



April 26, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26

5th Grade Family Life Meeting
7:00 p.m.

April 27

7th Grade Academic Team
Competition

April 29

Science Club Field Trip to Air
Force Museum

May 1

1st Grade Field Trip to
Cincinnati Zoo

May 2

First Communion Pictures

May 3

First Communion Practice
(Saturday Mass)

May 4

Panther Prowl Walk

First Communion Practice
(Sunday Mass)

May 5

No School
Teacher Inservice Day

May 6

First Communion
4:30 p.m. Mass

May 7

First Communion
12:00 p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [Kindergarten Grandparent Ice Cream Social Form](#) - Kindergarten only
- [2nd Grade Grandparent Breakfast Form](#) - 2nd Grade only
- [Movie Night Flyer](#) —youngest student
- [Panther Prowl Reminder Sheet](#) —every student
- Panther Prowl Homeroom Challenge Crazy Sock Day Flyer—youngest student
- Spirit Week 2017 Flyer—youngest student
- 1st Communion Reminder Sheet—2nd grade only

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

2017-2018 Tuition Information

The school budget has been completed for the next school year. This budget has been reviewed by the School Advisory Commission and the Parish Finance Commission and approved by Father Nolker and Parish Council. As in years past, every effort has been made to minimize the tuition increase while maintaining our standard of academic excellence. The tuition rates summarized below represent a \$110 increase per child over the current year's tuition while still maintaining all current programming. Staff will receive a 2% increase to the base salary and step increases if appropriate.

We would like to thank the members of the School Advisory Commission for their help and support in developing the school's budget and establishing tuition rates. Questions regarding the 2017-2018 tuition may be directed to any member of the School Advisory Commission, as well as the school administration.

Number of Children	2017-2018 Tuition
One Child	\$3,775.00
Two Children	\$7,335.00
Three Children	\$10,395.00
Four Children	\$11,325.00
Non-Parish Child	\$5,205.00
Kindergarten	\$3,775.00

It is expected that parishioner families with students in the parish school support the whole parish through regular contributions through the Sunday collection. Since it is presumed that parishioners are doing this, there is a reduced tuition rate for parishioners. To receive the parishioner rate, the following are required:

- The family is registered in the parish.
- At least one parent is Catholic.
- The child is baptized and is being raised as a Catholic.

Students who are not parishioners are invited to attend St. James School, but at the full tuition level.

There is a scale of adjusted tuition rates for parishioner families with multiple children in St. James School. Children in kindergarten do not qualify for multiple child discounts. Non-parishioners are not eligible for multiple child discounts.

IOWA Testing Results

Dear St. James Families:

Today, students in grades 2-8 are receiving the score reports from the CogAT and Iowa assessments which were administered in March. As you review your child's results, please remember that scores are not reported as a percentage correct, but rather as a national percentile rank, standard score, or normal curve equivalent score. These scores can be used to help you see your child's performance on this particular assessment in comparison to others who took the assessment, as well as to see the growth of a student from year to year.

Additionally, using the CogAT data from assessments, a predicted percentile rank (PNPR) is also calculated. This score indicates how well a child is predicted to perform on the Iowa tests by using the measure of ability assessed through the CogAT in grades 2, 5, and 7. Thus, student predicted scores in grades 2, 3, and 4 use CogAT data from grade 2, while student predicted scores in grades 5 and 6 use CogAT data from grade 5 and student predicted scores in grades 7 and 8 use CogAT data from grade 7.

Additional information regarding interpreting your child's scores on the Iowas can be found below. I would encourage you to take some time to explore these resources to better understand what your child's scores mean.

The following information comes from the University of Iowa with regard to Iowa Assessments.

Score Reports

You can find some general information on reading your child's score report here:

[Interpreting Results from the Iowa Assessments](#)

National Standard Score (NSS)

The **National Standard Score**, or NSS, describes performance on a continuum from kindergarten through high school. The continuum is based on scores from testing thousands of students and determining where students at certain grade levels fall within a range.

The achievement continuum connected with the Iowa Assessments is divided into three categories: Non Proficient, Proficient, and Advanced. Using these scores allows teachers, parents, and students to track not only proficiency at a test time, but year-to-year growth.

