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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Just as Lent is a time of self-reflection on who we are and who we would like to become as we work to foster a closer relationship with God, Easter is a time for hope, transformation, and renewal. This month we will focus on the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and the lesson in the Gospel of continuing to have faith in God's plan, even when things may seem impossible.

Please remember Saint James School will be closed from April 7th – April 14th for our Spring Recess. When we return from break, we will already be at the midway point in our third trimester! Please make sure you have updated your calendar to reflect the published changes to our June schedule. You can find that information in this newsletter if you missed it in our email blast.

Our Centennial Committee and Home & School Association have been hard at work getting ready for the "Roaring Twenties" Gala on April 29th. A huge thank you to all the families that have donated items and/or committed to a program ad or sponsorship. Raffle tickets for the incredible Class Baskets will go on sale on April 23rd (and will also be sold at the Gala event where the actual drawing will take place). I ask that you please make every effort to participate in this upcoming auction and raffle to whatever extent you can as these funds directly benefit our classrooms and programs.

Finally, thank you to everyone who helped spread the word about our recent Open House event. I am pleased to report that enrollment for next year continues to look strong across all grade levels and we have already had a significant number of new families register to join us for the upcoming school year (where space was available). We truly appreciate the recommendations that brought many of these new families to our doorstep.

Once again, I wish to thank you for choosing Saint James School to be your partner in the academic and spiritual upbringing of your child/ren. May Christ fill your hearts with great joy this Easter!

Peace in Christ,

Mrs. Zorger

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, encourage service to others, and build a foundation for independent life-long learning.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 3rd — Munson's Fundraiser Pick-Up at 2pm
- April 7th - 14th — No School (Spring Recess)
- April 17th — Spring Uniform Begins
- April 23rd — SJS Family Fun Day (Yard Goats Game)
- April 29th — Roaring Twenties Gala!

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Anticipated last day of School for students in grades 1-7 will be June 14th. Pre-Kindergarten will conclude on June 9th, Kindergarten on June 13th. Grade 8 will have their last day of school on June 2nd, with graduation being held that evening.
- All students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 7th Grade must have an updated physical form on file with the school **before school starts**.
- While hot lunch is free for students this year, there is a charge for purchasing just milk or extra food items. Please make sure your child's lunch account is being funded to accommodate these purchases.
- Saint James School adheres to a strict dress code/uniform policy for our K-8 program. Parents are responsible for ensuring their student comes to school in appropriate attire each day.

END OF YEAR UPDATE

Mark your calendars! The last day of the 2022-2023 school year for our 1st - 7th grade students has been updated to **June 14th** (reflecting our one snow day). For all other grades, the last day of school will be as follows:

Grade 8 Graduation: June 2nd

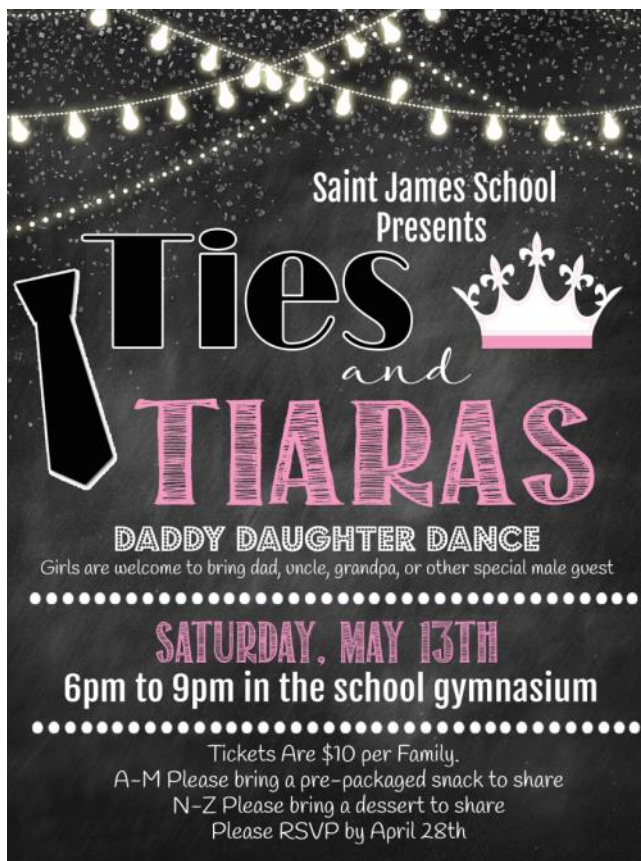
Pre-K Stepping Up: June 9th

Kindergarten Celebration: June 13th

Additional details will be sent out via email as we get closer to these exciting milestones. *Please note that June 12th, 13th, and 14th will all be 12:05pm dismissal days (aftercare will be in session).*



SAVE THE DATE



SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2023 Spelling Bee winners!!

Grade 4: Fiona Cwikla

Grade 5: Brennan Raymond

Grade 6: Ava Santodonato



And, congratulations to the runners up:

Grade 4: Kenny O'Hara

Grade 5: Dahlia Small

Grade 6: Ananya Anand



The first place winners will now move on to compete at the Regional level.

Great job Sabers!

