



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, October 5**

Christian Service Spirit Day

Conference Scheduler Closes at  
11:00 p.m.

**October 8-11**

Council on Child Abuse  
Presentations

**October 9**

Book Fair Starts

Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:30—8:00 p.m.

**October 11**

Rosary Devotion  
2:10 p.m.

School Advisory Commission  
Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

**October 16**

Confirmation Sponsor and  
Candidate Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

**October 18**

Picture Retake Day

Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:30—8:00 p.m.

**October 19**

No School  
Teacher In Service Day

**October 22**

No School

## WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- 8th Grade Field Trip Permission Form—8th grade students only
- [8th Grade Graduation Information Letter](#) —8th grade students only
- St. James Literary Magazine Information Flyer —youngest student

## ST. JAMES SCHOOL

### NEW INFORMATION

#### Christian Service Spirit Day Friday

Friday is the first Christian Service Spirit Day of the year. Students are permitted to wear spirit wear – St. James shirts, solid red, white, or black shirts, shorts, or jeans. Absolutely no short shorts. Shorts must extend to mid-thigh. 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 29 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 the Magnified Giving Program.

The St. James School Leadership Council will be partnering with the Magnified Giving program. Magnified Giving is a 501(C)3 educational organization based in Cincinnati, Ohio. The organization partners with local high schools and middle schools in the Tri-State. Their mission is to educate, inspire, and engage students in philanthropy and to touch the hearts and minds of teens, lighten the concerns of others, and magnify the impact of philanthropy.

As a partnering school, Magnified Giving will give the students of St. James School \$1,000 and invite them to invest the money in a local non-profit community. Our Leadership Council students will research social causes, explore the non-profits serving those needs, meet with agency reps, participate in discussions, make critical decisions, and decide which non-profit organization should receive their \$1,000! The Leadership Council is in the act of doing research to choose the charity our students will give to on CSSD days. As soon as we have a charity chosen, we will announce it to the school community to better promote the charity.

At the end of the school year our Leadership Council students will present a check to the charity they choose at the annual Magnified Giving Awards Ceremony where they will celebrate what they've learned.

#### Halloween at St. James

To celebrate Halloween this year, we are inviting ALL of our students K-8 to dress up during the school day! In order to keep this as a fun tradition for our kids, we ask that you follow the guidelines below.

- Students can choose to wear something black and orange if they do not want to dress up for the day or wear their school uniform as normal.
- Students in grades K-2 can come to school in costume, uniform, or in black and

orange. However, if they choose not to come in costume, they will have the opportunity to change before the afternoon parade. If your child will not enjoy being in costume all day, you may want to consider sending them in uniform or in black and orange. If they do choose to come in costume in the morning, it would also be wise to send them with another option in case they get bothered by their costume. You know your kid best when it comes to these things!

- No face painting or hair coloring is allowed.
- Costumes need to be school appropriate. Costumes should be modest and should not be too graphic, gory, or scary. Parents will be called if we deem a costume inappropriate.
- Students in 3-8 will be wearing costumes all day if they choose to come in costume. Be sure it is something comfortable and can be worn while seated in a desk.
- Additionally, we would suggest leaving costume accessories at home and keep them special for trick or treat night (ie. swords).
- All students should wear gym shoes with their costumes, not only for safety reasons inside the school building, but also for recess and gym.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for helping us make this a great day for our kids!

### Happy Halloween Parade – Mark Your Calendars

For Halloween this year, our kindergarten, first, and second grade students will once again be dressing up in their costumes and parading through the school. Part of the parade route will include a section for parents, younger siblings, and grandparents. Save the date for October 31 to join us for the Halloween Parade! Parents and family members are invited to line the parade route along the drive behind St. James School (near the cemetery). The parade will begin at 1:20, so plan on arriving in time to see all of our ghosts and goblins walk through. More information will be coming home this month from those primary grade teachers on all of the specifics of the day, but we wanted to make you aware of this opportunity so that you can arrange your schedule for the day. Happy Halloween!

### After School Playground Use

Our child care program uses the playground after school Monday-Thursday, weather permitting. We ask that parents not send their kids to play on the playground while our child care program is using it. Thank you for your help in this matter!

### The Enchanted Forest Book Fair – October 9-17, 2018

We hope you will support the Book Fair. Flyers are coming home today to give you a preview of some of the books that we will have at the fair! Take a look!

With hundreds of books kids want to read, you're sure to find something good. Books make perfect gifts! Our school library benefits with every purchase! Your child will have an opportunity to shop during school hours, but if *you* would like to have a chance to shop, **the fair will be open during conferences on October 9<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to see you there!

