



September 20, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 22

No School

Teacher In Service Day

Saturday, September 23

Science Club

Field Trip

Tuesday, September 26

Confirmation Parent &
Candidate Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 29

8th Grade Grandparent
Luncheon

12:30 p.m.

Friday, October 6

Christian Service Spirit Day

Tuesday, October 10

1st Grade Sunrock Farm Trip

8th Grade Cathedral Trip

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

School Advisory Commission
Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

Confirmation Sponsor &
Candidate Meeting

7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- Open House Address Form - youngest student only
- [PTO Panera Fundraiser Flyer](#)- youngest student only
- [PTO Keeneland Bus Trip Flyer](#) - youngest student only
- [PTO Ladies Night Out Flyer](#) - youngest student only
- [PTO Spirit Shop Sweatshirt Order Form](#) - youngest student only
- Book Fair Flyers
- Fall Picture Packets
- Math Mania Packets

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

Teacher Email

Email is a wonderful tool to communicate between parents and teachers. Please be aware that for many of our teachers, they are not able to check email throughout the school day as they are actively working with our students. Please don't assume that an important, timely message will be read by a teacher. For example, if you need to change your child's end of day routine, an email sent at 10:00 a.m. that morning may not be read by the teacher until students have already been dismissed. For timely information, please contact the school office. Thanks for your help!

Student Email for Grades 5-8

Our students in grades 5-8 have school Google email accounts to help us facilitate collaborative and online learning. We ask that parents not use this email to communicate with your child throughout the school day. Students should be focused on learning while in school. Thank you for your help in this.

Students' PlusPortals Accounts

Each student is assigned a username and password for our PlusPortals system. Parents, please do not change these passwords. If you make a password change to their account, they are not able to access this during the school day and we are unable to inform them of a password if they forget. Your help in this area is greatly appreciated! Parents should access the PlusPortals system using your own username and password. There is different information shared with parents than with students as well.

BOOK FAIR OCTOBER 3-11, 2017

We're excited to bring to St. James...

The WILD WILD WEST BOOK FAIR- -Saddle Up and READ!

The Book Fair will be open this year on Tuesday, October 3 through Thursday, October 5 during the school day and again the following week from Monday, October 10 through Wednesday, October 11 for the students during the school day. The students will have an opportunity to shop during their reading class. The Book Fair will also be open on conference night, October 11th from 3:30 to 8:00 if you would like to stop by!



We hope you will support the Book Fair. Our school library benefits with every purchase!

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 11th. Encouraging your child to put their “change” from their purchase at the book fair will help a lot. Your act of kindness helps bring more knowledge, imagination, and love for reading into the lives of our students. Thank you!

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

Menu

Tomorrow we will be serving hot ham and cheese sandwiches on pretzel buns. This delicious sandwich is made with Sky Haven Ham and a super soft pretzel bun. Make sure to try one Thursday.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 9/21—A & B—Hot Ham and Cheese on Pretzel Bus; Sides—Baked Beans, Cottage Cheese, Carrots with Dip, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 9/22—No School

Monday, 9/25—A & B—Waffle Sticks; Sides—Sausage, Cucumber with Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 9/26—A & B—Chicken Drummies; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese, Pineapple, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 9/27—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—French Fries, Carrots with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

REMINDERS

National School Lunch Program

IMPORTANT: This is a reminder that St. James School Cafeteria participates in the National School Lunch Program. If you feel that you may qualify for free or reduced lunches, please make sure you send in an application to the cafeteria before September 29. If you need to obtain an application, or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Oliverio at 741-5338 or moliverio@stjameswo.org. If you qualified last year for free or reduced lunches, you must fill out a new application for this school year.

[Free/Reduced Lunch](#)

September Menu

Please see the link below for the September menu.

[September Menu](#)

September Volunteers

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

[September Volunteer Schedule](#)

PTO

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

September

- 20—Room Rep Meeting- 7:00 p.m. Marian Room
- 26—Dine to Donate – Panera (Colerain)
- 27—Little Caesar’s Pizza Kits start
- 28—Math Mania Ends
- 29—8th Grade Grandparent/Special Friend Luncheon
- 29—Family Fun Night – Movie in the gym

October

- 6—Keeneland Bus Trip
- 13—Ladies Night Out

NEW INFORMATION

Math Mania Worksheets Come Home Today!

Today, your student will bring home the five math worksheets in their Wednesday Envelope. Students should already be collecting their pledges. Remember, all five completed sheets and all pledge collections are due next Thursday, September 28th. Thank you in advance for supporting our students and the PTO!

[Math Mania Flyer](#)

Ladies Night

“Ladies Night Out” Friday, October 13th 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. The PTO will host the annual Ladies Night Out in the St. James Church Hall. Admission is \$3 per person which includes a chance to win door prizes and an extra raffle ticket! Enjoy raffles, split-the-pot and *complimentary* food. Cocktails, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase. We have lots of new vendors and several returning favorites this year. Mark your calendars now and plan for a fun “Ladies Night Out”.