[Standard Score Ranges for Achievement Levels](#)

National Percentile Ranking (NPR)

The Iowa Assessments also include a **National Percentile Ranking (NPR)**. This compares a student's score with others in the nation in the same grade who took the test at the same time of year. The NPR is based on a scale of 1 to 99, so if a third grade student receives a 75 that means the student did as well or better than 75 percent of other third graders in the nation taking the test at the same time.

In past years this NPR has been the more important score on the ITBS or ITED. With the switch to the new Iowa Assessments the NSS will be the more important indicator of student achievement, as it will be easier to track one student's growth year to year, instead of compared to other students.

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

Since CogAT's inception, the authors have encouraged a focus on the student's scores on the three separate CogAT batteries rather than on the student's Composite score. The scores on the three batteries make up a student's score profile. CogAT score profiles identify both the level of the student's scores and the pattern of scores across the batteries. In the short paragraph at the bottom of the score report, you'll see an "Ability Profile." You can use this profile code at the website <http://www.hmhco.com/cogat/cogatprofile> to receive more information about the CogAT test and your child's scores.

The Iowa and CogAT assessments provide one measure of student ability, achievement, and growth. Thus, while these assessments are important and valuable, they should not be used as the sole measurement of your child's abilities and

skills. Like any assessment, it is understood that there can be any number of factors which impact student achievement in any given year. However, as a standardized measure of ability and performance, they provide useful information as we plan for student placement and evaluate instructional practice. It is in this light, that we use the testing data each year. Should you have additional questions regarding your child's score report, please do not hesitate to contact his or her teacher.

Scoliosis Screenings for 6th Grade

6th grade parents: Yearly Scoliosis screenings will occur over the next two weeks. The students are screened in uniform. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nurse Connie - office 385-0830 or clanter@stjameswo.org.

Leadership Council for the 2017-2018 School Year

Leadership Council advisors met with 7th graders who are interested in becoming involved in the Leadership Council next year on Monday, April 24. They were given the following paperwork: [Leadership Council Introduction Letter](#), [Essay Instructions](#) and [Homeroom Rep Forms](#). Essays and forms must be returned to Mrs. Linahan no later than May 3, 2017. We have also adjusted the Lock In dates to August 9-10 to avoid any conflict with the trip to Washington, D.C.

Panther Prowl Update

We met our goal! In doing so, students will be off school on Friday, May 5th! To date, we have collected over \$22,000! The winners of the Homeroom Challenge are:
 1st place – Miss Junker: 100%. Students will receive a “total” out-of-uniform day to be announced, plus a special breakfast of donuts and juice in homeroom.
 2nd place – Mrs. Weingartner: 96.43% - Students will receive a special breakfast of donuts and juice in homeroom.
 3rd place – Mrs. Zapf: 91.3% - Students will receive a special ice cream treat.
 Thank you so much to everyone that donated!

Spirit Week

Please see the attached flyer for information about Spirit Week May 1-4.

[Spirit Week Flyer](#)

8th Grade Play – *Singin' In The Rain*

St. James Class of 2017 proudly presents *Singin' in the Rain*. Performances are open to the public on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can now be purchased by completing the attached ticket order form. Please join us as we offer a lighthearted portrayal of Hollywood in the late 1920s, with the transition from silent films to "talkies."

[Ticket Order Form](#)

REMINDERS

Calendar Changes

Due to a graduation conflict with a high school, we have adjusted our calendar for next year. Please see the updated overview calendar below.

[2017-2018 Calendar](#)

Ohio Right To Read Week

The Leadership Council is sponsoring a New and Gently Used Book Drive! We are donating any new or gently used books to the children at St. Joseph Orphanage. Please consider sending in a book that a child at St. Joseph's might enjoy to help celebrate Right to Read week. We will be collecting books in homerooms Monday, May 1—Thursday, May 4.

