

St. James School
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Saber Stories

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MISSION STATEMENT

Saint James School provides a quality Catholic education inspired by the Sisters of Mercy and based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. We strive to develop the full potential of every child, to encourage service to others, and to build a foundation for independent life-long learning.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SCHOOL RESUMES ON JANUARY 2

- Keep sending in Box Tops
- Registration for 2018-2019 starts at the beginning of February for current students and mid-February for new students



SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

This year, we are changing the formally known "Gala" to a more casual "Soirée" with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, raffle baskets and live and silent auctions. It will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Sabers Den at 73 Park Street in Manchester.

Invitations with event details to follow in January.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Catholic Schools Month:
"Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

	NO SCHOOL-HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Jan. 1	
Jan. 2	School resumes
Jan. 4	HSA Evening Meeting, 7-8PM, Cafeteria
Jan. 5	HSA Morning Meeting, 9:30-10:30AM, Lower Church Ski Club Mt. Southington
Jan. 8	School Board Meeting, 6PM
Jan. 10	Rosary, 8:15AM, Gym Counting Box Tops, 2PM
Jan. 14	St. James School Children's Mass, 9AM, Church
Jan. 15	NO SCHOOL-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Jan. 17	7 th Grade Science Fair, 9-11:30AM, Gym
Jan. 18	Staff Meeting, 2:20PM
Jan. 19	Mid-Term Progress Check Ski Club Mt. Southington
Jan. 20	Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest (Ages 9-14), 1-5PM, St. James School
Jan. 24	HALF DAY, 12:05PM DISMISSAL
Jan. 25	Staff PLC Meeting, 2:20PM
Jan. 26	HSA Family Fun Night, 6:30-8PM, Cafeteria
Jan. 30	Open House Event, K-8 th Grade, 8:30-10AM
Jan. 31	School Mass, 9:15AM, Church



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NOTES

The Saint James School Bands performed two Christmas concerts on Wednesday, December 6th for the school and the parents. This year's eighth graders did an excellent job narrating the program and playing percussion. The Eastern Regional Band students opened the concert with "Russians Sailor's Dance." They were followed by the Beginning Band which performed "A Band Christmas Card" with Jake Gangloff's Dad on trumpet. They were joined by Brianna Flores' Dad. The Intermediate Band performed three Christmas pieces: "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", "Christmas Kings Carols" and "Blue Christmas" with Marion Patsalides' Mom on flute. The Advanced Band was the last to perform. They opened with Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" followed by "Christmas Chimes", "Frosty the Snowman" and ending with "The Grinch." They were joined by Michael Flores' Dad on tenor and Marion Patsalides' Mom on flute. Mr. Corcoran would like to thank the parents who helped the students with their band uniforms before and after the concert.

On January 25 and January 26, Saint James School will host the 2018 All State Auditions.



THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all who gave Christmas gifts and goodies to the Staff and Administration.

We wish you a very Happy 2018!

Mrs. Zorger and the Saint James School Staff

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCES

The semi-formal dance scheduled for Friday, December 15th will be rescheduled. A new date will be announced soon.

Saint Bridget School of Manchester will be hosting the last Middle School Dance on Friday, March 9, 2018. Please go to the Saint James School website for the permission slip for the dance. The dances begin at 7PM and ends promptly at 9:30PM. Parents are required to sign their children in and out of the dance. For each dance, there is a \$5.00 charge per student.



NEW BEGINNINGS

We want to wish Mrs. Carpino good luck in her new role as a children's librarian. We will miss her gentle spirit and faith-filled teaching in the first grade. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Barbara Alexander who will be our new first grade teacher. Mrs. Alexander joins us with many years of experience as a certified elementary teacher. She has worked and volunteered at Saint James School for many years and her two children are graduates of Saint James School. We are sure Mrs. Alexander's experience and familiarity with the students and Saint James School will help make for a smooth transition.

NO PARKING

Did you know that there is **NO PARKING** in front of the main school building and in front of the white house across the street from the school to the corner of Park and Otis Streets? Please take a look at the signs posted by the Manchester Police Department. Many parents park, leave their car, and go into the school building for school business or to pick up their child/children. Other parents sit in their car waiting for their child/children to enter/exit the school or waiting for a family member who enters the school to pick up a child/children. The Manchester Police Department patrols all schools, many times at arrival and dismissal time, and no one wants to be issued a ticket for stopping or parking in a **NO PARKING ZONE**. Please follow the signs at all times and do not stop or park directly in front of the school or across the street from the school. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Please do not park in the space marked as "RESERVED" in the **staff lot between the Main School and the Pre-Kindergarten facility**. This spot was purchased by a school family during our 2017 Gala and is to be used **ONLY** by the person that purchased it. Thank you for your attention to this.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

During the season with inclement weather, the decision to have a delayed opening, snow day, or early dismissal is made by the Manchester school system. The announcement, "Manchester Public Schools", is made on TV stations WVIT (NBC "Channel 30") and WFSB (CBS "Channel 3"), and their websites www.nbcconnecticut.com, and www.wfsb.com. **Please sign up for automatic email or text notification at either of these websites.** If you do not have email or texting capabilities, please listen and watch for these announcements on the radio, computer, or TV and have plans in place between you and your child/ren for early dismissals. If a delayed opening is announced, continue to check for updates in case a later announcement cancels school.

THERE IS NO BEFORE SCHOOL CARE ON LATE OPENING DAYS AND EXTENDED DAY CARE IS CANCELLED ON EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Saint James School has been invited to participate in the 47th Annual Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10, 2018. We hope that you and your family will join us for this fun event!



