



April 5, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6

Way of the Cross

April 7

Christian Service Spirit Day

April 10

6th Grade Ohio River Explorers Field Trip

Algebra End of Course Exam

April 11

Algebra End of Course Exam

April 13

No School

April 14

No School

April 16

Happy Easter

April 17

No School

April 18

No School
Teacher In-Service

April 19-21

6th Grade In Control Program

April 20

8th Grade Field Trip to Matthew 25 Ministries

School Advisory Commission Meeting—7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [8th Grade Graduation DVD & Class Gift Letter](#) —8th grade only
- [Chick-fil-A Dine to Donate Flyer](#)—youngest student only
- [Mother/Son Bowling Flyer](#) —K-4 boys only
- [PTO Annual Flower Sale Flyer](#) —youngest student only
- [PTO Annual Flower Sale Order Form](#) —youngest student only
- [Olympic Day T-Shirt Order Form](#) —every student
- [Parent Information Night Flyer](#) — 6-8 grade only
- [Parent Letter](#) — 6-8 grade only
- [6th Grade Curriculum](#) — 6 grade only
- [7th Grade Curriculum](#) — 7 grade only
- [8th Grade Curriculum](#) — 8 grade only
- Spring Picture Packets and Letter—photographed students only
- Acceptance Packets for 2017-2018 School Year – youngest student only

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

A Message from the Principal

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Christina Riggins has been selected to serve in the role as Assistant Principal for the 2017-2018 school year.

After proceeding through the formal process to find an assistant principal, the Assistant Principal Search Committee recommended their full support of Mrs. Riggins. Mrs. Riggins is currently a Spanish teacher at Wyoming High School. At Wyoming, Mrs. Riggins instituted a service learning project program for the entire school, was instrumental on the implementation of a 1:1 technology program, and served as the faculty advisor to student council. Previous to her time at Wyoming High School, she taught at North College High School and Two Rivers Middle School. Mrs. Riggins is a graduate of McAuley High School, Miami University, and Northern Kentucky University. She is excited about the opportunity to serve in a Catholic school as her faith is a very important part of her life. I know she is looking forward to getting to know the students and families of St. James School in this role.

May God bless you,
Jeff Fulmer
Principal

Shorts

Beginning on April 3, students are once again permitted to wear uniform shorts to school until the end of the year.

Christian Service Spirit Day Friday

Friday is another Christian Service Spirit Day. Please review the following to ensure that your child is in compliance with this day.

- Shirts can include a St. James shirt or a solid red, white, or black shirt.
- Pants: Students should not wear tight fitting pants unless shorts or a skirt is worn over the pants. If you are unsure if the pants are too tight, then please choose another option.

[Click here for more events](#)

- Shorts: Students should not wear tight fitting shorts. Additionally, shorts should be of an appropriate length. (A good measure is placing arms at your side and the shorts should extend past fingertips.)
- Gym shoes or dress shoes can be worn. No boots of any kind or variety, moccasins, etc. can be worn.
- Please see page 43 in the St. James Handbook for a complete description of what is acceptable to wear on these days.
- In exchange for being in spirit wear, we ask our students to bring an optional monetary donation for Matthew 25 Ministries.

St. James St. Mary's Ladies Society Scholarship

The St. James St. Mary's Ladies Society is pleased to offer a scholarship to one deserving boy and one deserving girl currently enrolled in grades 3-7. The two scholarships, \$500 each, will be awarded at this year's May Crowning on May 10, 2017. Applications must be received by April 21. For more information about this opportunity and how to apply, please click on the link below.

[St. Mary's Ladies Society Scholarship](#)

Junior High Career Day

We are in need of volunteers for our junior high career day on May 19. Participants will be asked to give a short (15-20 minute) presentation about their career and answer questions from students. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please visit the link and fill out the Google form. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Waidmann, at jwaidmann@stjameswo.org

Junior High Career Day Participant Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/9CbG5Ory3c5sYZIh2>

Lead Testing

St. James School and Parish voluntarily participated in the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) program to test the water in our school and parish buildings for lead. This was an effort to protect the health of our children. The report from GCWW concludes that, "One hundred percent (100%) of the sample results were below the detection level or below the federal action level. This is great news and indicates that results did not show any high lead levels throughout you school!" We are reassured that our children are safe from lead contamination in our buildings.

