

April 2026

SABER



STORIES

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 difficult.

Please remember Saint James School will be closed on April 3rd for Good Friday, April 6th for Easter Monday, and then April 13th - April 17th for our Spring Recess. Also, please make sure you have updated your calendar to reflect the published changes to our June schedule to account for our 5 snow days. You can find that information in this newsletter if you missed it in our email blast.

The Home & School Association has several wonderful events planned in the weeks ahead. We look forward to the annual Mother/Daughter Tea on May 2 and the Father/Daughter Dance on May 9. In addition, they are preparing a special celebration for Teacher Appreciation Week to honor Saint James School's dedicated faculty and staff.

Please also mark your calendar for the Saint James School 2026 Art Show, showcasing the creativity of our Pre-K3 through Grade 8 students. The Art Show will be held on Monday, May 18, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This is always a fun and well-attended event for our families. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

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 based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, building a foundation for independent, lifelong learners. We strive to develop every child's full potential through faith, academics, service, and character formation.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 3rd — No School (Good Friday)

April 6th — No School (Good Friday)

April 13th-17th — No School (Spring Recess)

April 20th — Spring Uniform Begins

May 3rd — Mother/Daughter Tea

May 9th — Father/Daughter Dance

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The anticipated last day of School for students in grades 1-7 will now be June 17th. Pre-Kindergarten will conclude on June 15th, Kindergarten on June 16th. Grade 8 will have their last day of school on June 5th, with graduation held that evening.
- All students who will be in Pre-K3, Pre-K4, Kindergarten, and 7th Grade must have an updated physical form on file with the school **before school starts**. Please reach out to the school nurse if you are unsure if you still need to provide this for Fall.
- 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 uniform attire each day.



END OF YEAR UPDATE

Mark your calendars! The last day of the 2025-2026 school year for our 1st - 7th grade students has been updated to **Wednesday, June 17th** (reflecting our five snow days). For all other grades, the last day of school will be as follows:

Grade 8 Graduation: June 5th

All Pre-K (Stepping Up Celebration for Pre-K4): June 15th

Kindergarten Celebration: June 16th

Additional details will be sent out via email as we get closer to these exciting milestones. *Please note that June 9th - 12th will be a full days of school, while June 15th, 16th, and 17th will all be 12:05pm dismissal days (aftercare will be in session all days).*

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

The Annual Saint James School Father Daughter Dance, hosted by the SJS HSA, will be held on Saturday, May 9th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Tickets are \$10 per person, with a maximum of \$30 per family. RSVP forms will be sent in the school email blast in mid-April. Please RSVP by Friday, April 24th. Our theme this year is Hawaiian Luau, and, the event is open to Pre-K3 - Grade 8 girls and their dads (or another special father figure in their life).



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Saint James School HSA is organizing a special luncheon for our awesome faculty and staff on May 6th, which falls during Teacher Appreciation Week. We always look forward to this opportunity to show gratitude to the teachers, administrators, and staff for all they do for our children!

This year we are asking for a donation of \$5.00 per family (or any amount you are comfortable giving). The donations will be used to cover a variety of special things for our teachers and staff to enjoy at their luncheon and throughout teacher appreciation week.

Please send your donation (cash or check) in an envelope labeled OFFICE, Attn: Sarah Scholsky by Friday, April 10th.

Thank you for helping us make the day special for all the teachers and staff who take such good care of our children each and every day!



MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA

The annual Saint James School Mother/Daughter tea will be held on Saturday, May 2nd in the school gymnasium. This year our event will be inspired by the southern charm of the Kentucky Derby. Saber girls in Pre-K3 and above and their mom (or a mother figure) are invited to be part of an afternoon filled with tasty teas, sweet treats, and a touch of Derby flair.

Please download [THIS FORM](#) to RSVP. Forms and payment should be made to the SJS Main Office by Wednesday, April 15th.

SOCCER



We are looking forward to another great season of Soccer! Teams have been formed for JV (Gr 3-5) and Varsity (Gr. 6-8). A reminder for participating families:

- This is a limited contact league, aggressive play is not tolerated;
- We stress good sportsmanship;
- All players are required to wear shin guards;
- Cleats are optional but if worn, only plastic cleats are acceptable;
- No jewelry may be worn during the games (This includes pierced earrings);
- We try to provide equal playing time for all participants;
- Players need to bring a water bottle to every practice and game.

