



January 3, 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, January 5**

Christian Service Spirit Day

**Monday, January 8**

Spelling Bee  
1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, January 11**

8th Grade NET Ministries  
Retreat

School Advisory Commission  
Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 12**

7th Grade Confirmation Retreat  
4:45 p.m.

**Monday, January 15**

No School  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Tuesday, January 16**

Confirmation  
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 18**

4th Grade Grandparent  
Luncheon  
11:40 a.m.

**Sunday, January 21**

Open House  
1:00—3:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 28**

Catholic Schools Week Begins

## WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [CSW Matthew 25 Ministries Collection Flyer](#) – youngest student
- [4th Grade Grandparent/Special Friend Luncheon Form](#) —4th grade only
- [4th Grade Mini Musical T-Shirt Order Form](#) —4th grade only
- [Winter Sports Mass Flyer](#) —youngest student

## ST. JAMES SCHOOL

### NEW INFORMATION

#### A Message from the Principal

Thank you for the many cards, kind notes, gifts, and contributions to the staff Christmas gift fund organized by the PTO! We are so humbled by the generosity and kindness of our families. We certainly feel appreciated and blessed. We hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas together and we wish your family a very blessed, healthy, and happy New Year. We look forward to working with each of you in 2018.

January is also the time when we begin planning for next school year. Information regarding registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be coming home on Wednesday, January 10. We know that it seems early to be thinking about next school year, but your help in timely registration helps us determine staffing for next year, including whether or not we need to eliminate staff positions, as well as tuition rates. Please mark your calendar to check your child's Wednesday Envelope on January 10.

Thank you and God bless,

Jeff Fulmer  
Principal

Chrissy Riggins  
Assistant Principal

#### Christian Service Spirit Day Friday

Friday is a Christian Service Spirit Day. Students are permitted to wear spirit wear – St. James shirts, solid red, white, or black shirts, pants, or jeans. No overly tight-fitting pants (examples include, but are not limited to, leggings and yoga pants) are allowed unless shorts are worn over the top of them. If you are unsure if the pants are too tight, choose another option. Please see page 40 in the St. James Handbook for a complete description of what is acceptable to wear on these days. In exchange for being in spirit wear, we ask our students to bring an optional donation for Restore & Renew.

#### 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

[Click here for more events](#)

cef@catholicbestchoice.org. [Click here](#) to learn more and begin the application.

[Catholic Education Foundation](#)

## Home & School Connection

Please see the attached link for a copy of the *Home & School Connection* January newsletter.

[Home & School Connection](#)

## Partners In Faith

Please see the attachment for the January Partners in Faith.

[Partners in Faith](#)

## REMINDERS

### Help Us Promote St. James

We are entering the time of year when many families are considering their options for next year and deciding what school they want for their children. We need your help to spread the good news about St. James! Word of mouth is the absolute best advertising! When you are on social media, be sure to like and share posts about St. James so your friends and family can see them. Also, we would appreciate any time that you could take to post your own good thoughts about what your son or daughter is doing at St. James. And, if you're really saavy with social media, feel free to tag us using the #WeAreStJames or #WeAreCommunity taglines. Thanks for helping spread the good news about our school!

### Spelling Bee

40 students in grades 5-8 will be competing in the annual St. James Spelling Bee on Monday, January 8. The Bee will be held in the gym at 1:30 p.m. Parents, friends, and family of the participants are invited to attend. Please do not arrive before 1:15 p.m. and we ask that you wait in the gym lobby until you are checked in by a St. James staff member. Good luck to all of our spelling whizzes competing!

### Open House Save the Date

The St. James Open House will be on Sunday, January 21, 2018, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars now to attend! If you know someone who may be interested in coming to St. James, we ask that you share this flyer below with them. One lucky family in attendance will win a \$500 tuition credit to St. James for the 2018-2019 school year!

[St. James 2018 Open House Poster](#)

## CAFETERIA

### NEW INFORMATION

#### Dad's Day in the Cafeteria

Dad's Day is Friday, January 19. Please contact Alice Ashcraft at [aashcraft@stjameswo.org](mailto:aashcraft@stjameswo.org) to sign up.

#### The Week Ahead

Thursday, 1/4—A—Chicken Pattie on a Bun; B—Spicy Chicken Pattie on a Bun; Sides—Yogurt with Blueberries, Carrots with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 1/5—A & B—Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce; Sides—Cottage Cheese, Pineapple, Side Salad, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Monday, 1/8—A & B—Plain Bagel with Butter or Grape Jelly; Sides—Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Broccoli with Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 1/09—A & B—Chicken Drummies; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 1/10—A—Cheese Pizza, B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—French Fries, Cottage Cheese, Celery with Dip, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

## REMINDERS

### January Menu

Please see the link below for the January menu.

