



January 24, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 28

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Kick Off Mass—10:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 1

4th Grade Mini Musical
7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 2

Catholic Schools Week Out of
Uniform Day

Thursday, February 8

School Advisory Commission
Meeting—7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 9

Christian Service Spirit Day

Tuesday, February 13

Grades K-3 Valentine's Day
Parties

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 15

Parent Teacher Conferences
1:45—8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 16

No School

Monday, February 19

No School
President's Day

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [Girls on the Run Information and Registration](#) - 4th and 5th grade girls only
- [Girls on the Run Overview](#) - 4th and 5th grade girls only
- [Little Caesars Pizza Kit Flyers](#) - youngest student
- [St. James Girls Fastpitch Softball Flyer](#) - girls in grades K-8
- Catholic Schools Week Information Flyer - youngest student
- [Xavier University Ticket Order Form](#) - youngest student

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

Letter from Father Nolker

Dear Parishioners:

I look forward each year to the last week of January, when we observe National Catholic Schools Week. As a parish, we recognize the value of Catholic education and support our families and school in educating our young people so they can reach their full potential. We acknowledge the vital role of the school faculty, staff, and volunteers in this effort. And, we celebrate our students as they learn about their faith and the skills they need in the 21st century.

The week's theme—"Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."—focuses on the core of Catholic education. Schools are not only communities themselves, they are also part of larger communities, including St. James parish, White Oak, and our nation. As a parish, we support our school through prayer and resources, and the school, in turn, collaborates with families to develop our children into future model leaders and citizens. The theme also highlights key elements of Catholic education: academic excellence, leadership, and dedication to service. These elements are what set Catholic schools apart from other educational options.

Our school has planned events to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week that the whole parish can enjoy. It's a great opportunity for all of us to see what our students are accomplishing and thank the faculty, staff, and volunteers who give so much of themselves to educate our children.

There are exciting things happening in our parish school! Our school staff is committed to monthly faith development through their involvement in the School of Faith program. With the help of the School Advisory Commission, our school has begun implementation of a bold strategic plan positioning itself as a leader in Catholic education in our community. It is rare for an elementary school to have such a comprehensive strategic plan guiding its efforts. Our students continue to receive a strong academic experience through the latest developments in technology and teaching strategies. Our school is a thriving part of our larger parish community! Our Catholic schools are part of our future as a Church and a nation. May God bless them and all who contribute to the important work they do on behalf of the children of our parish and parishes across the country.

Devotedly yours in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Nolker
Pastor

[Click here for more events](#)

Catholic Schools Week Next Week

As we prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we are excited to share with you the events which will take place at St. James School next week. Our theme for Catholic Schools Week is *We Are Community*. We will celebrate the community of faith, love, and learning that is St. James School! We'll do this through prayer, service, hospitality, and by having a little fun along the way! During this week, we invite you to celebrate the gift of not only our Catholic School, but also of our entire school community! Please check out the letter below or the one included in the Wednesday Envelope to find out about the specifics each day including when students can wear hats and be out of uniform.

[Catholic Schools Week Family Letter](#)

Catholic Schools Week Masses – Wear Red

Join us for Mass this weekend to celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week. We encourage you to wear red to Mass to show your support for St. James School. Our kick off Mass will be the 10:00 Mass on Sunday and a student will be speaking at each one of the Masses this weekend.

Open House

Thank you to all of the families who visited our Open House this past Sunday! We would like to offer a special thank you to the many parents, students, and staff members who helped make this a great event for our school. The lucky family who won the \$500 tuition credit for next school year is the Rodriguez/Pahner family. Congratulations!

Open House Yard Signs

If you had an Open House sign placed in your yard, we ask that you take it down and dispose of it. There is no need to return it to school. Thank you!

Blizzard Bags

Due to all of the recent snow days and delays, we are almost out of calamity hours. If we have another snow day, we will resort to using "Blizzard Bags" to count toward our required instructional hours. We can use up to three "Blizzard Bag" days before we would have to begin adding hours back to the calendar. These "Blizzard Bags" will consist of instructional work students will need to complete and return to their teachers within two weeks of the snow day.

