



December 13, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 18
Geography Bee
1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19
Christmas Fun Schedule

Wednesday, December 20
No School
First Day of Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 2
No School
Teacher In Service

Wednesday, January 3
School Resumes

Friday, January 5
Christian Service Spirit Day

Monday, January 8
Spelling Bee
1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 11
8th Grade NET Ministries
Retreat

School Advisory Commission
Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 12
7th Grade Confirmation Retreat
4:45 p.m.

Monday, January 15
No School
Martin Luther Kind Jr. Day

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [PTO Cincinnati Cyclones St. James Family Night Flyer](#) - youngest student
- Net Ministries Letter—youngest student

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

Merry Christmas!

On behalf of all of us at St. James School, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Christmas Socks & Sweaters

On December 19, you can wear your favorite Christmas apparel thanks to our Leadership Council. For specific details about what is permitted and not permitted, please click on the flyer below.

[Christmas Socks & Sweaters](#)

Help Us Promote St. James

We are entering the time of year when many families are considering their options for next year and deciding what school they want for their children. We need your help to spread the good news about St. James! Word of mouth is the absolute best advertising! When you are on social media, be sure to like and share posts about St. James so your friends and family can see them. Also, we would appreciate any time that you could take to post your own good thoughts about what your son or daughter is doing at St. James. And, if you're really savvy with social media, feel free to tag us using the #WeAreStJames or #WeAreCommunity taglines. Thanks for helping spread the good news about our school!

Spelling Bee

40 students in grades 5-8 will be competing in the annual St. James Spelling Bee on Monday, January 8. The Bee will be held in the gym at 1:30 p.m. Parents, friends, and family of the participants are invited to attend. Please do not arrive before 1:15 p.m. and we ask that you wait in the gym lobby until you are checked in by a St. James staff member. Good luck to all of our spelling whizzes competing!

Help Needed

During Catholic School Week, St. James has family representatives carry a flag in the procession at mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. We will be using this flag again at the NCEA convention, as it is being hosted in Cincinnati this year.

Currently our flag has the old St. James logo screened on and we are looking for a skilled individual capable of removing that screen, and screening and/or sewing our new logo on.

If you or someone you know might be able to help with this task, please contact Chrissy Riggins at criggins@stjameswo.org or 741-5333.

Attention Car Riders

In the morning, if you are dropping your child off in the lane closest to Cheviot Road, please remind your child to walk straight towards whomever is on duty and not to dart across the other lane nearest to the school building. Cars pull into the lane closest to the building somewhat quickly sometimes, and although should be cognizant of children in the lot, are not always. So please, to avoid an accident, please remind your child to walk toward the staff member on duty and then cross when that staff member says it is safe.

Enrichment Classes

We will be offering after school Enrichment Classes in March or April of next year. Dates are still being finalized. Look for class information and registration in January. We are also looking for instructors to share their talents with the children and expand the classes that we offer. All ideas are welcome. All instructors have to be Virtus trained and will be compensated for their time. Please contact the committee with any ideas.

Stacey Hummeldorf—stacey.hummeldorf@gmail.com

Amy Meyer—ameyer27@cinci.rr.com.

Cincinnati Reds Straight A Tickets—7th and 8th Grade Students

We have received notification from the Cincinnati Reds and Duke Energy that they will, once again, sponsor the “Straight A” program for the 2018 season. In order for St. James to meet the deadline, we will use the 1st trimester grades to determine if a student qualifies. In order to eliminate any confusion or misunderstanding about what is necessary for a student to earn the tickets, the following guideline will be used. Students who earn no grade lower than a B+, in any subject area, will qualify for the program.

In addition to the above, we also feel a true “Straight A” student should exhibit certain behavior in the areas of personal development. If a student fulfills the effort or academic qualifications but fails in the area of personal development, then the student should not receive the tickets. Therefore, any student who receives a detention during the quarter will not qualify for the program.

REMINDERS

Open House Save the Date

The St. James Open House will be on Sunday, January 21, 2018, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars now to attend! If you know someone who may be interested in coming to St. James, we ask that you share this flyer below with them. One lucky family in attendance will win a \$500 tuition credit to St. James for the 2018-2019 school year!

[St. James 2018 Open House Poster](#)

Energy Kit Contest

Attention parents and teachers! There is a school-wide competition currently happening in which an ice cream sundae bar is up for grabs for the winning homeroom! Please go to <https://www.myenergykit.org/> and request a FREE energy kit. If you have requested one in years past, it is okay to request another as the school will still get credit! For each 100 kits requested, the school earns \$250! The winning homeroom will get an ice cream sundae bar at lunch after the contest ends on December 31, 2017. Thank you!

Interested in Kindergarten Next Year?

Do you have a child who will be entering kindergarten next year? If you know a family member, neighbor, or friend with children who may be entering kindergarten next year, we encourage you to tell them about St. James and encourage them to find out more about our great school and fantastic kindergarten program.

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We Need Host Families

This January, St. James parish will host the NET Ministries retreat team as they provide two retreats for our students. We are in need of up to 7 host families to house a minimum of two team members overnight. Please consider being a host family. It's really an easy way to help out and give back to our parish. For more information on how to help, please see the information below.