[Ladies Night Out Flyer](#)

Rummage Sale

The St. James PTO Rummage Sale will be held in the Church Hall on Friday, November 3 from 5:00— 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be a \$5.00 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, November 1 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 2 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, November 3 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 or if you can help setup on Friday morning or clean up on Saturday after the sale. Thank you!

Spirit Shop

Attached is the link for 1/4 zip school uniform sweatshirts. Please fill out one line item for each sweatshirt

you want to order. Orders will be placed each Thursday in the months of September and October, then on the 15th and 30th of each month thereafter. If you turn in your order on Friday, it will not be placed until the following Thursday. And as a friendly reminder, grades K-5 may wear red or grey uniform sweatshirts and grades 6-8 may wear red or black uniform sweatshirts. Please contact Kelly Burton at kcjackson@hotmail.com with any questions about school sweatshirts.

[Sweatshirt Order Form](#)

REMINDERS

Dine To Donate—Panera Bread

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 26th from 4:00—9:30 p.m. Panera Bread will be donating a portion of all drive thru, pickup, or dine-in sales to St. James. Please present the flyer at the time of purchase. Thank you for your support!

[Panera Bread Flyer](#)

Keeneland Bus Trip

Spots are filling up.....hurry! Please join us for the 2nd Annual Keeneland Bus Trip! We'll take a day trip down to see the horse races at Keeneland on Friday, October 6th. Spaces are limited and it is suggested that you return your RSVP as soon as possible to secure your spot! We look forward to another fun-filled day!

[PTO Keeneland Bus Trip Flyer](#)

Family Movie Night

Please join us on Friday, September 29th in the Gym for family fun! The PTO will be showing the movie, Boss Baby. Please bring pillows, blankets, a little cash (for refreshments and candy, of course!) and snuggle up with your kiddos and enjoy! PTO donations will be accepted, but not required for entry. See flyer for more details.

[PTO Movie Night Flyer](#)

ATHLETIC CLUB

NEW INFORMATION

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, Volleyball Coordinator, Field Maintenance, and to serve on our Board. Please consider volunteering for any of these positions. You can contact the SJAC Board by emailing StJamesAC-Board@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you and go Panthers!

REMINDERS

Fall Sports Mass/Coach's Meeting

The Fall Sports Mass will be held on Saturday, September 24th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you have a child playing fall sports at St. James, please plan on attending. Children can wear their uniform shirts to Mass and celebrate with their team. Immediately following the Mass, a coach's meeting is scheduled in the Church Undercroft. Coach's sports liaison meetings are held generally three times a year after our sports masses. Attendance at one coach's sports liaison meeting is an annual requirement of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Charter on Youth Athletics. So if you are coaching a sport at St. James, please consider attending this meeting to complete this requirement. Get more information on the attached flyer.

[Fall Sports Mass Flyer](#)

2017 St. James Boys Basketball

Registration is open for the 2017 Boys Basketball Season. You can register on-line by visiting www.stjamespanthers.org. The schedule for try-outs is below. Registration will close on Friday, September 29th. Registration must be completed to participate in evaluations.

Sunday, October 1st & October 8th	
5th	1:30 - 2:30 pm
6th	2:30 - 3:30 pm
7th	3:30 - 4:30 pm
8th	4:30 - 5:30 pm

Monday, October 2nd & 9th	
5th	5:30 - 6:30 pm
6th	6:30 - 7:30 pm
7th	7:30 - 8:30 pm
8th	8:30 - 9:30 pm

2017 Girls Panthers Basketball

Registration is open for the 2017 Girls' Basketball Season. You can register on-line by visiting www.stjamespanthers.org. The schedule for open gyms and evaluations is below. Registration will close on Friday, October 6th. Registration must be completed to participate in evaluations.

Tuesday, October 3rd - OPEN GYM	
3rd & 4th	6:00 - 7:00 pm
5th & 6th	7:00 - 8:00 pm
7th & 8th	8:00 - 9:00 pm

Thursday October 12th - OPEN GYM	
3rd & 4th	6:00 - 7:00 pm
5th & 6th	7:00 - 8:00 pm
7th & 8th	8:00 - 9:00 pm

Sunday, October 8th - EVALUATIONS	
5th & 6th	5:30 - 7:00 pm
7th & 8th	7:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, October 15th - EVALUATIONS	
3rd	1:30 - 3:00 pm
4th	3:00 - 4:30 pm
5th & 6th	4:30 - 6:00 pm
7th & 8th	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Chilifest – Mark Your Calendar

Please mark your calendars for this year's Chilifest scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. Chilifest is a fun event at the St. James fields with chili, fun, and friends. Look for more information in next week's E-Envelope.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

NEW INFORMATION

St. James Tuition Assistance Donations

St. James Parish is pleased to announce that the ESAP Program through the George Hubert Foundation is going to match any tuition assistance donations received up to \$10,000 at a rate of 150%! Therefore if the parish receives \$10,000 in tuition assistance donations by December 1, they will match \$15,000. This will give the parish \$25,000 in tuition assistance plus the ESAP donation of \$9,000 that is designated to our parish school. Please contact Amy Klosterman if you need further information. Thank you!