For students in grades K-3, teachers will be preparing packets of work to complete and sending them home in advance. You should be receiving this packets soon, if not today. This work should be kept in a safe location to be used if we have a snow day. Remember, this snow day could occur in March. The packets can be completed during the snow day.

For students in grades 4-8, teachers will post assignments on their Portals page and/or Google Classroom. The assignments will be posted by the morning of the snow day and can be worked on during the snow day. Again, work will be due within two weeks of the snow day.

If we need to resort to using "Blizzard Bags", reminders will be sent home that day as well.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Next week, information will be included in the Wednesday E-Envelope about the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 15. In order to allow for more meaningful discussions to take place, there are limited time slots available for grades 4-8. Next week, parents of grades 4-8 will receive feedback from teachers on whether they feel a conference is needed or not needed at this time. We hope this will help you to determine if a conference is necessary or not needed. While you are still welcome to schedule a conference if you feel it is necessary, by following the teachers' feedback you will be helping us maintain time for those students who would benefit most from a conference. Thank you for your help!

The John Merritt Scholarships

Each year, two \$2,000 scholarships are awarded by the parish to graduating students from St. James School to be applied to that student's tuition at Catholic high school. This grant is renewable for each year of high school as long as the student meets the necessary requirements. The deadline for the high school scholarship is March 1, 2018.

In addition, each year two \$750 scholarships will be given to students currently attending or intending to attend St. James School. This is a one-time grant which is not automatically renewable. The deadline for the grade school scholarship is March 1, 2018.

For the specific requirements and information on how to apply, please click on the link below.

[John Merritt Scholarships](#)

8th Grade High School Survey

If you have not returned the 8th Grade High School Survey, we ask that you complete and return it tomorrow. Thank you!

[8th Grade High School Survey](#)

8th Grade Graduation Video

Each year, a group of 8th grade parent volunteers work diligently to put together an 8th grade class video. The video depicts highlights of our children's activities over the past eight (to nine) years. This video has traditionally been a DVD. Recognizing that many folks no longer own a DVD player, we would like to take a vote via Survey Monkey regarding options: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DW3LSQ9>

Our goal is to represent the entire 8th grade class and make sure no one is left out. We need all parents to share photos of their children, preferably via our Facebook page; *St. James Class of 2018 Parents*, via email to sarah_barwell@trihealth.com or send hard copies in an envelope to Sarah Uhl through Nick Uhl, home-room 101. Please participate by sending in photos of your child even if you are not interested in purchasing a DVD/video.

[8th Grade Graduation Video](#)

REMINDERS

Registration for 2018-2019

Students in grades K-7 were given a registration packet for the 2018-2019 school year. We are excited to begin registration for next year! Please read through the information carefully. There will be a \$150.00 registration fee that will be debited from the account you have on file with FACTS on February 9 unless you inform us in writing that you will not be returning next year by February 2.

If you would like to register a new sibling of a current student, [please click here](#) and complete the online registration form. Please call the school office or email us at infosjs@stjameswo.org if you have any questions.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We're looking forward to another exciting year at St. James!

Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Assistance

The Catholic Education Foundation application period for the 2018-2019 tuition assistance grants is now open. The foundation is again able to offer \$2 million in needs-based tuition assistance. Each eligible student in grades K-8 may receive up to \$1,000 to be used at any Catholic school within the Archdiocese. The determination of awards is made on a yearly basis through a third party provider, FACTS Grant and Aid Management. The application period deadline is January 31, 2018. If you have questions, please call Pam Jaspers at 513-421-3131, ext. 2713 or email cef@catholicbestchoice.org. [Click here](#) to learn more and begin the application.

[Catholic Education Foundation](#)

St. James Parish Tuition Assistance

St. James will be utilizing FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to determine financial need for tuition assistance here at St. James. FACTS provides an online application for families. A family's tax and income information can either be scanned and emailed or sent via mail to the company directly. The deadline for applications for St. James tuition assistance is **April 15, 2018**, for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have applied for aid for a high school and also want to be considered for St. James, you will need to upload your 2017 tax information before the deadline. You do not need to re-apply, you just need to update your information. **This is also the process if you applied for the Archdiocesan Financial Aid. Just update your 2017 information before April 15th so your results will be sent to us to be considered for parish aid.** The application can be completed at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3XHJJ>. If you have any questions about tuition assistance or the application process, please contact Amy Klosterman, St. James Parish Business Manager, at 741-5320.

