!

Phillies Ballpark Lunch

Pitchers and catchers reported last week and the rest of the team arrived in Clearwater this week. Spring training is underway which can only mean two things: spring is just around the corner and our Phillies Ballpark Lunch will be coming up on Friday, April 24th. No need for any action.....just a nice thought!





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*

SJR SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP



**HOSTED BY COACH MAC OF
LET'S GROW SPORTS**

**3 DAY CAMP
9AM-12PM**

**AGES 7-11, CO-ED
\$149 PER PLAYER**

SIBLING RATES INCLUDED

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

SIGN UP:

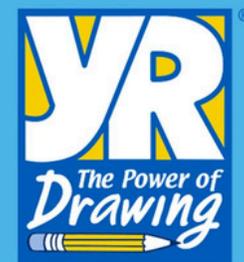
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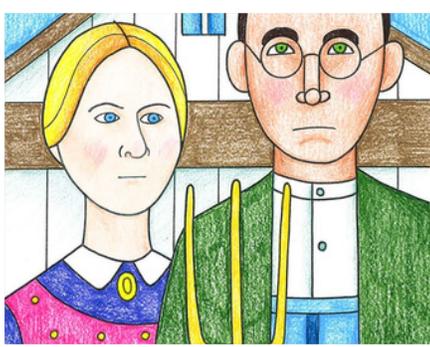


Elementary Drawing Classes for Kids



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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)



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Enroll In Music Lessons or Summer Camps!



Sign up now for music lessons at Bach to Rock Warminster. We offer private lessons in guitar, bass, drums, piano/keyboard, vocals, ukulele, horns, DJ, Beat Making, and more! We also have several group lessons for early education from toddlers through kindergarten. We'll work with you to find the best time to fit your busy fall schedules. Don't wait, start lessons now.

At Bach to Rock you can choose from [private music lessons](#), [group music classes](#), and ensemble programs like [Band](#) and [Glee Club](#)! Our music programs include [toddler](#), [preschool](#), [early childhood](#), and [adult lessons](#). We welcome students of all ages, skill, and experience levels. With our [unique approach](#), students get to learn from music pros, practice with peers, and grab the spotlight at Bach to Rock events!

See the website for information about lessons, summer camps, and more!

Bach to Rock has been a proud sponsor of SJR events and we're happy to share their information.