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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 2019-2020 starts at the beginning of February for current students and mid-February for new students



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 2019!

Mrs. Zorger and the Saint James School Staff

JANUARY CALENDAR

	NO SCHOOL-HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Jan. 1	
Jan. 2	School resumes
Jan. 3	HSA Evening Meeting, 7-8PM, Cafeteria
Jan. 4	HSA Morning Meeting, 8-9AM, Lower Church
Jan. 7	School Board Meeting, 6PM
Jan. 8	Box Tops Counted, 2PM
Jan. 9	Rosary, 8:15AM, Gym
Jan. 10	Staff Meeting, 2:15PM
Jan. 12	Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
Jan. 13	St. James School Children's Mass, 9AM, Church
Jan. 16	HALF DAY, 12:05PM DISMISSAL FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Jan. 18	Mid-Term Progress Report Ski/Snowboard Club
Jan. 21	NO SCHOOL-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Jan. 23	7 th Grade Science Fair, Gym
Jan. 24	Staff PLC Meeting, 2:15PM
Jan. 25	Ski/Snowboard Club All State Band Auditions, 4-9pm, Gym HSA Family Paint Night, 6-8PM, Cafeteria
Jan. 26	All State Band Auditions, Gym
Jan. 27	All State Band Auditions, Gym
Jan. 29	Prospective Family Open House, Grades K-8, 8:30-10AM
Jan. 30	School Mass, 9:15AM, Church



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 2019. 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@saintjameesschool.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).

SAVE THE DATE

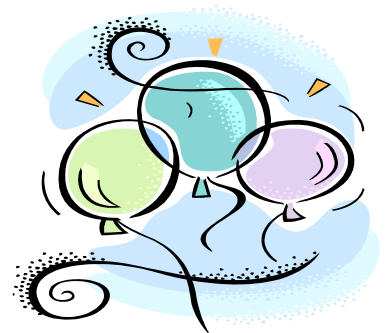
2ND ANNUAL SILVER AND GOLD SOIREE

Saturday, March 23, 2019 is the day;
For the Saint James School 2nd Annual Silver & Gold Soiree!

If you were unable to attend the last event, have no fear;
We are planning it in a similar manner this year!

Live and silent auctions, raffles, music and food;
And of course friendly conversations, to put everyone in a good mood!

More details and invitations to come in the weeks ahead;
But mark your calendars so another event does not get booked instead!





RESCHEDULED DATES FOR SAINT JAMES SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

The ski/snowboard club has rescheduled its dates. **THE NEW DATES ARE: JANUARY 18TH, JANUARY 25TH, FEBRUARY 8TH, FEBRUARY 14TH and FEBRUARY 26TH.**



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NOTES

The school's bands performed two concerts on Wednesday, December 5th 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 "Everyone Loves a March." They were followed by the Beginning Band which, due to a good enrollment of summer lessons, the band was able to perform two Intermediate Band arrangements, "Good King Wenceslas" and "Jolly Old St. Nicholas." The Intermediate Band performed three Advanced Band arrangements, "Bells of Winter," "Blue Christmas" and "Stomping on the Housetop" with Natalie Rutar's mother on flute. The Advanced Band performed on tenor. The Advanced Band was the last band to perform and their concert included "Christmas Chimes," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Dance of the Reed Flutes" and "North Pole Sleigh Ride." They were joined by Marion Patsalides' mother on flute and Michael, Brianna Flores's father on clarinet.

On January 25th and 26th Saint James School will host the 2019 All State auditions.

EARLY DISMISSAL REQUEST

At the request of our teachers, if your child is being dismissed early from school for an appointment, please try to send an email **to the teacher the evening before** or send a note to school with your student – particularly on the upper floor where students are switching classes. While we understand it is sometimes hard to get appointments outside of school time, it can be very disruptive to teaching time when students need to get into their desks/lockers to get their books to go home. If the student/teacher are aware of the dismissal, they can be prepared ahead of time. Thank you for helping with this request.