Organ Available

St. James has an organ that is currently in a storage room. If you are interested in this organ, it is available to a good home free of charge. We are unsure of what the working condition is of the organ. If interested, you would be responsible for removing the organ from the school. Please contact Jeff Fulmer at jfulmer@stjameswo.org or 741-5333 if you are interested.



8th Grade Parents - John E. Merritt Award Reminder

8th grade parents previously received information about scholarship opportunities presented at graduation through the PTO. This is a reminder of the following information. The criteria for the John E. Merritt Merit Award (\$300) are the following:

- Demonstrates positive leadership skills among peers through projects, activities, and/or extracurricular events
- Voluntarily participates in two activities providing time, help or aid to others within the last two years
- Shows moral and ethical strength, integrity, fortitude, dependability, hard work and determination
- Overall academics are maintained and/or improved and commensurate with ability
- **Parents must nominate the student by submitting a letter with details to Mr. Fulmer by April 7, 2017.**

8th Grade Parents – Algebra Testing Reminder

Students in the 8th grade algebra classes will be taking the algebra end of course exam on Monday, April 10, and Tuesday, April 11.

Home & School Connection

Please see the attached link for a copy of the Home & School Connection April newsletter.

[Home & School Connection](#)

Partners in Faith

Please see the attached link for a copy of the Partners in Faith April Newsletter.

[Partners in Faith](#)

St. James Religious Education Office

Attention parents of students in Grades 6, 7, and 8: Representatives from Pregnancy Center West (PCW) will be at school with students in Grade 6 April 19-21 and with Grades 7 & 8 April 24-27 to share information which will serve to highlight concepts underscoring the importance of chastity. Please see the attached memo and grade-level-appropriate outline of what will be covered. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please call the Office of Religious Education and speak with Theresa Hayes at 513-741-5339.

[Parent Information Night Flyer](#)

[Parent Letter](#)

[6th Grade Curriculum](#)

[7th Grade Curriculum](#)

[8th Grade Curriculum](#)

REMINDERS

Year Book Orders

Yearbook forms were in the Wednesday Envelope last week. If you are ordering a yearbook for each student in your family, please fill out an envelope for each student, but you can write one check for the whole family and make note of it on the envelopes. Yearbooks are not delivered until next school year so that the entire school year's events can be documented. 8th grade yearbooks will be available on the Kick Off Day.

School Advisory Commission

St. James School is looking for a few interested people to join the St. James School Advisory Commission. This is a three year term beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The School Advisory Commission meets monthly and is an advisory group to the school administration. For more information or to express your interest, please contact Scott Barbee at scottbarbee@gmail.com or 513-470-6786.

School Calendar for 2017-2018

Please see the attached link for a copy of next year's school calendar with an overview of important dates.

[2017-2018 School Calendar](#)

St. James Parish Tuition Assistance

St. James will be utilizing FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to determine financial need for tuition assistance here at St. James. FACTS provides an online application for families. A family's tax and income information can either be scanned and emailed or sent via mail to the company directly. The deadline for applications for St. James tuition assistance is **April 15, 2017**, for the 2017-2018 school year. If you have applied for aid for a high school and also want to be considered for St. James, you will need to upload your 2016 tax information before the deadline. You do not need to reapply, you just need to update your information. **This is also the process if you applied for the Archdiocesan Financial Aid. Just update your 2016 information before April 15th so your results will be sent to us to be considered for parish aid.** The application can be completed at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3XHJJ>. If you have any questions about tuition assistance or the application process, please contact Amy Klosterman, St. James Parish Business Manager, at 741-5320.

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

Service Hours

Don't forget that if you have a high school student who is on spring break this month and needs service hours (or just misses St. James Cafeteria), please have them contact Alice Ashcraft at aaschcraft@stjameswo.org—we are in need of help this month.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 4/6—A & B—Hard Tacos; Sides—Mexican Fiesta Rice, Corn and Bean Salsa, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 4/7—A & B—Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce; Sides—Cottage Cheese, Pineapple, Side Salad, Applesauce; Salad Bar & Potato Soup

Monday, 4/10—A & B—French Toast Sticks; Sides—Scrambled Eggs, Cucumber Slices, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 4/11—A & B—Chicken Drummies; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 4/12—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—French Fries, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

REMINDERS

April Menu

Please see the link below for the April menu.