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

Menu Alert

Salisbury steak day is Thursday! Plan on buying on this very popular day.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 1/25—A & B—Salisbury Steak with Noodles; Sides—Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 1/26—A & B—Mostaccioli Bake with Meat Sauce, Sides—Cottage Cheese, Side Salad, Chick Pea Crunchies; Pineapple, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Monday, 1/29—A & B—Waffles; Sides—Sausage, Yogurt with Blueberries, Cucumber with Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 1/30—A & B—Chicken Drummies; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with cheese, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 1/31—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—French Fries, Baked Beans, Celery with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

February Menu

Please see the link below for the February menu.

[February Menu](#)

February Volunteers

Please see the link below for the volunteer schedule for February.

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PTO**UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS****January**

24—Little Caesar's Pizza Kits start
 26—Cyclones Night
 28—Feb. 2—Catholic Schools Week

February

1—Staff Appreciation Luncheon & 4th Grade Musical
 2—Kids Day
 7—PTO Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Room 105—All are welcome
 8—Little Caesars Orders Due
 15—Little Caesars Order Pickup
 15—Conferences
 16—Family Fun Day at Perfect North
 27—Pen Pal Event Grades 1st & 7th

NEW INFORMATION**Cyclones Night - Friday, January 26th at 7:30 p.m.**

If you sent your reservation in for tickets, you will receive them in your child's Wednesday Envelope today. If you do not receive your tickets, please contact Leslee Pfaff, leslee.pfaff@gmail.com or stjpto1844@gmail.com

Dine to Donate -Little Caesars- Orders Due February 8th

Support the PTO and have fun making pizza at home over the long weekend in February. Order your Little Caesars pizza kits now for pick up on February 15th. Deadline to order is February 8th.

[Little Caesars Pizza Kit Flyer Information](#)

Spirit Shop

January Hours:

Thursday, January 25th 8:00-9:15 a.m.

February Hours:

Thursday, Feb. 13th 8:00-9:15 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27th 8:00-9:15 a.m.

The Spirit shop will be open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month from 8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

REMINDER: If there is a two hour delay on a day that the shop is scheduled to be open, the shop will not open that day.

Box Tops—Keep Clipping!

Top Collecting Classrooms so far.....

Miss Paquet

Mrs. Reyring

Mrs. Barnett

Deadline for the Homeroom Challenge is Thursday, February 22nd. Winners will be announced by Friday, March 2nd.

REWARDS

1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place classrooms will choose from*:

Pizza Party

Crazy Sock (can be worn on one specific day)

Candy (bags of skittles and chocolate bars)

Coupon for Free Treat at Cafeteria Snack Bar

Also, 1st place winning classroom will receive a traveling trophy and their picture in the yearbook!

*These top winners will be given the opportunity to vote as a winning team on which reward they'd like to be given. Each reward can be given to one class (example: all three top winners cannot choose the pizza party; once the reward is claimed, it is not an option for the next winner).

Grade level winners – TOP Classroom for each grade

Grades K-3, will be given a certificate for the teacher to take them outside to read during class time.

Grades 4-8 will have a special day that they are the only ones to wear St. James spiritwear (same rules as CSSD.)

Goal Reached Reward!

If St. James meets the goal of \$5,000, one student from each homeroom will be picked to silly string the principal (and others!) during an assembly!

REMINDERS

Family Fun Day—Perfect North - Friday, February 16th 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. (ticket pickup between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

If you would like to attend, please fill out the attached registration and send in to St. James PTO, C/O Perfect North Day. Please see the attached form for pricing. Enclose cash/check made out to St. James PTO. A waiver **MUST** accompany the registration per person. If you would like to print off additional waivers, please go to www.perfectnorth.com and up at the top of the page by the log-in is a link to get additional waivers. If you have any questions, please contact Karin Loftus 513-225-1758. Please have your registration in by Thursday, February 8, 2018. If you don't pre-register, you will have to pay full price. Every child must be accompanied by an adult. On the day of the event, please meet Karin Loftus inside the main entrance near the fireplace to pick up your passes between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Note: After February 8th NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS WILL BE ISSUED.