SCHOOL MASS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 9AM

Please join us for the Children's Mass at St. James Church. Students from the school will be greeters, gift bearers as well as a reader. The school choir will be singing as well. Coffee and donuts will be served after Mass in the church basement.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Dear Saint James School Parents,

With the new year, let's bring renewed attention to our arrival and dismissal routines.

When bringing your children to school in the morning, you have two choices. If you are choosing to "drop off" please use the whole length of Park Street starting at the corner of Church St. and Park St. all the way until the entrance to our playground between the Pre-K building and main school building. This will help with the flow. Remember this is a drop-off area, which means:

- only students are getting out of the car
- they don't need any assistance getting out of the car
- they have their backpacks and instruments with them- not in the trunk
- students are ready to get out of the car- they are done tying shoes, they are done with breakfast, etc.

A second choice at drop-off is you would like to stop your car and assist your child in getting out of the car, walk your child to the entrance of school, or your child is not ready to get out of the car. If this is the case, parking options are:

- The West side of Otis Street
- The South side of Park Street
- The North side of Park St. beginning from the Pre-Kindergarten building down to Chestnut St.
- St. James Church parking lot
- Our school playground lot between the Pre-K building and the Main school building.

At dismissal we have a lot more cars trying to find parking since students need to be picked up by someone present at dismissal. Parking options are the same as above. This is the best time to use the St. James Church parking lot. If you are parking on the street, please pay attention to the parking signs- there are some that say no parking, some that designate times of no parking. There is no parking between the hours of 7-9 and 1-3 in front of the school, on Park Street, from the corner of Church St. and the playground entrance.

We have received calls from neighbors over the past several weeks with complaints and concerns regarding:

- Blocking driveways during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.
- The blocking of trash cans and recycle bins at the curb on Friday mornings (meaning the trash/recycles don't get picked up); and
- Speeding through area roads/not fully stopping at stop signs (specifically at Chestnut and Park Street, where students are out waiting for buses).

We have also received a letter from our neighbor, St. Mary's Church, with the decision to no longer allow our families to use their parking lot. Their own parishioners cannot get in their parking lot for meetings and to use their parish office because of our families parking there. So parking in St. Mary's parking lot at any time of day is not an option.

Please pass this along to everyone who brings your child/ren to school and/or picks them up.

I appreciate everyone paying attention to these procedures. We have many students who arrive and are picked up by car. Please exhibit patience for the safety of our students. As always, we thank you for your efforts to make our school the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Zorger

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

Alexander Bulger
Brianna Flores
Michael Machewirth
Zachary Nyberg

GRADE 7

Annabelle Krueger
Aaron Mickiewicz
Alejandro Oyewole
Marion Patsalides
Shreya Senthil
Isabel Taclawan

GRADE 8

Benjamin Creamer
Michael Flores
Nicholas Kalb
Sean Leary
Daniel Levin
Kaitlyn Nyberg
Divya Patel
Abigail Ray
Lauren Toomey
Jillian Vichi

GENERAL HONORS**GRADE 6**

Anya Avis
Stefaniya Barbieri
Samantha Creamer
William DesRocher
Jason Dufresne
Maya Fisher
Monique Garcia
Patricia Kearney
Mary LaMonica
Alexander McBride
Aidan McCauliffe
Ethan Miller
Igor Muniz
Marko Paxi
AveryPrewo
Jack Randolph
Christian Tjagvad

GRADE 7

Caroline Barry
Benjamin Blackwell
Shea Boyle
Andrew Burnham
Bradley Bushnell
Ryan Chacaga
Charlotte Covill
Michael Creamer
Carson Herr
Gabriella Italia
David LaMonica
Sophia Meyer
Luke Milite
Braedan Pagani
Henry Peeler
William Reilly
Holden Riley
Taylor Roy

GRADE 8

Andrew Alberts
Shannon Carbonell
Faith Crawford
Samuel DeSantos
Emma Desautels
Evan Gangloff
Lukas Ghezzi
Abigail Harmon
Maximus Italia
Eva O'Brien
Margaret O'Callaghan
Evanthea Parsons
Robert Perry
Benjamin Post
Andrew Tansil
Andrew Tran
Colin Williams

Congratulations!