

# St. James School Summer 2020

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*Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old, they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6*



## WELCOME BACK PRINCIPAL LAPIERRE

Here I am again... writing to you as principal! For many of our long time families and supporters you will remember that I served our school as principal in 2008-2011. At that time, I welcomed my now third grader, Frances, into the world and stayed home with her, acting as a volunteer Advancement Director and most recently, the AIS teacher. Before joining the St. James staff as a PreK teacher in 2007, I taught at St. Mary's in Canton, East Side Elementary School in Gouverneur, and as an Adjunct Professor and Student Teaching Supervisor with SUNY Potsdam. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Psychology, a Master's Degree + in Reading and permanent certification in Preschool-Grade 6. BUT, it's not my qualifications that have led me back into this role as principal; its my heart! I believe in the mission of St. James School, that each child has unique gifts given by God and we need to work in partnership to develop those gifts and educate them. We do a great job of it as indicated by our state exams and the success of our alumni. Most importantly, we bring Jesus into the daily lives of children. Proverb 22 sums up why I accepted this position again. I want to provide a place where children will be on the right path so that when faced with life's challenges and decisions they will stay on that path. If we don't do it here at St. James School, they may never step onto that path leading to Christ. I am thrilled to start children off here and am so grateful that you have chosen our school.

*God's Blessings, Mrs. LaPierre*

**We are excited to welcome all of our current staff back to St. James this year!** Our staff has been spending many days writing a "Re-opening Plan" that encompasses in person learning, a hybrid model, and a virtual learning model so we will be prepared for any scenario the state dictates. Per the guidelines, our students will NOT need to wear masks the entire day, only during situations when social distancing is not possible. We will need to social distance throughout most of the day. We are in a good position to do this with our small class sizes and the procedures already in place, such as, eating lunch in the classrooms. Cleaning and disinfecting will be taking place more often to ensure your child's safety. Once our plan is approved, we will share it with you on our website so you know in detail what your child's day will look like. Thank you for your patience and support for our school. Keeping life as consistent for your child as possible is the best for him or her and that is what we will strive for.

**Menu for the first day of school:** Hot dog on bun, fruit, vegetable and milk. **We will be serving breakfast and lunch FREE to ALL K-6 students this year, regardless of income.** This is wonderful news for us because it will help us balance our cafeteria budget. Did you know if your child eats breakfast and/or lunch, we are reimbursed MORE for that meal than what you would pay out of pocket? **PLEASE encourage your child to eat school breakfast and lunch!**

## Welcome Back "Meet and Greet"

Wed., September 2nd and Thurs., September 3rd, 2020

We will be contacting each family to set up an appointment for the Meet and Greet. You will practice the new entrance procedure for taking temperatures at the door and then visit the classroom to see our new layouts. Then, Mrs. LaPierre will meet families in the gym for a Question and Answer Period. Please wear a mask into the school building for the Meet and Greet. You may bring school supplies on this day. Additional supplies requested: 2 cloth masks, individual hand sanitizer and individual tissue packages.

**The first day of school for students in grades K-6 is Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Preschool and PreK will begin the following week on Monday, September 7th.**

The elementary school day is 8:45am-3:30pm. It is possible that the schedule may change due to changes in the Gouverneur District. Please be prepared for our school day to begin at 8:05 and dismiss at 2:30 if that announcement is made.

**No uniforms the first week of school Sept. 8-11th. On Friday, September 11th students must wear appropriate mass dress clothes. No jeans or jean shorts on this day.**

Students must have sneakers for the playground and for PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Chicken Barbecue to benefit St. James School

Sunday, September 6th.

*Curbside Pickup only*

11:00am- 2pm (or sold out)

Adults - \$12.00. Children (6-12) \$6.00. 5 and under eat FREE!

Chicken, macaroni and potato salad, baked beans, roll and dessert. *If you are able to donate cookies, please bring them to the Meet and Greet.*

## SJS Vikings' Annual Golf Tournament "Swinging for Education" **\$1,000 CASH PAYOUT!**

DATE: Sunday, August 23, 2020

TIME: 11:30 Registration begins 12:30 Shotgun Start

PLACE: Emerald Greens Golf Course, Rte. 11, Gouverneur

COST: \$50 per person \$200 per team

*Registration forms are available on our website, FB page, and in the parish office.*

**Before and After School Program** - There will be more details to come on these programs. Gouverneur Central School District start time may affect these programs.

