

St. James School December 2023

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No School December 22- January 1, 2023

*Did you know that Advent is actually a liturgical season for watchful, patient waiting? Advent is about waiting patiently for our Prince of Peace, Christ. It often does not feel that way with the busyness of the secular celebrations of Christmas, but truly we are called to slow down, grow in prayer and prepare for the coming of Christ. I am not sure how my students would feel if they knew I suggested their parents might buy them less presents and, instead, offer more presence. However, I truly believe that is the greatest gift we can give to our children. Maybe your family can pick one or two ways to slow down and savor this season of Advent to prepare your hearts for Jesus. It could be daily prayer together, a commitment to family dinners together, calling a relative you miss, family game night or attending church on the weekend. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas, making memories to last a lifetime together.
Merry Christmas~Mrs. Bartholomew*

St. James Christmas Concert Series



Concert Schedules:

Monday, December 18th: 3rd-6th Grade Concert @ 6:30PM (snow date 12/19)

Wednesday, December 20th: Pre-K-2nd Grade Concert @6:30 PM (snow date 12/21)

****Students should wear dressy concert attire or their costume for their assigned role. All students are expected to participate in the concert.****

Annual St. James Craft Fair-Saturday, December 2nd

Shop local and stop by the St. James Craft Fair this Saturday between 10:00AM and 3:00PM. Crafts, art, locally made products, books and so much more.

Gouverneur Christmas Parade Float ~ Saturday Dec. 2nd

This is a parent volunteer organized event. This is a wonderful way for our school to participate in a community event and share our faith. It is often quite cold at the parade so be sure to have your children dressed very warmly. Lineup is at 4:00 and the parade commences at 5:00.

Snow Day Reminder: In the event that weather prevents us from having school or there is a delay, you will receive a Parent Alert text from our FACTS messaging system. **We are considered part of the Gouverneur District. When Gouverneur Central School delays or cancels for weather, that includes St. James School.** If we have a delay in the morning, there will be no morning preschool.



Santa's Workshop - Santa's workshop will be open the week of December 11th-December 15th . Students may bring money, along with a list of those they are shopping for. The prices are very reasonable and there is always something for those special people in our students' lives. A very big thank you to Ms. June and the FAITH group volunteers who work so hard to offer this to our students every year!

FORMED, "Catholic Faith on Demand"

FORMED: Please feel free to check out the FORMED website for wonderful information and resources on Advent. Go to Formed.org and enter St. James Parish and our zip code (13642) for access. Check it out during this season of Advent!



***St. James School and Parish Community Caroling Event
Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM***

Join us for an evening of sharing the Christmas Spirit as we carol our way through town, spreading good cheer. This event was such a hit last year that we have decided to have two trailers for all who would like to participate. We will meet in the St. James parking lot shortly before taking off at 5:00. Please call the school or church office if you have questions.



Angel Tree Service Project, Helping others at Christmas!

Angel Tree Service Project - Our service project is underway! Permission slips have been sent home for your child to take a tag from our Angel Tree if you'd like to purchase a gift for a member of our sponsored families. Our 5th and 6th graders will be wrapping the gifts to be delivered to our sponsored families.

Save the Date~ St. James Gala 2024

Embrace the Journey. Your adventure awaits on Saturday, February 10th at the 21st Annual Gala.

Tickets go on sale in January, but gift certificates are available if you'd like to give one as a Christmas present. Contact Mrs. LaPierre at advancement@stjamesk-6.org. If you own a business and would like to sponsor, please ask us about a sponsorship form.

The mission of St. James Parish School is to provide a quality Catholic education for students to grow spiritually, academically, socially, and physically, in partnership with families and in harmony with the specific gifts given by God to each student.