### All For Books

Our school is collecting funds for the All for Books program. By donating loose change at the Book Fair, you are helping:

- purchase books for our library and books for classrooms
- give more children greater access to books
- to get more kids reading, and kids reading more!

The All for Books money we collect also helps readers beyond our school and community. Scholastic Book Fairs® matches monetary donations with a donation of up to one million dollars in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations such as Kids In Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. If you are interested, please send your donation back to school with your child by October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Xavier Musketeer Reading Program

Don't forget to log your books for the Xavier Musketeers Reading Program!

- The more books your student(s) reads, the more prizes they will receive!
- All books this year will be logged at [GoXavier.com/ReadingProgram](http://GoXavier.com/ReadingProgram).
- Instructions on how to log their books is listed on the bookmark that they received at school.

## REMINDERS

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on October 9 from 3:30-8:00 p.m. and October 18 from 3:30-8:00 p.m. We will once again be using the 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 appointments. The conference scheduler is now available. All appointments must be finalized by 11:00 p.m. on October 5. 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.

There are limited time slots available for conferences for grades 4-8. We ask that you consider the feedback from your child's teachers sent home. If a teacher requested a conference, we would highly recommend scheduling a time to see that teacher. If a teacher did not request a conference, please do not feel obligated to conference with that teacher. You will actually assist us in providing enough slots for the necessary conferences. If a teacher did not request a conference and you feel it is still necessary, you may still sign up for a conference.

[Conference Scheduler Instructions](#)

### Donate Your Used Books

Do you have bookshelves with books that your children have outgrown and are just collecting dust? Perhaps you have novels or book series. Consider donating these books to our school. Teachers are always looking to build their classroom libraries to give kids more options to read. Feel free to bring books that are appropriate for students in kindergarten to eighth grade. We will put them to good use! Any books that we cannot use will be donated to another worthy organization or school.

## CAFETERIA

### NEW INFORMATION

#### Volunteers Needed

The cafeteria is in dire need of volunteers this month. We need volunteers especially on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays this month. If you could please spare a few hours of your day to come and help us (and as a bonus you get to see your student), please contact Alice Ashcraft at [aashcraft@stjameswo.org](mailto:aashcraft@stjameswo.org) as soon as possible! Thank you in advance.

#### The Week Ahead

Thursday, 10/4—A & B—Beef and Cheese Nachos; Sides—Refried Beans, Tomatoes and Onion, Sour Cream, Carrots with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 10/5—A & B—Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce; Sides—Cottage Cheese, Pineapple, Side Salad, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Monday, 10/8— A & B—French Toast Sticks; Sides—Sausage, Celery with Dip, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 10/2—A & B—Chicken Drummies; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 10/3—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—Wedge Fries, Baked Beans, Carrots with dip, Apricots, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

## REMINDERS

### October Menu

Please see the link below for the October menu.

[October Menu](#)

### October Volunteers

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

[October Volunteer Schedule](#)

## ST. JAMES PTO

### NEW INFORMATION

#### Upcoming Events

##### October

- 9—Parent Teacher Conferences
- 9—Little Caesar's Pizza Order Pickup-Cafeteria
- 18—Picture Re-takes
- 18—Parent Teacher Conferences—Dinner for teachers hosted by PTO
- 26—Rummage Sale Drop Off-Church Hall
- 27—Rummage Sale

##### November

- 7—PTO Board Meeting- Room 105 at 7:00 p.m.—All are welcome
- 9—6th Grade Grandparent/Special Friend Breakfast
- 19—Rockin Jump 4:00—8:00 p.m.

### NEW INFORMATION

#### Little Caesar's Pizza Kits

The kits will be ready for pickup on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Thank you for supporting the PTO!

#### Pick Your Challenge

Thank you to all who participated in Pick Your Challenge! We raised almost \$5,000! Congratulations to Mrs. Barnett's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade classroom for being the top sellers! They will receive their Donut Breakfast on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> grader, Ryan Novak, who was the TOP SELLER! Ryan will receive a \$50 gift card to the place of his choice! Thank you to all families that participated. If your child raised at least \$25 or participated in Opt Out, they will receive an out of uniform coupon in their Wednesday Envelope within the next 2 weeks. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at: [stjpto1844@gmail.com](mailto:stjpto1844@gmail.com)

#### Box Tops

Box Top funds will pay for adding water bottle refill stations throughout our school! Think about how hot it can get in our building and how challenging it can be to refill a water bottle from our current drinking fountains. The next time you're at school, try it.

