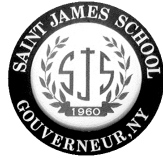


# St. James School

## October 2021

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**DATES: No School Monday, Oct. 11th**

*Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him. - Psalm 62:5*

*A Season of Stillness...A beautiful Autumn day, in all its glory, is the perfect time to sit outside in nature and engage in the spiritual practice of being still. The world today is very noisy! Use these fall days to embrace the calm and quiet peace of His presence. Be still and listen to God. What is He saying to you? -Mrs. LaPierre*

**Blessing of the Animals on Monday, October 4th. On the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, you can bring your pet to school.** Father Jay will perform a brief blessing of your pet and you may sign your child out of school and dismiss following the blessing. We must stagger our blessings for social distancing and please wear a mask. **The Blessing times are as follows.** If your last name begins with M-Z - 2:15pm, D-L - 2:35pm, A-C- 2:55pm. If your family has blended names, please choose one time to come. Be sure your animal is leashed or contained. If you are unable to bring your pet, you may send a photo or stuffed animal to represent your pet. If parents/caregivers are not able to attend, your child will be dismissed as usual after participating in the blessing. You will be asked to sign in at door and must wear a mask while inside the school regardless of vaccination status.

**All Saints' Parade - Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 10:30am.** 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 on **Thursday, October 28th.** More details will be coming about their designated saint and costume ideas. If you want to begin your research the Saint will be assigned as follows: Kindergarten - Mary and Joseph, First - St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare, Second - St. Mother Teresa and St. John Paul II, Third - St. Patrick and St. Brigid, and Grade 4, 5, and 6 will be student choice.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

**We will be scheduling individual parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday, November 10th from 9am-5pm. There will be no school for students on this day.** 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.

## COVID Health Protocols

- Thank you for your patience this year with the Health Protocols. Each absence **MUST** be reported by our office to the Health Office at Gouverneur Central School. **If your child is out sick, please contact the school nurse, Ms. Stamper, at 315-287-1902.** She will try to reach you if you don't call. You will need to report your child's symptoms. There are new symptoms often being added to the CDC site for children.
- **Please be advised that the school nurse will be recommending a visit to your health care provider and most likely a COVID negative test to return to school. Our goal is to keep our children healthy and safe and in school! Work can be provided if your child is waiting for the negative results. Please contact the school office to request work, 315-287-0130. Test results usually take approximately 3-5 days.**
- **If a child tests positive, we are required to submit seating charts and it is likely any child sitting within a 6-8ft. radius will be asked to stay home until they are contacted by public health.**
- **Students are allowed mask breaks when the entire class is seated. They are placed 6 or more feet apart for this purpose.**

**COVID MASKS - Don't forget to wash your masks every 2 days or as needed.** Some masks are in need of washing and this should be done regularly. Masks get pretty dirty when they are worn in school.

**F.A.I.T.H. Group** meetings are open to ALL parents/caregivers. This is our parent-teacher organization that helps plan activities and events for our school. Please join us on **Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6-7pm** at school for our first meeting of the year.

**Sign up for Tools for Schools with Price Chopper** to help us earn school supplies! Go to [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com) and enter our 5 digit school code: **49797**

**SJS Family Day at the Corn Maze on October 17th** - Attached is a coupon to come to the Corn Maze. You should have received one coupon per student. Bring the coupon for free admission to the corn maze. Thank you Mrs. Wake for planning this event!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The St. James Outreach needs volunteers to help with set up of our sale. Volunteers are needed for Thursday, October 7th. Call 315-287-0130 if you are available to help bring items from the parish office to the school.