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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:

- **HALF DAYS – MARCH 20 and 21**
- **NO SCHOOL – MARCH 8**
- **IOWA TESTING GRADES 3 - 7
MAY 1 – MAY 15**

REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We have received numerous applications since new student enrollment began in February. Please encourage anyone who may be interested in enrolling in Saint James School to attend our **next Open House on Tuesday, March 26, from 6:30PM-8:00 PM** or call the office to schedule a tour.

Returning students received their forms for the new school year in February. Forms were due back by February 22nd. New student acceptance letters are being sent out in March based on space availability.

PRE-K NEWS

The Pre-Kindergarten is accepting applications for 3, 4, and 5-year-old children for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please call 860-643-5088 Ext. 2 for further information.

MARCH CALENDAR

March 1	Read Across America Dress Down Day Middle School Dance, 7-9:30PM, St. James School
March 4	School Board Meeting, 6PM
March 5	Box Tops Counted, 2PM HSA Evening Meeting, 7-8PM, Cafeteria
March 6	HSA Morning Meeting, 8-9AM, Lower Church Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:15AM, Church
March 7	Trimester 2 Marking Period Ends Family Jump Off Night, 5-9PM All State Jazz Band Rehearsal, 5:30-9PM, Gym
March 8	NO SCHOOL-CATHOLIC EDUCATORS' FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE All State Band Rehearsal, 5-9PM, Gym
March 9	All State Band Rehearsal, 8AM-3:30PM, Gym
March 10	Saint James School Children's Mass, 9AM, Church
March 13	Rosary Prayed, 8:15AM "Rhythms of World Dance", Grades K-5
March 14	All State Jazz Band Rehearsal, 5:30-9PM, Gym
March 15	Report Cards Distributed All State Band, Rehearsal, 5-9PM, Gym
March 16	All State Band, Rehearsal, 8AM-3:30PM, Gym
March 20	NED's Kindness Assembly, Grades K-5 HALF DAY DISMISSAL, 12:05PM Parent –Teacher Conferences
March 21	HALF DAY DISMISSAL, 12:05PM Parent –Teacher Conferences All-State Jazz Band Rehearsal, 5:30-9PM, Gym
March 22	Stations of the Cross, 1-1:30PM, Church HSA Spare Time Night Out, 4:30-6:30PM, Vernon All State Band, Rehearsal, 5-9:30PM, Gym
March 23	FMI All-State Band Concert, 2PM, CCSU Silver and Gold Soirée, St. James School, 6-11:30PM
March 25	Faculty PLC Meeting, 2:15PM
March 26	Open House for Pre-K and Grades K-8 th , 6:30PM-8PM
March 29	Stations of the Cross, 1-1:30PM, Church Family Paint Night, 6:30-8PM, Cafeteria
March 30	Father/Son Event, 11am-1PM, Dave and Busters

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Absence Calls: Please contact the school's main office before 8:30AM each day your child is home sick. Please give your name, the student's name and homeroom and the reason for the absence. If your child is ill, please include the nature of the illness (flu-like symptoms, sore throat, Gastro-intestinal, etc.). We want to keep our school healthy with some simple guidelines:

- Be sure that your child is eating healthy foods and getting plenty of exercise and sleep
- Frequent hand washing for everyone. Encourage good handwashing after using the bathroom and before eating
- Keep your child home when he/she is sick and contact your child's health care provider for advice for:
 - ✓ Fevers with cough or sore throat
 - ✓ Complains of feeling ill
 - ✓ Severe sore throat pain or swollen glands with temperature
 - ✓ Diarrhea and/or vomiting
 - ✓ Rash of unknown origin
 - ✓ Eye Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Send your child back to school only when they are feeling better and:
 - ✓ Your health care provider has determined your child is well enough to return to school
 - ✓ Your child is fever free for 24 hours and not using analgesics for temperature
 - ✓ If on antibiotics, at least 24 hours after first dose and feeling better

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF GRADE 5 AND 7 GIRLS AND GRADE 8 BOYS ONLY

A letter has been sent home with your child regarding scoliosis screening. Please review this information and contact the nurse ASAP if you have any questions. If you **do not want** your child screened, please submit a note to the school nurse. Screenings will begin this month.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

The State of Connecticut mandates that all students entering Grade 7 in September 2019 have an updated Physical Examination and Immunization Record on file with the school nurse. Your child's physical must be dated between January 2018 and June 2019. At the time of the physical, all immunization records should be reviewed to be sure students have received a second dose of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine (a series of 3 shots), 2 doses each of Varicella vaccine, Hepatitis A, and an updated Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis), and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine. These immunization requirements must be met prior to students entering Grade 7. Health forms are available in the school nurse's office or from your child's physician. Please contact Mrs. Vignati if you have any questions.



Cold and Cough Reminders

1. Be sure your child is dressed appropriately to keep warm in cold weather.
2. The best treatment for colds is rest and fluids.
3. Keep your child home from school if he/she is not feeling well, is frequently coughing with complaints of sore throat or 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.
4. Contact your child's health care provider when needed.

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.