[NET Ministries](#)

Archdiocesan Financial Aide

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting applications for financial aid for the 2018-2019 school year through the Catholic Education Foundation. In order to apply, families must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Application. (FACTS is the tuition collection program used at St. James already.) Applications must be received by January 31, 2018. Eligible families can be awarded up to \$1,000 per student to attend St. James next year. Funds will be distributed based on the assessed financial need of families and will be without distinguishing between families based on religion or parishioner status.

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

Volunteers Needed for Monday, January 8

We are in desperate need for volunteers on Monday, January 8. If you can volunteer please contact Alice Ashcraft at aashcraft@stjameswo.org or call the cafeteria at 741-5338.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 12/14—A & B—Spaghetti and Meatballs; Sides—Side Salad, Chick Pea Crunchies, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 12/15—A & B—Soft Pretzel with Cheese Sauce; Sides—Green Beans, Yogurt with Blueberries, Pineapple, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Monday, 12/18—A & B—French Toast Sticks; Sides—Sausage, Broccoli with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 12/19—A & B—Chicken Drumsticks; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 1/3— A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—Waffle Fries, Celery with Dip, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

January Menu

Please see the link below for the January menu.

[January Menu](#)

January Volunteers

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

[January Volunteer Schedule](#)

REMINDERS

December

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PTO

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

December

19—Basketball Shootout Finals

January

3—PTO Board Meeting - all are welcome!- 7:00 p.m. Room 105

10—Dine to Donate-Chipotle (9430 Colerain Ave.)

16—Confirmation

18—Grandparent/Special Friend 4th Grade

21—Open House

24—Little Caesar's Pizza Kits start

26—Cyclones Night

NEW INFORMATION

Cyclones Night- Friday, January 26th at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for St. James night at the Cincinnati Cyclones game! Enjoy discounted ticket prices and "Kids Eat Free" night! There will be drawing for 12-15 kids to go out on the ice at halftime. This is a family fun night you don't want to miss! Please send the attached entry form and check made out to the St. James PTO by January 18th. Questions, contact Leslee Pfaff, leslee.pfaff@gmail.com

[Cyclones Flyer](#)

REMINDERS

Dream Dinners—Saturday, January 20th at 11:30 a.m. or Wednesday, January 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Ever "dreaming" of what is for dinner? The St. James PTO has an exciting offer to help you bring your dream to a reality. St. James PTO is partnering with Dream Dinners-Westside to offer St. James families a chance to build three meal kits for quick and easy meal prep. Each meal kit offers three servings of a tasty dinner that requires little prep time to deliver a quick and yummy meal to your table. The cost of the private event is \$34.99/person and is limited to 12 St. James individuals per session. Each session is scheduled for one hour. During the hour session you will be offered a taste of a few different Dream Dinner meals, sip a cocktail, and create three meal kits.

Please use the links below to select your meals and complete your registration with payment.

January 20, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

<http://dreamdinners.com/fundraiser/733308>

January 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

<http://dreamdinners.com/fundraiser/733309>

Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Lauren Neyer at laurensu@me.com.

[Dream Dinners Flyer](#)

ATHLETIC CLUB

NEW INFORMATION

St. James Boys Basketball – 4th Grade Finish Runner-up

Congratulations to the Thelen 4th grade boys' basketball team on finishing runner-up in the St. Jude Basketball Tournament. The boys fought for the win in the championship game against the tournament host school St. Jude Bulldogs. Great job boys!



REMINDERS

February 28th XU Game to Benefit the SJAC

Discounted tickets are on sale for the February 28th XU men's basketball game against Providence. These tickets are being sold at a discounted price, and some of the proceeds benefit the St. James Athletic Club. You can buy tickets by filling out the order form and returning it through school by February 9, 2018. Tickets to the game make a great Christmas present and will support St. James Athletics!

[Xavier University Ticket Order Form](#)

St. James Athletics Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you know someone who owns a business and may be interested in sponsoring St. James sports? Perhaps you know someone who may be interested in making donations that could support Panthers sports programs. Please see the attached flyer for the many ways a sponsor can promote their business while supporting athletics at St. James. Please contact Mike Etris at etris6@gmail.com with any questions.

[St. James Athletics Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

In case you missed this past week's bulletin, [click here](#) to access the information.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

McAuley High School Alumnae Holiday Cabaret is December 28

All are invited to attend McAuley's Alumnae Holiday Cabaret on Thursday, December 28, at 7:30 p.m. at McAuley High School, located at 6000 Oakwood Avenue in College Hill. Several McAuley alumnae will return to perform on McAuley's stage. You do not have to be a McAuley alumna to attend; all are invited to watch the performances and enjoy appetizers, desserts, and soft drinks. Tickets must be purchased in advance; they will not be sold at the door. Tickets are \$15/adult and \$10/student and can be purchased at www.mcauleyhs.net/cabaret. For more information, email Katie Geckle '11 at gecklek@live.mcauleyhs.net.

Seton High School Christmas Concert

Seton High School invites you and your families to get into the Christmas spirit with the spectacular sounds of the Christmas season! Join us on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. for the *Freshmen Christmas Concert*. Tickets are \$2 at the door. The *Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Christmas Concert* takes place on Saturday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door.