CAFETERIA

Cafeteria Lunch Card Balances

Over the next few weeks, we will be sending home letters with balances for all students and a guide to help you plan your lunch money out accordingly. Remember, money does carry over to the next school year; however, all debt must be paid in full before the end of the school year.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 4/27—A & B—Chicken Pattie on a Bun; Sides—Macaroni and Cheese, Carrots with Dip, Fresh Fruit, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 4/28—A & B—Spaghetti and Meatballs; Sides—Breadstick, Cottage Cheese, Side Salad, Pineapple, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Monday, 5/1—A & B—Pancakes; Sides—Sausage, Cucumber Slices, Vanilla Yogurt, Strawberry Cup, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 5/2—A & B—Chicken Drumsticks; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 5/3—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—Tater Tots, Corn, Celery with Dip, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

May Menu

Please see the link below for the May menu.

[May Menu](#)

May Volunteers

Please see the link below for the volunteer schedule for May.

[May Volunteer Schedule](#)

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PTO

MAY

4—Panther Prowl

6-7th—First Communion

8—K-1 Screening

9—Grandparent/Special Friend 2nd Grade Mass & Breakfast

9—Dine to Donate – Skyline (Colerain) 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

11—Panther Prowl Rain date

12—Grandparent/Special Friend Kindergarten Ice Cream Social

25—PTO Board Meeting - incoming and outgoing members

26—Olympic Day

30—Olympic Day Rain Out

NEW INFORMATION

Dine to Donate – Skyline (Colerain Ave.)

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:30 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.

Location: Colerain Ave. (near Cross County) Location only

REMINDERS

Family Fun Night at the Movies – Showing Disney’s Moana

Date: THIS FRIDAY, April 28, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Location: School Gym

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring something comfortable to sit on; no chairs allowed on the gym floor. Pepsi products, popcorn and snacks available for purchase; no outside food or drinks will be permitted. Please remember this is a family event and no child may be left unattended. Donations will be accepted at the door. Any family that generously donates \$10 will receive a chance to win a \$25.00 Skyline gift card.

[Movie Night Flyer](#)

Mother/Son K-4 Fun Event

Date: THIS SUNDAY April 30th, 2017 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Colerain Bowl

There are a few spots left! If you are still interested in attending, but did not send in your money yet, contact Colleen Miles: themilesfamily@ymail.com.

St. James PTO Rummage Sale

Drop off dates: TODAY 3-7 p.m., Thursday (27th) 3-7 p.m. and Friday (28th) 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Items needed: gently used clothing, toys, books, household goods, and small appliances in good working order.

Rummage Sale Date: Friday, April 28th 5-7 p.m.

Location: Church Hall

Spring Flower Sale – Pick Up May 4th 3:00—6:00p.m.

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the PTO Flower Sale.

Spirit Shop Hours

Spirit Shop schedule for the rest of the school year:

April 27th 8-9:15

May 8th 8-4

May 11th 8-9:15 and 3:30-7:30 (Sale)

May 12th Last day to place orders for this school year

May 25th 8-9:15

ATHLETIC CLUB

NEW INFORMATION

Soccer Registration Open

Registration for the 2017 Panther Soccer Season is open on-line. Soccer is available for boys and girls in Grades 1 thru 8. Go to www.stjamespanthers.org and login to register. Registration levels have been revised for Say Soccer this year, so you may notice a difference in division names. Divisions and division names are now based strictly on age, such as 6U, in lieu of the previous division names such as “Wings” for example. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Schwierling at christinaschwierling@gmail.com with any questions.

SJAC Spiritual Liaison

St. James Parish and the SJAC are pleased to welcome Dan Unger as our Spiritual Liaison. Dan is a St. James alumni Class of 1976 and has always been active in the parish including currently as an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 24 and member of St. James Father's Ministry. Dan has been married for 26 years to Jeanne and they have a daughter and son who attended

St. James, Class of 2008 and Class of 2010. Welcome Dan!

2017 St. James Volleyball Clinic

The 2017 St. James Volleyball Clinic will be held from June 12 to June 15. As you are planning your summer vacations, please pencil this date in your calendar. The clinic will be held at St. James for girls in grades 3 to 8. **Deadline for registration is May 1st**, with no late registrations accepted. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

[Volleyball Clinic Flyer](#)

REMINDERS

Golf Outing Volunteers

The 3rd Annual St. James Golf Outing is coming up on Friday, May 12 at Aston Oaks Golf Club. We need volunteers for registration prior to the shotgun start, during the event at various holes around the course, and during the post outing dinner at the banquet center. Help is needed throughout the day, so consider volunteering anytime you are available. The outing is a fun day at the golf course for golfers and volunteers, and the past success of the outing is the result of the fun group of volunteers who have donated their time. If you are interested in volunteering this year, please contact Brian Rhodes at brhodes1@fuse.net or Keith Theissen at theissenk@gmail.com for more information.