[January Menu](#)

### January Volunteers

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

[January Volunteer Schedule](#)

## PTO

### UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

#### January

3—PTO Board Meeting—All are welcome—7:00 p.m. Room 105

10—Dine to Donate-Chipotle (9430 Colerain Ave.)

16—Confirmation

18—Grandparent/Special Friend 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

21—Open House

24—Little Caesar's Pizza Kits start

26—Cyclones Night

28—Feb. 2—Catholic Schools Week

## REMINDERS

### Dine To Donate- Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 5-9 p.m.

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St James. Come in to the Chipotle at 9430-C Colerain Avenue Wednesday, January 10th between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. James.

[Chipotle Flyer](#)

### Dream Dinners - Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. or Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Ever "dreaming" of what is for dinner? The St. James PTO has an exciting offer to help you bring your dream to a reality. St. James PTO is partnering with Dream Dinners-Westside to offer St. James families a chance to build three meal kits for quick and easy meal prep. Each meal kit offers three servings of a tasty dinner that requires little prep time to deliver a quick and yummy meal to your table. The cost of the private event is \$34.99/person and is limited to 12 St. James individuals per session. Each session is scheduled for one hour. During the hour session you will be offered a taste of a few different Dream Dinner meals, sip a cocktail, and create three meal kits.

Please use the links below to select your meals and complete your registration with payment.

January 20, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

<http://dreamdinners.com/fundraiser/733308>

January 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

<http://dreamdinners.com/fundraiser/733309>

Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Lauren Neyer at [laurenlsu@me.com](mailto:laurenlsu@me.com).

[Dream Dinners Flyer](#)

## Cyclones Night- Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for St. James night at the Cincinnati Cyclones game! Enjoy discounted ticket prices and “Kids Eat Free” night! There will be drawing for 12-15 kids to go out on the ice at halftime. This is a family fun night you don’t want to miss! Please send the attached entry form and check made out to the St. James PTO by January 18<sup>th</sup>. Questions, contact Leslee Pfaff, [leslee.pfaff@gmail.com](mailto:leslee.pfaff@gmail.com)  
[Cyclones Flyer](#)

## ATHLETIC CLUB

### NEW INFORMATION

#### 7C Panthers Basketball Runner-up

Congratulations to the St. James 7C basketball team on finishing runner-up in the Our Lady of Victory basketball tournament. Great job boys!

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Hoops Runner-up

Congratulations to the St. James 6<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball team on finishing runner-up in the Our Lady of Victory basketball tournament. Great job boys!

#### 8C Boys Hoops Tourney Champs

Congratulations to the St. James 8C basketball team on winning the St. James Tournament over the break. Great job boys!

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Champs

Congratulations to the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Schott) boys’ basketball team on winning the St. James Basketball Tournament over Christmas break. Great job boys!



#### Winter Sports Mass

Please plan on attending the Winter Sports Mass on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

A coach’s meeting will be held at 11:15 a.m. in the gym foyer following Mass. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

#### [Winter Sports Mass](#)

#### 2018 Panthers Baseball Sign Ups

Sign ups for the 2018 St. James Baseball season are open on-line. Sign up during early registration before January 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid paying late fees. Please contact Xen Schneider at [xschneider@cinci.rr.com](mailto:xschneider@cinci.rr.com) or Joe Bradshaw at [joe2bradshaw@gmail.com](mailto:joe2bradshaw@gmail.com) with any questions.

## La Salle Basketball Grade School Night

La Salle Basketball is hosting grade school night on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the Lancers game, the St. James 8<sup>th</sup> Grade A basketball team will battle St. Ignatius with tip at 6:00 p.m. All grade school students will be admitted free and are encouraged to wear their jerseys. Come cheer on the Panthers and the Lancers!

## REMINDERS

### February 28<sup>th</sup> XU Game to Benefit the SJAC

Discounted tickets are on sale for the February 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### St. James Youth Group

Our St. James Youth Group (for high schoolers who are school alumni or parishioners) is participating in a faith-based volleyball league this winter on Sunday nights starting January 14. Details on the flyer attached. All are welcome to sign up (free) for the fun on Sunday nights!

[Volleyball League](#)

### Mother of Mercy High School to Hold Grade School Basketball Night

**\*NEW DATE – January 30, 2017**

Mother of Mercy High School will hold a Grade School Basketball Night for grade school girls. Grade school girls who attend will receive free admission to the game, will enjoy snacks and giveaways, and will learn cheers with current Mercy students. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE BELOW HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS. THE NEW DATE IS JANUARY 30, 2017. Grade School Night festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gym lobby. The Freshman game begins at 4:30 p.m., JV begins at 6 p.m., and Varsity begins at 7:30 p.m. The Mercy Bobcats will take on St. Ursula. Students are encouraged to wear a grade school spirit shirt or their grade school basketball jersey. Any questions, please contact Tricia Reisman (Mother of Mercy) at 661-2740 x346 or [reisman\\_t@motherofmercy.org](mailto:reisman_t@motherofmercy.org).