DRAMA CLUB NEWS

Drama Club will begin in January for Grades 5th-7th. There will be weekly meetings where students will work on drama and performance skills with skits being performed. More information will be sent out.



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Important message to Grade 6 students: The State of Connecticut requires every 6th Grade student to have a current physical assessment on file in their school health record before entering Grade 7 in September 2018. These blue forms are available in the nurse's office. If you have any questions or have not returned the health forms, please contact Mrs. Vignati, the school nurse, as soon as possible.

Absence Calls: Please contact the school as early as possible each day your child is home sick.
mainoffice@saintjameschool.net

Cold and Cough Reminders

1. Be sure your child is dressed appropriately to keep warm in cold weather. Apply Chapstick to help prevent chapped lips. Send water bottles to school with your child.
2. The best treatment for colds is rest and fluids. Always contact your child's physician for advice.
3. Keep your child home from school if he/she is not feeling well, is frequently coughing with complaints of not feeling well, has a temperature, or diarrhea/nausea, vomiting, a thick, colored discharge from the nose, or a skin rash or eye drainage of unknown origin. Please call your child's physician for advice.

Encourage General Healthy Habits for Everyone

1. Good hand washing to prevent spreading of germs and viruses.
2. Don't share eating utensils or cups.
3. Cough or sneeze into your elbow (not your hand) or use a tissue, and wash hands frequently.
4. Don't share combs, brushes, or hats.
5. Eat breakfast every day to enhance alertness and good performance, and to avoid midmorning complaints of headache/stomachache/weakness.
6. Encourage regular bedtimes.

Contact school office with any changes to your child's emergency contact information (blue and white cards).

We have been in school for four months and each day, there are many children late for school. This is an extremely serious problem, as too many children are tardy, sometimes the same children every day. The children should not be running into school after the first bell to get into a class line that is passing, running down the main hallway or being dropped off in the office to be taken to the classroom by a staff member. This is a disruption for the children and staff members in the office and classrooms. Children should be at school no later than 7:50AM each day to line up with their classmates to go into the classroom in a calm and orderly manner to start the school day.

In the morning, a telephone call should be made to the office, if your child is arriving late. The excused reasons for being late are medical appointments, family emergencies and weather/transportation problems. Oversleeping, leaving home late and hectic morning schedules are not excused reasons for being late.

If your child arrives to school after 7:55AM, he/she needs to enter the school with a parent and be signed in. As stated in the Parent/Student Handbook, after three (3) (unexcused) tardies, a detention will be issued.

Please parents, teach your children a valuable life lesson of “being on time for life’s events of a job, school and appointments.” We, at Saint James School, strive to help each child become responsible students and conscientious citizens. We also strive to help them develop the skills necessary for a successful future. We think that punctuality is a crucial asset to nurture a sense of responsibility in each child. Please help your child/children meet their obligation to arrive at school on time each morning. They will then have the opportunity to socialize with their friends, enter their classroom with their classmates, and then be prepared to start their daily activities on time.

We appreciate your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Zorger

HONOR ROLL-FIRST TRIMESTER**HIGH HONORS****GRADE 6**

David LaMonica
 Aaron Mickiewicz
 Alejandro Oyewole
 Marion Patsalides
 Isabel Taclawan

GRADE 7

Benjamin Creamer
 Michael Flores
 Sean Leary
 Kaitlyn Nyberg
 Divya Patel
 Abigail Ray

GRADE 8

Lillian Bluestein
 Matthew Bulger
 Jonathan Green
 Katherine Green
 Nicholas Guenther
 Alexis Jablonecki
 Margo Kamis
 Lindsay O'Neill
 Emma Wojnarowski

GENERAL HONORS**GRADE 6**

Benjamin Blackwell
 Andrew Burnham
 Bradley Bushnell
 Ryan Chacaga
 Sarah Christina
 Charlotte Covill
 Michael Creamer
 Peter Famiglietti
 Deklon Garcia
 Carson Herr
 Gabriella Italia
 Isabella Jablonecki
 Luke Milite
 Braedan Pagani
 Henry Peeler
 William Reilly
 Holden Riley
 Shreya Senthil
 Mario Watson

GRADE 7

Andrew Alberts
 Vincent Cavallo
 Faith Crawford
 Samuel DeSantos
 Emma Desautels
 Ethan DesRocher
 Evan Gangloff
 Lukas Ghezzi
 Paolo Iacobello
 Maximus Italia
 Nicholas Kalb
 Daniel Levin
 Aiden Liptrap
 Norah McCauliffe
 Eva O'Brien
 Margaret O'Callaghan
 Evanthea Parsons
 Alex Pelletier
 Robert Perry
 Benjamin Post
 Lauren Toomey
 Andrew Tran
 Jillian Vichi
 Colin Williams

GRADE 8

Riza Baah
 Ryan Barry, Jr.
 Conor Bernier
 Kevin Canny
 Peyton Carpenter
 Madison Carroll
 Jake Crowley
 Tahlia Crowley
 Mia Decker
 Rachel Donnelly
 Isis Edwards
 Samuel Famiglietti
 John Flores
 Ajay Ganesh
 Kevin Leger
 Ernest Lowe
 Catherine Marek
 Mainzaniseyi Mutsengi
 Kendra Ntoni
 Benito Pagani
 Nicole Paquette
 Michael Reilly
 Emma St. Jean
 Farah Suede
 Aubrey Wyman

Congratulations!