[April Menu](#)

April Volunteers

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

[April Volunteer Schedule](#)

PTO

APRIL

5—Dine to Donate – Chick Fil-A (Colerain) 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

11—PTO Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

28—Family Movie Night in the Gym – Showing Disney's Moana

28—Rummage Sale Set Up

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29—Rummage Sale and Clean up
30—Mother/Son K-4 – Colerain Bowl 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

April Staff Birthdays

6—Mrs. Melissa Weingartner
21—Mrs. Joyce Hartmann

NEW INFORMATION

Spring Flower Sale

The PTO Flower Sale is under way! Order your plants for your landscape now and pick them up on May 5th, just in time for Mother's Day weekend! All plants are grown right here at a local nursery on the West Side. Orders can be placed through April 20th.

[Flower Sale Flyer](#)

[Flower Sale Order Form](#)

[Flower Photos](#)

Kroger Rewards

If you do your grocery shopping at Kroger, you can earn dollars for St. James PTO. Not sure if you are registered? Check the bottom of your Kroger receipt, under 2016-2017 Kroger Community Rewards, it will say, "You requested Kroger to donate to St. James School PTO". See attached for detailed instructions on how to register your Kroger Plus Card. Visit www.kroger.com and register your Kroger Plus Card with St. James PTO today!

[Kroger Rewards Information Sheet](#)

REMINDERS

Dine to Donate – Chick Fil A – TONIGHT

Date: Wednesday April 5th, 2017 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Location Colerain Commons

Please show the attached flyer to support the PTO. Yes, you can present at the Drive-Thru. Thank you!

[Chick Fil-A-Flyer](#)

Mother/Son K-4 Fun Event

Date: Sunday April 30, 2017 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Colerain Bowl

[Mother/Son Bowling Flyer](#)

St. James PTO Rummage Sale

Date: Saturday April 29, 2017

Location: Church Hall

See attached flyer for more information.

[Rummage Sale Flyer](#)

ATHLETIC CLUB

REMINDERS

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

Fish Fry

Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped to make our 2016 Fish Fry such a great success and a lot of fun. Thanks also to everyone who joined us for a great meal and fellowship. Remember there will not be a Fish Fry on Good Friday. We are looking forward to serving you again in 2018.

The Fish Fry Committee

Seton High School Musical

Be Our Guest! The Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series presents their spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 9th at 3:00 p.m. All tickets are \$12 and reserved seating, except Wednesday, April 5th, which is \$10 and general admission. Please email Mary Sunderhaus at sunderhausm@setoncincinnati.org for tickets. You won't want to miss this Disney classic with a tale as old as time!

“Mohawk Madness” at McAuley High School

Sixth and seventh grade girls are invited to “Mohawk Madness” at McAuley High School on Friday, April 28, from 6 – 9 p.m. Hosted by McAuley’s Student Ambassadors, the event will include LaRosa’s pizza and a build-your-own sundae bar, along with many fun games activities, music and prizes. There is no fee to attend. Registration is required at www.mcauleyhs.net/MohawkMadness2017. For more information, contact Maria Schweikert, Director of Admissions, at (513) 681-1800 x2272 or schweikertm@live.mcauleyhs.net.

Grade School Girls Invited to Donate Hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths at McAuley

On Thursday, May 11, many McAuley High School students will be donating their hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, a partnership between Pantene and the American Cancer Society that makes real-hair wigs for women with cancer. Grade school girls interested in donating their hair are invited to join McAuley students on May 11, anytime from 2:30 – 5 p.m. Donated hair must be at least eight inches long and must be free of permanent color, bleach and chemicals. There will be snacks, a raffle, and each donor will receive a special T-shirt. Register to participate at www.mcauleyhs.net/pantene. For more information, contact Maria Schweikert at (513) 681-1800 x2272 or schweikertm@live.mcauleyhs.net. For more information about Pantene Beautiful Lengths, including the specific requirements for hair donation, visit www.Pantene.com, and click on “Beautiful Lengths.”