## Box Tops Expire

The first deadline is approaching. Send your clipped Box Tops into your homeroom teacher(s) in a baggie or envelope with the homeroom number clearly written on it. This allows us to apply the amount toward our Homeroom Challenge. You can also drop off directly to the front office. **October 24** is the date to turn in everything you have collected so far. Clip Box Tops, ask your friends, family & neighbors to help you collect as every little bit helps.

Join us on Facebook at St. James Box Tops

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Questions/Suggestions? Contact Jessica Deters at [jedeters@gmail.com](mailto:jedeters@gmail.com).

## Campbell's Labels

Just a reminder, if you were still sending Campbell's labels. The Campbell's soup label program has been discontinued.

## REMINDERS

### Spirit Shop

Please see the attached uniform sweatshirt order form. This is the ONLY item that the shop will be taking orders on. Please remember that orders can take up to a month to arrive-so don't delay; order yours today! In addition to ordering uniform sweatshirts, we are always updating our inventory and will be open EVERY Thursday morning from 8:00-9:15 a.m. and during October conference nights. Please stop in and see all of the new items we have in stock!

### Spirit Shop Hours:

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>—8:00—9:15 a.m.

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>—8:00—9:15 a.m.

As a friendly reminder, grades K through 5 are permitted to wear red or grey 1/4 zip uniform sweatshirts. Grades 6-8 may wear red or black 1/4 zip sweatshirts.

We are always looking for more help, if you or anyone you know is looking to get involved please contact, [leslee.pfaff@gmail.com](mailto:leslee.pfaff@gmail.com).

[Uniform Sweatshirt Order Form](#)

## St. James PTO Rummage Sale

The rummage sale will be held in the church hall on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be a \$5.00 clothing only bag sale at noon. Please start saving useable clothing, toys, books, household goods, small appliances and miscellaneous items. (Please no large furniture, no curtain rods, and only appliances that are in good working order.) Drop off for these items will be in the church hall on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please do not drop items off at any other time, or if there is no one there to accept the items. Call Janice at 385-5850 if you need more information.

## Kroger Rewards Program

Enroll your Kroger Plus Card in the new 'Kroger Community Rewards Program' and St. James will earn rewards every time you use your card. It's easy! Log in to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and follow the steps to register your Kroger Rewards card. Don't forget to link your Kroger Plus Card to St. James. (St. James enrollment number is DK299)

## Coca Cola Give

Turn your Coca-Cola product purchases into donations to St. James School. To donate, visit: [www.coke.com/give/schools](http://www.coke.com/give/schools). Select St. JAMES THE GREATER SCHOOL. Codes can be found on packs, 2 liters, and individual bottles. Any questions, please contact Kathy Weber: [kathyw9876@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyw9876@hotmail.com) This is an extremely easy way to help raise funds

for our school. It is very similar to box tops. We are currently up to \$77 raised and that is just with 1 parent's donations. Please consider taking the time to log your coke codes.

## **ST. JAMES ATHLETIC CLUB**

### **REMINDERS**

#### **Chilifest**

Chilifest 2018 will be October 6, 2018. Enter your favorite chili in the cook-off, and win a major award for first, second, and third places. Bring chili to share, enjoy the music, bonfires, desserts, and great company. See flyer for more information.

[Chilifest Flyer](#)

#### **SJAC Needs You**

The St. James Athletic Club is always looking for talented folks with an enthusiasm for athletics at St. James. We are currently seeking out volunteers to serve as Athletic Director, Website/Registration, Field Maintenance, and to serve on our Board. Please consider volunteering for any of these positions. You can contact the SJAC Board by emailing [StJamesACBoard@gmail.com](mailto:StJamesACBoard@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you and go Panthers!

## **ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS**

### **NEW INFORMATION**

#### **Parish Bulletin**

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

#### **VIRTUS**

The next VIRTUS child protection class held at St. James Parish will be on November 15. Please check the parish website or bulletin for more information.

## **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

### **NEW INFORMATION**

#### **VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest**

The VFW Post, 10380 Green Township, is the local Post sponsoring the national youth essay competition. The winner and second place, both receive a monetary award. We then forward our winner to the district competition, and the winner of that goes to the state competition. That winner competes against other state winners, and all state winners receive national awards. All entries are due to the school office by October 31. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Crane at 513-805-1338. Please see the attached information regarding the contest.

[VFW Patriots Pen Writing Contest](#)