Details about the Connecticut Catholic School & Christian Academy Soccer league, including schedule and scored, can be viewed on [This Website](#).



SPRING CONCERT

The annual Saint James School Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, May 13th. This concert will feature all three of our bands, plus our 3rd grade students on their recorders. There will be a daytime concert for students and staff, and an evening concert for family and friends that begins at 6:30pm.



SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our 2026 Spelling Bee winners!!

Grade 4: Jack Copeland

Grade 5: Charles Zaleski

Grade 6: Aandini Mukherjee



And, to the runners-up:

Grade 4: Sadie Morehouse

Grade 5: Zoey Bellone

Grade 6: Griffin Gurzler



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

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.

SJS ROBOTICS TEAM SHINES AT STATE COMPETITION



Saint James School's Robotics Teams enjoyed another strong performance at this year's State of Connecticut VEX IQ Robotics Competition. After competing in regional qualifiers at the end of January, three Saint James teams advanced to the state competition, held at Plainville Middle School.

At the elementary level, the SJS 5th grade team - Charles Zaleski, Taylor Wiafe, Dylan Kupiecki, and Nathan LaChapelle - competed against 19 other regional qualifiers and earned an impressive 2nd place overall finish! In addition to their strong finish, the team was honored with the prestigious Innovate Award. This award recognizes a team that demonstrates exceptional ingenuity, creativity, and a well-documented, novel design process within their Engineering Notebook—highlighting not only their technical ability, but also their thoughtful and innovative approach to engineering.

The middle school division had 40 teams vying for top positions. SJS students Will Flenke, Jayce Estremera, and Landon McKeegan placed 18th in the initial rounds, advancing to the finals where they finished with an exceptional 7th place finish overall! The team of Edward Harris, Cian Carr, Max Thiele, and Vincent Bochiechio did not advance to the finals, but still gained valuable experience competing at the state level.

Thank You to Mr. & Mrs. Poth for running this extracurricular for our students!



CONGRATULATIONS ALL STATE BAND PERFORMERS

Congratulations to SJS 8th grade students Julie Cha and Ethan Garcia on a great performance at the recent CT Future Musicians All-State Band Concert! This special ensemble, which is by invite only, features talented student musicians from a wide variety of private and parochial schools across Connecticut. Great job Sabers!

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

Norah Lysik
Aandini Mukherjee
Carl Nielsen
Darsh Srinivasav
Jillian Starnick

Grade 7

Fiona Cwikla
Adalyn Fiereck
Penelope Leitao
Noah Wiafe
Adam Zukowski

Grade 8

Taha Bileya
Vincent Bochiechio
Justin Fromerth
William Karlon
Matthew Lamonica
Gavin Lowe
Sophie Nemet
Hudson Prewo
Brennan Raymond
Luke Walsh

General Honors**Grade 6**

Shyane Ahovissi
Gabriel Barbieri
Jacob Bileya
Zoey Burch
Cian Carr
Brian Cha
Mari Dubaldo
Chase Dwyer-Surwilo
Jayce Estremera
Abigail Francoline
Tenley Haney
Grace Harris
Samuel Kessing
Madison Lucey
Ryan Magnotta
McKenna Mauldin
Landon McKeegan
Francis Melchiorre
Brandy Morehouse
Graciela Nazario
Julius Nemet
Dominic Palliardi
Johnathan Tevelde

Grade 7

Aditya Anand
Emma Cantin
Blake Chambers
Camden Ciraco
Emma Clough
Lily Davis
Morgan Gaidos
Edward Harris
Harrison Hetherington
Wyatt Joyner
Mason King
Quinn Laughlin
Connor Martin
Gianna Matos
Chase McCarthy
Andrew Miller
Kenneth O'Hara
Therese Pfeiffer
Ella Sheehan

Grade 8

Hanifat Allassani
Julie Cha
Cristiano Clark
Quinn D'agostino
Abigail Devanney
Kristyn Fennimore
William Flenke
Alexa Ghezzi
Christian Guzman-Toro
Connor Howard
Leonel James
Benjamin Kessing
Aaradhya Kotla
Luc Lachance
Alessandra Maull
Milesio Maull
Haniyah Padilla
Mya Postell
Philip Salik
Dahlia Small
Luke Szupryczynski
Kassandra Talaga
Christian Ysui