2019 SOCCER SEASON SIGN-UP

It is time to sign up for the 2019 Saint James Soccer season! Boys and girls from Grades 3rd-8th are eligible to play. The season will run from early April through mid-June. The forms are available on the Saint James School website and completed paperwork and activity fee should be sent in to the main office by Friday, March 22. If you have any questions, they may be directed to sjsoccer@charter.net. Also, please let us know if you would like to help coach.

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Candidates

Congratulations to the following students from our fourth, fifth, and sixth grades who will represent Saint James School in the Knights of Columbus Catholic School Spelling Bee:

Grade 4: Lauren Williams

Alternate: Cora Tierney

Grade 5: Allyson Leary

Alternate: Kamden Bevans

Grade 6: Christian Tjavad

Alternate: Christian Gorman



GOOD LUCK AT THE SPELLING BEE!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, Mrs. Carpenter will be kicking off our "Hats off to Reading" library contest for Grades K-6th starting March 4th and will run through April 3rd. Students are receiving special reading logs which will be turned into Mrs. Carpenter when completed and extra forms can be found on our website or by asking the classroom teachers. This year we will have two winning grades-one in K-3rd and one in 4th-6th. The winning grades will win a dress down day and a no homework night. Happy Reading!



SILVER AND GOLD SOIRÉE

The soirée is a casual cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres, a carving station and a variety of desserts and silent and live auctions. So put on a pair of jeans or a cocktail dress or anything Silver and Gold and join us for this fun night. The event will take place on Saturday, March 23rd from 6-11:30PM in what we are calling The Saber's Den (our school's gymnasium transformed for the night).

We look forward to celebrating the awesome community we share while raising money for our great school! Invitations and RSVP cards were sent home last month. **PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 8TH!**



GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Saint James School Foundation Annual Spring Scramble Golf Classic and Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 at Manchester Country Club. Please join us for this memorable event to help ensure the affordability and continued excellence in our children's and grandchildren's education through this enjoyable golf outing! Non-golfers can purchase tickets to attend dinner at the Country Club after the tournament. Everyone is welcome to participate! Registration information will be sent home in April.



FMI MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations to the following Saint James students who will perform at the All State Band Concert on Saturday, March 23rd, at 2:00PM at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain:

♪ **All-State Jazz Band**- Michael Machewirth*, Marion Patsalides and Stefan Poth

♪ **All-State Symphonic Band**- Marion Patsalides*, Michael Machewirth*, Henry Peeler, Stefan Poth and Irene Milite

♪ **All-State Concert Band**- Ayva Scalese*, Alejandro Oyewole*, David LaMonica, Alex Melaragno, Holden Riley, Drew Burnham and Ryan Chacaga

♪ All-State Gala Band enrolled as of February 28th: Mia McMullin, Matthew Lysik, Stefaniya Barbieri, Samantha Kellerman, Jake Gangloff, Natalie Rutar, Brandon Harley, Layne Gordon, Amelia Deshaine

*Solo Chair in their section

The Saint James School Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, at 6:30PM. Students will wear black and white to the evening concert.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES FOR MARCH

All students, faculty, staff, parents and other guests of our students are invited to join us in Ms. Oleasz's room (top floor, B207) for Lenten Prayer Services on the following dates from 7:30-8AM:

March, 15, March 22, March 29, April 5 and April 12

Please take this time and/or encourage your child/ren to join us in prayers for family, friends, peace and other special intentions. We look forward to seeing you and/or your child/ren there.



SCHOOL MASS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH 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!



Please don't forget to clip Box Tops for
Saint James School!

WE WILL BE COUNTING ON MARCH 5TH!

OPTIONAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be available March 20th and March 21st from 12:30-3PM. Please look for an email coming from your child's homeroom teacher regarding sign ups by March 5th.



EXTENDED CARE UPDATED NEWS

Please be sure your child's name is on all articles of clothing. We are finding many items left behind.

Our lost and found box can now be found in the girls' changing room off of the cafeteria.

Just a reminder that any student who wishes to serve community service hours with Extended Day must make arrangements with Miss Jean prior to the day of service. **Service hours are now limited to two students per day.**

MARCH SPECIAL FRIDAYS AT EXTENDED CARE

EVERY FRIDAY IN MARCH, A SPECIAL ACTIVITY IS PLANNED FOR STUDENTS

MARCH 1ST – LIFT UP THE TABLES FOR BUILDING FUN!

MARCH 8TH- NO SCHOOL

MARCH 15TH-A VISIT FROM RIVERSIDE REPTILES WITH REAL LIVE ANIMALS!

FEBRUARY 22ND-WELCOME SPRING! CRAFTS

FEBRUARY 29TH- BINGO!

CONSIDER DONATING COMMUNION ITEMS TO OUR UNIFORM CLOSET

Do you ever look in your child's closet and wonder what you should do with your daughter's old first communion dress and shoes or your son's suit? Well.... we are excited to announce that we are opening up a new section of the St. James School Uniform Closet for first communion attire and we are now accepting donations! Most of these outfits end the day still being like new, and we love the idea of sharing them!

Given the importance of this day, please be sure to carefully look over your dress before donation to ensure that it is free from stains and/or rips. Thank you all so much, we are excited to add this to our closet!

