

St. James School News

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Mission Statement

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.

Message from the Principal

"For I know the plan I have for you" declares The Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope for a future - Jeremiah 29:11

Many of us have a favorite bible verse and this one is mine. Whenever I am faced with a decision or a turn in my life's journey, I recite this verse. God knows already the plans he has for us; sometimes we follow those plans and sometimes we choose to ignore God's plan, (which he probably already planned for!) When faced with the decision to return as principal, I listened to what God wanted from me and had planned. Planning is an interesting word. We have been doing a great deal of it lately! All our usual school plans have been re-evaluated and revised. I have been reflecting on the plans of 60 years ago, when a few parishioners came together to devise a plan for St. James School. Their HOPE for a future in Catholic Education continues to carry us through our plans for this school year. While plans change, our mission remains the same; Christ remains the same. God bless you all. Mrs. LaPierre

Happy 60th Birthday St. James School!

60 years ago this month, St. James School opened its doors to welcome children.

We will have a week long celebration September 21-25 with a

Birthday Bash on Wednesday, September 23rd which is our

ONE DAY OF GIVING. We hope to jumpstart our annual St. James Fund with \$6,000 raised on this **ONE DAY OF GIVING!** Donations can be sent to our school or made online at www.stjamesk-6.org by clicking on the DONATE button.

NO UNIFORM WEEK – SEPT. 8th - 11th. – Students may wear outfits of their choice to school this week. Please be sure items are school appropriate and shorts & skirts meet the "longer than longest fingertip" requirement. Students need to wear SNEAKERS ON TUES./THURS. PE DAYS AND ON THE PLAYGROUND. There will be no mass on Friday due to Father Shane will be out of town.

TAP = Tuition Assistance Program

TAP forms are due back Friday, September 11th for students in K-6th grade.

Some of you may have completed this form last spring or during registration time. TAP is based on financial need and is a program for K-6th grade students. We will only be sending the forms home this week to families that have not completed one already. One form per family required.

Please complete the form and include a copy of the top page of your federal income tax form.

***Breakfast and Lunch is No Charge ***Extra Milk/Juice \$.40 each

Families, Activities, Interests, Teachers, Helping

The St. James FAITH/Parent Teacher Group will hold 3-4 meetings this year to help plan activities and support the classrooms. All adults (parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) that would like to be involved are invited to attend. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th from 6-7 p.m. Please wear a mask.

President, Ashley June
Vice President, Kristin Simmons
Secretary, Bridgette LaPierre
Treasurer, Mr. Joshua Dowling

Attention all parents, grandparents, substitute teachers, and volunteers...

To protect the children of St. James School to the best of our ability, all volunteers wanting to work in the school, substitute, go on field trips, or drive a group of students, must attend a VIRTUS training session. Once you attend a VIRTUS session, you need not ever attend it again. If you don't remember if you've attended, call the office and we can let you know. **VIRTUS Training at St. James School is virtual at this time.** If you would like to register for the VIRTUS training and complete a background check, please email sec@stjamesk-6.org.

Afterschool Care - Please note a change in the cost. **The cost is \$4 per child/per day.** If you are in need of care, please complete the registration form and return to school. Space is limited to 6 families at this time.

School Mass- Our school mass schedule will be changing this year to follow the COVID 19 regulations. Classes will be taking turns attending school mass. However, we are asking **ALL K-6 students** to wear mass attire **each Friday** to demonstrate respect and to stay in the habit of Friday mass attire. Reverent faith activities will be planned for those classes not able to attend mass on a particular Friday. Girls jumpers ordered from Flynn O'Hara are on back order and several young ladies have not received theirs yet. We are aware of this and will allow those who have not received their jumpers to wear the uniform pants and shirt to mass until the jumpers arrive.

Redemption Center

Both Bottle Redemption Centers in town will collect your bottles and cans and donate the money to St. James School. Just drop off your bottles and let them know they are to benefit St. James School!!

Box Tops

St. James School collects "Box Tops" off food and grocery items. Just cut them off and send into school. We will receive money for each.

September

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

-Proverbs 22:6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 School Begins	9 No Uniform Week	10	11	12
13	14 3 Day Preschool and PreK begin	15 2 Day Preschool begins	16	17	18 Mass	19
20	21 Dress like your Favorite 60's Cartoon Popcorn and Juice Sale	22 Tie Dye Tuesday -	23 One Day of Giving! Birthday Hat Day	24 60's Groovy Day. Wear flowers or Sunglasses	25 Mass	26
27	28	29	30	Happy 60th Birthday St. James School!		Upcoming Events: Oct. 2 Blessing of the Animals Oct. 6 FAITH group meeting