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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 11 AND 12**
- **NO SCHOOL – MARCH 13**
- **IOWA TESTING GRADES 3 - 7
APRIL 27 – MAY 15**

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 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 Wednesday, March 25, from 6-8 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 21st. New student acceptance letters are already being sent out.

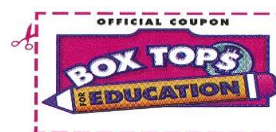
VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



MARCH CALENDAR

March 2	Read Across America \$1 Dress Down Day Counting Box Tops, 2PM School Board Meeting, 6PM
March 5	Faculty Meeting, 2:15PM HSA Evening Meeting, 7-8PM, Library
March 6	HSA Morning Meeting, 8-9AM, Lower Church Stations of the Cross, Church, 1PM Report Cards Distributed
March 8	Saint James School Children's Mass, 9AM, Church
March 11	Rosary Prayed, 8:15AM HALF DAY DISMISSAL, 12:05PM Parent –Teacher Conferences
March 12	HALF DAY DISMISSAL, 12:05PM Parent –Teacher Conferences
March 13	NO SCHOOL CATHOLIC EDUCATORS' FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE
March 17	St. Patrick's \$1 Dress Down Day
March 19	St. Joseph's Day Mass, 9:15AM, Church Faculty PLC Meeting, 2:15PM
March 20	Stations of the Cross, 1PM, Church
March 21	HSA Father/Son Event, 11am-1PM, Dave and Busters
March 25	Prospective Family Open House, 6-8PM
March 26	Reconciliation Grades 2-8, Church
March 27	Stations of the Cross, 1PM, Church
March 28	All-State Band Concert at CCSU, 2PM Surf's Up! Soiree, 7-11:30PM, Gym
March 31	HALF DAY DISMISSAL, 12:05PM Faculty Professional Development Meeting STEM Night, 6-7:30PM, Gym and Cafeteria

Please don't forget to clip Box Tops for
 Saint James School!
WE WILL BE COUNTING ON MARCH 2ND!



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 2020 have an updated Physical Examination and Immunization Record on file with the school nurse. Your child's physical must be dated between January 2019 and June 2020. 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.



2020 SOCCER SEASON SIGN-UP

It is time to sign up for the 2020 St. 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 will be available on the Saint James School website soon and completed paperwork and activity fee should be sent in to the main office by **Friday, March 20**. 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: Amelia Miller
Alternate: Emmett Branick
Grade 5: Cora Tierney
Alternate: Thomas Sheehan
Grade 6: Allison Leary
Alternate: Clara Covill



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 2nd and will run through March 31st. 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!



SURF'S UP SOIREE

The soirée is a casual cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres, a carving station and a variety of desserts and silent and live auctions. Put on your favorite 60s beach party attire and come join us for a great evening!

The event will take place on Saturday, March 28th from 7-11:30PM 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 20th!**



GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Saint James School Foundation Annual Spring Scramble Golf Classic and Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, May 13th, 2020** 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 28th, at 2:00PM at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain:

All State Jazz Band-Michael Machewirth, Marion Patsalides, Stefan Poth, Jake Gangloff, Greyson Grzesiakowski, Brandon Harley, Alejandro Oyewole and Natalie Rutar

All State Symphonic Band-Marion Patsalides, Michael Machewirth, Stefan Poth, Irene Milite, Layne Gordon, Amelia Deshaine, Henry Peeler and Alejandro Oyewole

All State Concert Band-Stefaniya Barbieri, Jake Gangloff, Greyson Grzesiakowski, David LaMonica, Luke Milite, Natalie Rutar, Holden Riley, Brandon Harley and Ryan Chacaga

All State Gala Band-Brent Cattanach, Marcella Collins and Elinor Poth

The Saint James School Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, 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 Mrs. Grondin's room (top floor, B207) for Lenten Prayer Services on the following dates from 7:30-7:45AM:

February 28, March 6, March 20, March 27 and April 6

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.

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL STEM NIGHT

We are excited to announce our inaugural launch of Saint James School STEM Night! Come join us on March 31st from 6-7:30PM in the gym and cafeteria to experience the wonderful world of STEM. Our Robotics Club will demonstrate their skills on the Mindstorm Robots. Students can get a chance to code our other robots and design products with the 3D printer, or try their hands with some engineering projects. Look for sign-up and more information in your email soon.



SCHOOL MASS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH 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 lower church.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

OPTIONAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be available March 11th and March 12th. Please look for an email coming from your child's homeroom teacher regarding sign ups **by March 6th**.

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? Please remember we have added a section to the St. James School Uniform Closet for first communion attire and we continue to accept 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 offer this in our closet!



SAINT JAMES MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to those seventh graders who achieved an award at the science fair last month. Good luck to those students who will move on to the State Science Fair with their projects.



From left to right: Anna Maria Bellamy, Avery Prew, Maya Fisher, Greyson Grzesiakowski, Michael Machewirth, Zach Nyberg, Porter Breton, Marco Paxi and Ethan Miller