



January 31, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday, February 20

First Communion Parent
Meeting—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

Fine Arts Sampler
Grades 7 & 8
7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- Immunization Requirement Letter—6th grade students only
- [8th Grade Graduation Video](#)—8th grade students only
- [Winter Bash PTO Flyer](#) - youngest student
- [ESAP Scholarship Program](#) - 7th grade students only

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

A Message from the Principal

We are in the middle of the week-long celebration of Catholic Schools Week! I look forward to this celebration each year as we are reminded how blessed we are at St. James to have such an amazing staff, dedicated parents and volunteers, a supportive parish, and great students so full of life and joy. We are teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens in our communities.

Today we celebrate "A Day of Thanks". We began our day celebrating Mass as a school community. We are fortunate to have two priests at St. James who are strong supporters of Catholic education and a parish community who values what we are doing for the children of our parish. Our parish supports our school in so many ways. Beyond prayer, the parish finances capital expenses, utilities, maintenance and cleaning, and many other behind the scenes operations. Because of this parish support, we are able to maintain tuition levels that are more affordable to our families. As we think of the support from our parish, we need to remember that this cannot be done without the weekly support in the collection basket from all of our parish families. In order for the parish to effectively meet the needs of our community, an average of \$950 is needed from each parish family. I recognize that some families may be able to contribute more and some may not be able to contribute at that level. What is important is that we each help support our parish knowing that our school benefits greatly from this. I ask that you prayerfully consider your level of support and give to our Sunday collections in the spirit of generosity and sacrifice. Together we can help our wider parish community thrive and help support the education of our children.

At Mass today, we also celebrated teachers who have reached a teaching milestone in Catholic education this year. Mrs. Boyett & Miss Paquet are both in their 5th year of service. Mrs. Schaefer has reached the 10 year mark. Miss Wiesman and Mrs. Bates reached 15 years of service. Miss Driggers has 20 years of dedicated service. Additionally, we celebrated Miss Peggy Rebsch who has been in the St. James cafeteria for 30 years! We thank each of them for their commitment to Catholic education.

Tomorrow we celebrate our teachers and staff. We have an amazing team here at St. James and I marvel at the time, energy, and commitment our staff has in serving our children. They live out their vocation in a very real way every day. Please take a moment to share a word of thanks. You would be surprised how far this goes to keep our staff motivated and energized in their mission. Our 4th graders will be pre-

senting their mini-musical for our school and in the evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

And finally, we celebrate our students on Friday with a fun day. We are reminded that the reason we exist is to educate these young minds and help them to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. They are the life of our school. In my role as principal, there is nothing that is more fulfilling than to visit with students in the classroom or cafeteria, chat with them in the halls, or watch them learn. I hope they realize how important each one of them are to each of us here at St. James. And, we are very proud of them!

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Thank you and God bless,

Jeff Fulmer
Principal

Registration for 2018-2019

To be eligible for the \$150 registration fee, current families will need to submit registration for 2018-2019 by Friday. **The registration fee increases to \$250 after Friday for current families!** Registration paperwork for the 2018-2019 school year were sent home previously. 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 Friday, 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!

Student Days

Students are invited to wear a fun hat tomorrow for our "Hats Off to Teachers" day as a sign of appreciation for their teachers. On Friday, to celebrate our fabulous students, we will have an out-of-uniform day when students can be "totally out of uniform" and do not need to follow the CSSD code. Of course, appropriate attire is expected.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 15 from 1:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In order to allow for more meaningful discussions to take place, there are limited time slots available for those grades. Parents of grades 4-8 will receive feedback from teachers in the Wednesday Envelope today 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.

We will once again be using an online program called Pick A Time for parents to sign up for conferences for all grade levels. Please click on the directions below for scheduling your conference appointments. The conference scheduler is now available. Conferences can now be made back to back so it is very important to be on time for all appointments. Our teachers will work very hard to start and end all conferences on time and keeping a conference to its time slot. All appointments must be finalized by Friday, February 9 at 11:00 p.m. At that time, the conference scheduler will be closed so that teachers have adequate time to prepare for conferences. Should you need to cancel after the conference scheduler has been closed, please call the school office at 741-5333. We hope that Pick A Time will once again prove to be a convenient and effective means of scheduling conferences.

[Conference Directions](#)

Strategic Plan Update

With the guidance and support of the School Advisory Commission, the action steps of the school's Strategic Plan were finalized and implementation has begun. St. James is excited to begin implementation of this bold plan. It is fairly unique for an elementary school to have such a comprehensive plan giving clear direction and goals for the future. We look forward to sharing with our community the progress that is being made and we hope that you will see the results of our hard work in the months and years ahead. [Click here](#) to read the strategic plan.

7th Grade Parents – Scholarship Opportunity

Each year, ESAP is pleased to offer the Butch and Karen Hubert Scholarship Program to current 7th grade students. The program is for current 7th grade students who will be going into the 8th grade next year. One boy and one girl from St. James School will be chosen. To be considered for the scholarship, current 7th grade students must submit the application and essay postmarked to ESAP by March 1. The scholarship amount is \$750 per student. An application with additional information can be found in the Wednesday Envelope for 7th grade students.

[ESAP Scholarship Program](#)

529 Plans for Catholic K-12 Schools

With new tax reforms, parents may now use their 529 plans for Catholic education for grades K-12. This allows for non-taxable distributions for tuition up to \$10,000 incurred during each tax year on a per-student basis. We encourage you to contact your tax advisor for further information.

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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](#)

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. 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.

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](#)

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 reapply, 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.factsmgt.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

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for the following dates: February 8, February 12, February 13, February 14, February 20, February 26 and February 27. Please consider helping us on one of those days! We cannot do our job without the help of our volunteers.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 2/1—A—Chili Spaghetti 3-Way; B—Cheese Coney; Sides—Kidney Beans, Carrots with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 2/2—A & B—Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce; Sides—Cottage Cheese, Pineapple, Side Salad, Applesauce, Salad Bar with Chili

Monday, 2/5—A & B—French Toast Sticks; Sides—Sausage, Yogurt, Fresh Broccoli with Dip, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 2/6—A & B—Chicken Drummies, Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 2/7—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—Tater Tots, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

REMINDERS

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.

[February Volunteer Schedule](#)

PTO

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

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

REMINDERS

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](#)

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](#)

Spirit Shop

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. Reyerling

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!

ATHLETIC CLUB

REMINDERS

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](#)

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.

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!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Saint James 5th Grade Girl Scouts Present Father/Daughter Dance—All About Sports!

Saturday, February 24th, 2018

Saint James Church Hall

7:00 p.m. —10:00 p.m.

All 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls and their dad (or favorite adult) are cordially invited to join us for All About Sports, with music, dancing, snacks, drinks, raffles, photo booth, corn hole tournament, best dressed sports couple contest, and more. Please see the attached flyer for more information and to register.

[Father Daughter Dance Form](#)