[Perfect North Flyer](#)

[Perfect North Reservation Form](#)

[Perfect North Waiver](#)

Winter Bash- Saturday, March 3, 2018 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Adults only at Aston Oaks Golf Course

Back by popular demand! St. James PTO sponsored Winter Bash (formerly referred to as "Dinner Dance.")

Join us for dinner, drinks, dancing, raffle baskets, games and fun! For \$80/couple we will provide, dinner, DJ, games and unlimited beer and wine! Casual attire, no fuss! Come join the fun and break up the winter blues with your friends!

Please return your reservation no later than February 22nd. Hurry! Spots will fill up quick; don't miss out!

[Winter Bash Reservation Form](#)

ATHLETIC CLUB

NEW INFORMATION

St. James Sign Ups – Multiple Sports

Sign ups for baseball, softball, track, football and soccer are currently open. Please see the attached flyer for softball for more information. If you have any questions regarding these sports, you can visit www.stjamespanthers.org, and click on the "SJAC BOARD" tab for contact information for the various sports coordinators. It is a busy sign up season for the St. James Athletic Club. Don't miss out and sign up today!

[Girls Fastpitch Softball Flyer](#)

REMINDERS

Volleyball Coordinators and Assistance Needed

The SJAC is searching for two energetic volleyball minds to serve as coordinators that can continue building on the great momentum the St. James Volleyball Program is enjoying. Typically, St. James sports programs have co-coordinators to help distribute responsibilities, so we are looking for two great volunteers to fill this program coordinator role. We are also looking for some administrative help to run the St. James Volleyball Camp. Help is needed to email attendees, collect paperwork, etc. Please contact Vicki Seng at rileyroo@fuse.net or Karen Eutsler at karen.eutsler@gmail.com if you are interested, if you know anyone who would be interested, or if you have any questions. Thank you!

4th Annual St. James Golf Outing

Please mark your calendars for the 4th Annual St. James Athletic Club Golf Outing to be held Friday, April 27, 2018, at Aston Oaks Golf Club. We hope you will consider joining us for this fun event. Proceeds from the event will benefit the athletic programs for the students at St. James. More details on the event and registration information will be distributed soon. If you have any questions about the event, or would consider volunteering to help with the outing this year, please contact Keith Theissen by email theissenk@gmail.com or phone (859) 462-0461. Thank you from the St. James Athletic Club. We look forward to seeing you on the course!

February 28th XU Game to Benefit the SJAC

Discounted tickets are on sale for the February 28th XU men's basketball game against Providence. These tickets are being sold at a discounted price, and some of the proceeds benefit the St. James Athletic Club. You can buy tickets by filling out the order form and returning it through school by February 9, 2018.

[Xavier University Ticket Order Form](#)

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

In case you missed this past week's bulletin, [click here](#) to access the information.

L.I.F.E. Ministries

The Life Ministry received a letter from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office for Respect Life Ministries asking us to encourage our parish and school to partake in a letter writing campaign to ban late term abortions after 20 weeks on the basis that the baby can feel pain. A letter from the Archdiocese explaining the letter campaign and 2 form letters asking our senators to pass this bill are attached.

[Letter 1](#)

[Letter 2](#)

[Letter 3](#)

Fish Fry

Our 2018 Fish Fry is fast approaching! Please join us for good food and fellowship every Friday from February 16th – March 23rd from 4:30-8:00 in the church undercroft. We will once again be serving our delicious baked and fried fish, shrimp, LaRosa's pizza, North College Hill bakery bread, and Servatii's pretzels.

As always, this event would not be possible without the hundreds of volunteers who donate their time. There are many opportunities to get involved so please sign-up now. What a better way to meet other parishioners if you are new to the church or school. It is as simple as visiting our website at www.stjamesfishfry.org and clicking on 'Volunteers.' Please volunteer with us! Hope to see you!