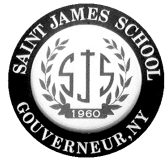


# St. James School

## October 2023

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October 6th - Early Dismissal/Half Day  
October 9th - Holiday - No School  
October 13th - No School - Superintendent's Conference

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*We made it through the first month of school and what a great start to our school year it has been! During the month of October, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis was born into a life of opulence, but had a change of heart and became devoted to a life of prayer and poverty. He is known as the patron saint of ecology and animals, which is why we traditionally host a "Blessing of the Pets" at St. James School on his feast day (October 4th@3PM). Speaking of traditions, October is a month full of St. James traditions that we hope you all can join us for. On October 17th at 6:00PM, we will hold our annual back-to-school open house and covered dish supper, Bishop LaValley will be making his annual visit to St. James School on October 19th, Halloween rollerskating happens on October 27th and we will conclude the month with our Saints parade on October 31st. Throughout the years our families have made wonderful shared memories at these events. We look forward to seeing you all soon. ~ Mrs. Bartholomew*



**Blessing of the Animals on Wednesday, October 4th.** To honor St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, you can bring your pet to school. This will be held in the SJS gym at 3:00. Please be sure that your animal is leashed or contained. If you are unable to bring your pet, please send a photo or stuffed animal to represent your pet. After the blessing, you may sign your child out with their teacher. If parents/caregivers are not able to attend, your child will be dismissed as usual after participating in the blessing.



**October 17th (6:00-7:30PM) Covered Dish Supper and Open House:** Please join us on October 17th at 6:00 PM for our annual back-to-school covered dish supper. Please bring a large dish to pass and your own table settings(plates and utensils). Water and lemonade will be available for beverages. Classrooms will be open for students to show their families. We hope you can join us for this event!



### Halloween Roller Skating at St. James School!

This month on October 27th at 6:00PM FAITH group is hosting a Halloween Roller Skating night where students can come dressed in costume and skate the night away. Admission will be \$3 per person or \$5 per family. We also plan to have a scary house, face painting and concessions to be sold. Proceeds benefit our FAITH Group(parent-teacher organization).



## **Bishop LaValley visits St. James!**

It is always a treat when Bishop visits St. James School. All are welcome to join us for this special Mass on Thursday, October 19th @ 10:15AM. Reception to follow in the gym.

**All Saints' Parade - Tuesday October 31st at 10:00am.** Students in grades K-6 will be learning about Catholic Saints during the month of October. Students will dress like a saint during our All Saints' Parade. More details will be coming about their designated saint and costume ideas from Mrs. Leader, our religion teacher.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

**We will be scheduling individual parent-teacher conferences on November 17th, 20th and 21st.** This is a time scheduled for you and your child's teacher to discuss their progress so far this school year. It is also a great time to ask questions or address concerns that you may have. If you would like to speak to any staff member before your scheduled conference, please contact the teacher by phone, email or a note in your child's folder/binder.



**Lifetime Hunting License Raffle:** We are kicking off this favorite raffle on October 2nd. The winner of this raffle can choose between a lifetime hunting license for big and small game, \$500 cash or a Right Hand Bear Royale Bow (RTH). Thank you to Sub Zero Archery for donating the bow. Proceeds go to St. James field trips and classroom events. Individual tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Raffle tickets will be sent home. Additional ones are available at the school or at Sub Zero Archery.

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*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.*