SAVE THE DATE

April Dine-Out at Square Peg Pizza



Dine out at Square Peg Pizza (1001 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury) on Tuesday, April 4th from 4:00pm to 9:00pm and a percentage of sales will go back to our school when you mention SJS or present this flyer: [Square Peg Dine-Out Flyer](#)

STATE HANDWRITING CHAMPIONS

Saint James School is thrilled to announce that for the third year in a row **two** Saint James School students have been designated as State of Connecticut handwriting champions in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest! Both winners will represent the state of CT for their respective grades in the national competition. Congratulations to:

Aandini Mukherjee, Grade 3 *AND* *Olivia Bellone, Grade 4*



SAINT JAMES SCHOOL FAMILY FUN EVENT

Hartford Yard Goats vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies

The Saint James School HSA invites families to join us for a Yard Goats game on Sunday, April 23rd at 1:00pm at Dunkin’ Donuts Park, where the Yard Goats will host the New York Mets affiliate team, the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. Tickets will be \$12.00 a piece and space is limited. Saint James School families are invited to hold the flag on the field during the National Anthem—we hope you will join us! Please RSVP by APRIL 2nd for this fun outing!

[Yard Goats RSVP Flyer](#)

FRIENDZY PROGRAM

During the month of April, we will delve into unit seven of our Friendzy Curriculum, where students will discuss conflict resolution at an age-appropriate level. The catchphrase for this unit is:

SORT IT OUT

By practicing the mindset that our differences are to be looked at as something positive and worth celebrating as God intended, we become stronger members of society, better disciples of Christ, and better friends to those around us.

Parents are encouraged to continue the conversation at home by asking their children about each unit in the FRIENDZY program.

STATE SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS

The following 7th grade students recently participated in the State of Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair under the guidance of our Middle School Science Teacher, Mrs. Oei. Projects moving on to the state level were determined following the Grade 7 Science Fair that took place at our school in February.

Nick Grace: "Which Rock is More Porous?"

Noah Gendreau and Dylan Ghezzi: "Amazing Ants. Which Fruit do Ants like Best?"

Matthew Taylor: "Brush your Teeth"

Congratulations to Nick, Noah, and Dylan for being named as State Finalists in their respective categories!

Nick also received a Geology Merit Award.



ROARING TWENTIES GALA and AUCTION FUNDRAISER

As we approach the end of our centennial anniversary year, Saint James School is excited to celebrate one more time with a fun, adults-only evening at our Roaring Twenties Gala. Our gala committee has been working very hard to put together a fun evening in support of our great school. We hope to see you there!

Class Baskets Raffle

Room parents have been working with families from each grade to create fun and exciting baskets to be raffled off within our school community. Raffle tickets will be available for sale beginning April 16th through the school email blast, as well as at the event on April 29th. Winning tickets will be drawn live the night of the gala (you do not have to be present to win).

Live & Silent Auction

We are still looking for donations of auction items/experiences for our auction. Some of the fun items that will be up for bid include:

- Premier seating at 8th grade graduation
- Gym teacher for a day
- Special STEM Club session with two friends
- Special afternoon with a favorite teacher
- "Brother Al & I" drum session with Mr. Carter
- Glenbrooke Swim & Tennis Club packages
- Ride to school in a Fire Truck
- AND SO MUCH MORE!



Silent auction bidding will open prior to the event so families not attending the gala can still participate from home! Please note, Live auction items will only be available to those in attendance.

Sponsorships

Promote your business or services within our school community by purchasing a [Sponsorship Package](#). All proceeds go directly to our school!

We Can't Wait To Celebrate With You!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NOTES

All three bands will perform in the Saint James School Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 17th during the day and again at 6:30pm. Attire for the evening concert will be white collared shirts and black pants or long skirts. All Saint James School 3rd grade students will also be performing in this concert with their recorders.

In addition, Mr. Corcoran will once again teach summer lessons out of his home for students in grades 3 - 8 looking to get extra instruction in their respective wind instruments. Please reach out to Mr. Corcoran directly for additional information.



HONOR ROLL—SECOND TRIMESTER**High Honors****Grade 6**

Brendan Abbamonte
 Victoria Castellon
 Adam Clough
 Violet Nicholes
 Ava Santodonato
 Saanvi Sethi

Grade 7

Shrika Gangireddy
 Noah Gendreau
 Dylan Ghezzi
 Sidney Litos

Grade 8

Kathy Dinh
 Jameson Fisher
 Ekaterina Gogoberishvili
 Lauren Nyberg
 Christine Pham Le
 Alexander Tevelde
 Cora Tierney
 Lauren Williams

General Honors**Grade 6**

Ananya Anand
 Charlie Bauer
 John Jack Curtin
 Matthew Davis
 Abigail Devanney
 Alexander DiBenedetto
 Kayden Dinh
 Aiden Duah
 Ava Fiereck
 Camryn Gaidos
 Addison Joyner
 Michael Kellerman
 Makeyla Nielsen
 Brigid O'Connell
 Rhea Rao
 Nicholas Rataic
 Kaden Repoli
 Anna Revett
 Katelyn Rutar
 Scarlett Sherman
 Lilly Sika
 Madelyne Smith
 Jane Tierney
 Zia Vavanan
 Emma Wellings

Grade 7

Henry Barry
 Emmett Brannick
 Marcella Collins
 Scarlett Crawford
 Lacey Freund
 Hayley Gionfriddo
 Aditi Holigi
 Grant Jablonecki
 Nawal Kermalli
 Tyler King
 Jason Miller
 Giada Page
 Sofia Palliardi
 Sophia Paxi
 Mia Peak
 Alena Pham
 Elinor Poth
 Julia Puzio
 Elizabeth Zayachkiwsky

Grade 8

Maher Abunasra
 Kalli Bevans
 Brooke Bolduc
 Brent Cattanach
 Olivia DeLaura
 Amelia Deschaine
 Kaitlyn Duran
 Katelynn Gartman
 Brandon Harley
 Joaquim Khalid James
 Finnegan Kay
 Cameron Klopfer
 Carleigh McGrath
 Alejandra Piotrowski
 Natalie Rutar

