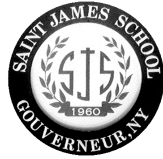


St. James School September 2021

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September 7th - School begins
September 17th - Staff Day - No School for St. James students

A Message from Mrs. LaPierre

Prayer before meals: *Bless us O, Lord and these thy gifts which we are about to receive, from thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The new school year is a perfect time to begin a new family practice of saying grace before meals, especially your family dinner. After the blessing, you can add prayers of gratitude, pray for loved ones or any special intention you have. My family often prays for you, the families of St. James School!

SJS IS SEEKING A PART TIME CUSTODIAN

25-30 HOURS PER WEEK. BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED. IF INTERESTED, CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 315-287-0114.

Help Needed!

Our parent group (F.A.I.T.H.) group is looking for a new Book Fair coordinator to set dates, help organize the fair, and return materials. Mrs. Denesha is able to assist. Please contact our office, if you can help organize.

UNIFORMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13TH - Uniform contracts went home on the first day of school. Please refer to that to answer questions about requirements. Students need to wear SNEAKERS ON TUES./THURS. PE DAYS AND ON THE PLAYGROUND.

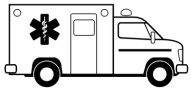
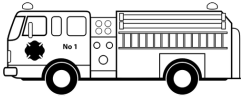
***Breakfast and Lunch is No Charge ***Extra Milk/Juice \$.40 each

Water Bottles are a must! Please send a plastic water bottle filled each day with your child. Our water fountain is closed during the pandemic. No glass bottles please.



Before and Afterschool Care - If you are in need of care, please submit a registration form to the main office. Space is limited.

Back to School Barbecue Open House - Come grab a hot dog and tour your child's classroom on Wednesday, September 22nd. We will plan to hold the barbecue out by the playground, weather permitting. Hot dogs, chips, side dishes and drinks. Please wear a mask in school and limit your visit to 15 minutes in each classroom per COVID regulations.



Touch a Truck Event - Does your little one LOVE trucks and vehicles? Most kids do and here's your chance to let them get up close to one. St. James is hosting an early childhood fair with area organizations booths to inform you of services available for young children, food trucks and several vehicles to tour out by our playground. Join us for our first ever "Touch a Truck" event on Sept. 30th at 4:15.

SNACK SALE - The fifth grade will host our first snack sale on September 27th. During COVID PART II, we will continue to only allow store bought, prepackaged items for our snack sale. No home baked items please. Most items will be 50 cents. 5th grade will also be using up an abundance of popsicles and will hold **popsicle sales on Wednesday for 25 cents** until they are gone. Benefits of the snack sales help to pay for field trips.



TAP = Tuition Assistance Program

TAP forms are due back Thursday, September 16th 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 is required.

Please complete the form and **include a copy of the top page of your federal income tax form 1040.**

VIRTUS TRAINING - 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 see the attached directions.

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 5th from 6-7 p.m. Please wear a mask.**



President, Ashley June
Vice President, vacancy
Secretary, Brianna Soper
Treasurer, Mr. Joshua Dowling

UNIFORMS FOR FREE! We have so many uniform pants, shirts, skorts, and shorts that are gently used that are free to you. Uniform clothing is on display now and you are welcome to stop in and take what you need. We don't have room in our closet for it all!

Need a Halloween costume? The St. James Outreach has a great selection of over 100 costumes, some still with tags!. Prices vary from \$1-\$5. Outreach Hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10-2.

