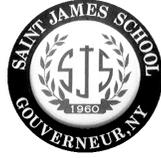


# St. James School December 2021

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No School December 23- January 2, 2021

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. – Isaiah 9:2*

*As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are reminded that **He is the Light of the World**. Try to see the people around you through the eyes of God. Try to experience people as He would, with His love and understanding. I strive to let go of grievances or hard feelings and carry the joy of Christmas in my heart. Pray: "Heavenly Father, may the Light of Your presence shine on my relationships and allow me to forgive others and treat all with love."*

*God bless you, Mrs. LaPierre*

### Mini Music Christmas Concerts

Your child will be performing during music class. **4 guests are permitted to the mini concert. The concerts will last roughly 25 minutes.** If no guests are able to join us, we will arrange for a staff member to be your child's audience. Your child may wear concert attire on this day. School uniform will not be required on the day of your child's music concert. A separate note will be coming from your child's teacher with more information.

#### Concert Schedules:

**Monday, December 13th** - Grade 3 at 9:45am, Grade 5 at 10:30am

**Wednesday, December 15th** - Grade 2 at 11:00am, PreK at 1:00pm, Grade 6 at 1:30pm

**Friday, December 17th** - Grade 4 at 9:30am, Grade 1 at 11:15am, Kindergarten at 12:15pm

**Snow Day Make Up will be Monday, December 20th.**



**SEARCH FOR THE STAR** event. Join us for hot cocoa, a treat and a family car ride to look at lights. We will gather at the school at 5:45 on Friday, December 10th. View the live Nativity and pick up your snack. At **your leisure**, you will depart SJS and travel on the predetermined route to view family and staff outdoor decor. You will be given a scavenger hunt list to complete along the ride. A special guest will greet students at Mrs. LaPierre's house. All students who participate in the scavenger hunt will earn a raffle ticket in the December Principal's Raffle. It's not too late to register your house for the route! Send the registration form back to school ASAP. Your house does not need to be registered for you to participate in the scavenger hunt. This is open to anyone.

**St. Nicholas Day, December 6th** - Students must bring in one extra shoe to leave in school by **Friday, December 3rd**. In celebration of the feast day of St. Nicholas, students will receive a small treat in their shoe. This tradition celebrates the spirit of giving and the love he had for all children.

**Snow Days may be coming!** It's that time of year when children wear their pjs inside out and sleep with a spoon under their pillow in hopes of a snow day. In the event that weather prevents us from having school, you will receive a Parent Alert phone call. **We are considered part of the Gouverneur District. When Gouverneur Central School delays or cancels for weather, that includes St. James School.** Notification will be sent to WWNY - Channel 7 News also. 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 13th . Students may bring money for shopping for family members. Thank you to Ms. June and the FAITH group volunteers!

**Advent begins on Sunday, November 28th. Family Advent Wreath Making** will begin at 9:45 in the school gym on Sunday. All materials will be provided. If you have pruning clippers, please bring them. We'd love to have you join us for Advent Wreath Making. **There are some wonderful Advent resources on the "Formed" site. Visit <https://leaders.formed.org/religious-ed-and-catholic-schools/>**

**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. **Unwrapped gifts are due on Thursday, December 16th.** Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be wrapping the gifts to be delivered to our sponsored families.

**BASKETBALL NEWS!** We have been contacted by another Catholic School and hope to have a basketball club team this year at St. James School. Please stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, show off your skills at the:

**Free Annual Elks Club HoopShoot** to be held at St. James on December 11th. Registration at noon. Ages 8-13 years old.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Gala 2022 will be held on Saturday, February 12th. "Viva St. James" will transport you to a *Fabulous Las Vegas* casino where everything's a gamble and you can try your luck to help us raise a buck! 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.*