2017 Kid Glove Game

Tickets are available for the 2017 Kid Glove games. The Cincinnati Reds gives St. James softball and baseball the proceeds of every ticket sold through our program. The Kid Glove games have helped pay for new uniform items and equipment while minimizing or eliminating any fee increases for the last few years. These games are a great way to support the St. James softball and baseball programs while getting a great ticket price to watch the Cincinnati Reds. The games this year are: Reds vs. Orioles- April 18th, Reds vs. Pirates – May 1st & 2nd, and Reds vs. Indians – May 22nd & 23rd. You can purchase tickets from your child's softball or baseball coach, online at www.stjamespanthers.org, or by contacting Nick Panagis at n.panagis@gmail.com.

Football Registration Open

Registration for the 2017 Panther Football Season is open on-line. Football is available for grades kindergarten thru 8. Go to www.stjamespanthers.org and login to register. Registration during the spring months is required by the GCYL Football League to verify the league structure for the upcoming season. Due to the early nature of sign-ups, we are offering two payment options for football this year. Registration can be either paid in full, or in two installments. Within the registration process during checkout and payment, there will be 2 payment options listed. If the two-part payment is selected, a deposit will be due immediately, and final payment will be required by 6/30/2017. To be registered for football, you must finalize payment by 6/30/2017 if the two-part payment is selected. Contact Paul Reynolds with any questions at pgreynolds@fuse.net.

Golf Registration Open

Registration for the 2017 golf season is open on-line. Golf is available for boys and girls in grades 4th thru 8th. Go to www.stjamespanthers.net and login to register. Sign up today!

[St. James Golf Flyer](#)

St. James Day at the Ball Park

Join the St. James community for a Day at the Ball Park as the Cincinnati Reds take on the Pittsburgh Pirates on May 2nd at 7:10 p.m. Tickets to this game are part of the Kid Glove Program, and proceeds help purchase equipment for the St. James baseball and softball programs. You can get tickets through at www.stjamespanthers.org or by emailing stjamestickets@gmail.com. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

[Day at the Ball Park Flyer](#)

2017 St. James Golf Outing

Registration is now open for the 3rd Annual St. James Athletic Club Golf Outing to be held Friday, May 12, 2017, at Aston Oaks Golf Club. We hope you can join us for this great event to support the athletic programs at St. James. Registration

and event information can be found online at <https://stjameswhiteoak.weshareonline.org/2017SJACgolfouting> . You can also register by filling out the registration form and mailing in. If you have any questions or would like information about volunteering to help with the outing, please contact Keith Theissen at theissenk@gmail.com or (859) 462-0461.

[Golf Outing Flyer](#)

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

NEW INFORMATION

Cincy Music Series Finale - Arrival - The #1 Abba Show in the World Saturday May 6

The Cincy Music Series will be wrapping up the 2016 - 2017 season with Arrival, the number one Abba tribute in the world from Sweden on Saturday, May 6 at Mount St. Joseph University. If you loved listening and dancing to Abba or are a big fan of Mama Mia, this is a must see show! Flares, bell bottoms and leisure suits are not required. You will be dancing in the aisles and singing along to nearly every song. This is a great show to get a group of friends together and make a party of it. If you would like to bring a large group, contact us for a possible group discount and we can make sure you are all sitting together. For tickets and information go to www.cincymusicseries.org or call [513-570-0652](tel:513-570-0652) for information. For each ticket purchased, \$5 will be donated to the St. James Tuition Assistance Fund. The ESAP (Education Scholarship and Assistance Foundation) will match the donation for a total \$10 per ticket contribution. What a great way to support our Catholic schools! Have a great night out with family and friends, and the schools benefit.

[Abba Show](#)

St. James Day at Orchard Hill Swim Club

Thursday, June 1

1:00 to 5:00

Cost \$5.00 for non members