St. James Parish Sunday Contributions

Contributions to St. James Parish are now also available through our secure "We Share Link". You may setup a one-time or recurring donation to St. James Church. Visit <https://stjameswhiteoak.weshareonline.org/> to access the site. We appreciate your support!

Pause Volunteer Opportunity

Pause in an initiative for special needs families committed to providing consistent support that is unique to the family's needs while also partnering with them to grow their natural support system. Pause is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events. For more information, [click here](#).

La Salle Shadow Days

Attention 8th graders - Sign up now to schedule a shadow visit at La Salle High School! Spend the day with a current La Salle student and see what it's like to be a Lancer for a day. Shadow days are available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. Go Beyond the Brotherhood. Experience La Salle. Register now online at www.LaSalleHS.net/Admissions.

Seton High School Shadow Days

Seton High School invites 8th grade girls to shadow at Seton! Be a Saint for a Day and see how you can soar at Seton! You will be greeted by your shadow hostess and spend the day attending classes. Lunch is on Seton that day. Shadow dates are available from now through November 21, and shadow days fill up quickly. Transfer students are encouraged to shadow on October 6. Please go to www.setoncincinnati.org to schedule your shadow request. Seton's Director of Institutional Advancement, Sarah Cranley Lykins '02, will follow up with you to help you make the most of your day. If you have any questions, please call Sarah at [513-471-2600 ext. 2422](tel:513-471-2600) or lykinss@setoncincinnati.org. #SoarAtSeton

St. Ursula Academy Volleyball Night

Girls from local grade schools are invited to Saint Ursula Academy's Grade School Volleyball Night to be held on Tuesday, October 3. Please join us at the SUA Gymnasium and Convocation Center at 6:30 as our Varsity Volleyball team takes on rival Seton High School. Wear your school spirit wear for free admission (includes parents and coaches also). Drawings for fun prizes will be held between matches! We hope to see you on October 3. Register at www.saintursulaevents.com/volleyball-night.

Mount Notre Dame High School Learning Series

Mount Notre Dame will once again be hosting a junior high learning series: MND Start-Up. MND Start-Up is geared towards the inquisitive 6th, 7th or 8th grade girl who is seeking opportunities to expand her learning. Sessions are taught by leading MND faculty members, experts in their particular fields of study and in engaging students in applied learning. Each session requires a separate registration, which opens exactly one month prior to the event. Space is limited! Registration for the first session (Model United Nations Human Rights in Action Simulation) is now open! Please see the attached flyer for details.

[Mount Notre Dame Flyer](#)

Mother of Mercy and McAuley High Schools Hold Grade School Volleyball Nights

Mother of Mercy and McAuley High Schools will hold Grade School Volleyball Nights for grade school girls interested in experiencing the athletic programs at Mother of Mercy and McAuley. Grade school girls who attend will receive free admission to the games, will enjoy snacks and giveaways, and will learn cheers with current Mercy and McAuley students. Any questions, please contact Tricia Reisman (Mother of Mercy) at 661-2740 x346 or reisman_t@motherofmercy.org or Lorraine Effler (McAuley) at 681-1800 x2272 or efflerl@live.mcauleyhs.net.

Thursday, September 28 at Mother of Mercy, 3036 Werk Road – Grade School Night festivities will begin at 6 p.m. in the gym lobby. The JV game begins at 5:30 p.m., and Varsity begins at 6:30 p.m. The Mercy Bobcats will take on Ursuline. The theme is “Whiteout;” grade school students are encouraged to wear white.

Wednesday, October 4 at McAuley, 6000 Oakwood Avenue – Grade School Night festivities will begin at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. The JV game begins at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity begins at 6:30 p.m. The McAuley Mohawks will take on Sycamore. The theme is “Blackout;” grade school students are encouraged to wear black.

McAuley High School Presents Fall Play, *Ramona Quimby*, October 20 - 22

McAuley High School will present its fall play, Beverly Cleary's *Ramona Quimby*, October 20 – 22. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21, and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22. Tickets for the shows are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students/seniors and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets can be purchased at

www.mcacin.booktix.com or at the door. On Sunday, October 22, children and parents are invited to join us for Ramona Quimby's Halloween Party at 12:45 p.m., right before the 2:00 p.m. show. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes, and there will be Halloween treats and activities with the cast members. Tickets for the Halloween party are \$5 for adults and \$10 for children. A special package deal is offered for those who purchase tickets to the Halloween party and the October 22 show. Tickets for the show and the party can be purchased for \$12 total (adults and kids). Tickets for the party must be purchased ahead of time at www.mcacin.booktix.com.