



February 21, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 21

Fine Arts Sampler
Grades 7 & 8
7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 23

End of Second Trimester

Pep Rally—2:10 p.m.

Parish Fish Fry

Thursday, March 1

Christian Service Spirit Day

Parish Fish Fry

Saturday, March 3

PTO Winter Bash

Monday, March 5

Report Cards Posted

Tuesday, March 6

CoGats Testing Begins
Grades 2, 5, 7

Wednesday, March 7

PTO Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 9

IOWA Testing Begins

Parish Fish Fry

Monday, March 12

PTO Skating Party

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [Winter Bash PTO Flyer](#) - youngest student
- [Pen Pal Ice Cream Social Form](#) - 1st and 7th grade students only
- Testing Information Letter—grades 2-8 only
- 8th Grade Response Form—8th grade only
- Class of 2018 Academic Excellence Sheet—8th grade only

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

A Message from the Principal

Last week our country saw yet another devastating school shooting. My heart breaks each time this happens. Schools should be places of safety, comfort, and security for our children. My thoughts and prayers have been with this community in Florida and with the families and friends of the victims. I believe that when we see children shooting children in our schools we need prayer more than ever and need to invite God into our lives more.

At St. James, the number one priority of our staff is the safety of our children. St. James has a rigorous crisis plan in place that meets the requirements of the State of Ohio. We also hold practice safety drills on a regular basis with our students and staff. Our staff has also participated in various trainings with law enforcement over the years and we are currently working with Green Township to set up an active shooter training at an upcoming in-service day. (We were scheduling this before the tragedy struck in Florida.)

We are fortunate that we have a great relationship with the Green Township Police Department. They have been helpful in providing guidance and resources for our policies and procedures. The police are familiar with our school and visit regularly at staggered times and lengths and walk the building. Green Township regularly has a police presence outside of our school as well. We also have direct communication with law enforcement, much like a panic button at a bank, that will create an immediate response to our school if activated.

Many procedures have changed over the past few years as we continue to learn more about how to protect our kids in the best way possible. All outer doors remained locked during the day and visitors can only enter through the front door. Visitors are required to sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge. All entrances are monitored by recorded video cameras. Classroom doors remain locked at all times. Teachers have been empowered to make decisions for their students and we have the ability to trigger a lock down from any classroom in our building. There are additional plans and practices in place, but we do not share all of these with the community.

No matter what we do though, we cannot fully prevent something like this happening at our school. It is an unfortunate reality. We each have a responsibility to help in this area. There are warning signs that are often exhibited by someone who may choose to commit a violent act. This is an opportunity to talk to your child about these warning signs. If someone is threatening to hurt themselves or has hurt them-

selves, this should be reported to a trusted adult. If someone is threatening to hurt others or commit acts of violence, this too should be reported to a trusted adult. These threats could happen in person or over social media. Students should also report anything that makes them feel unsafe. Other warning signs may include someone who is obsessed with firearms and/or has access to them, shows an interest in past shootings, talks about retribution against others, and/or suffers from mental illness such as depression. Reporting can be made to the school administration if there is ever a concern by a student or parent.

I also believe that it is the responsibility of parents to monitor your child's social media accounts, online activity, media, and video games. There are very violent video games that our kids are playing and violent movies being watched that not only desensitize children to the violent acts displayed, but glorifies this violence.

In the coming months ahead we will be revisiting our school crisis plan and revising our procedures to continue to meet state standards. It is my sincere hope and prayer that all of this hard work results in it never being needed for implementation.

Thank you and God bless,

Jeffrey Fulmer
Principal

Strategic Plan Update

Over the past month we have begun the implementation phase of our Strategic Plan. We are fortunate to have members of the School Advisory Commission and a representative from our staff assigned to each goal area to ensure that progress is being made and to hold our school accountable for achieving our goals. Below are some updates on things happening behind the scenes at St. James:

- Surveys are being developed for our staff to measure levels of comfort with new religion standards and technology.
- We have three staff members taking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this summer! We are excited that Mrs. Riggins, Miss Paquet, and Mrs. Markey will have this experience.
- Mrs. Linahan, Miss Paquet, and Miss Stevlingson just returned from a technology conference and learned about new experiences to bring to St. James.
- Miss Brown and Mrs. Riggins have been developing a stronger curriculum path for our Spanish program.
- We are planning visits to other schools to glean information from those who have programs we are looking to implement.

We hope to continue to provide monthly updates on our progress. It's an exciting time at St. James School!

REMINDERS

Attention All 8th Graders

The yearbook staff would like to keep the tradition of including 8th grade baby pictures in the yearbook. In order to do this, we would like you to send in a picture of your eighth grade student from age newborn to first grade! You can bring in your photo to school in an envelope with your name on it. We will scan them and return them to you, or you can email a photo to Miss Wiesman at kwiesman@stjameswo.org. Please make sure the file is saved as a JPEG.

7th Grade Parents – Scholarship Opportunity

Each year, ESAP is pleased to offer the Butch and Karen Hubert Scholarship Program to current 7th grade students. The program is for current 7th grade students who will be going into the 8th grade next year. One boy and one girl from St. James School will be chosen. To be considered for the scholarship, current 7th grade students must submit the application and essay postmarked to ESAP by March 1. The scholarship amount is \$750 per student. An application with additional information can be found in the Wednesday Envelope for 7th grade students.

[ESAP Scholarship Program](#)

The John Merritt Scholarships

Each year, two \$2,000 scholarships are awarded by the parish to graduating students from St. James School to be applied to that student's tuition at Catholic high school. This grant is renewable for each year of high school as long as the student meets the necessary requirements. The deadline for the high school scholarship is March 1, 2018.

In addition, each year two \$750 scholarships will be given to students currently attending or intending to attend St. James School. This is a one-time grant which is not automatically renewable. The deadline for the grade school scholarship is March 1, 2018.

For the specific requirements and information on how to apply, please click on the link below.

[John Merritt Scholarships](#)

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, 2018, for the 2018-2019 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 2017 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 2017 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.factsmgmt.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

Lenten Menu

This Friday's Lenten special will be grilled cheese and tomato soup. This is a good meatless option to keep you warm on a cold winter's day.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 2/22—A & B—Mini Corn Dogs; Sides—Au Gratin Potatoes, Carrots with Dip, Pears, Applesauce; Red Jello; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 2/23—A & B—Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Tomato Soup; Sides—Cottage Cheese, Celery with Dip, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar

Monday, 2/26—A & B—Pancakes; Sides—Scrambled Eggs, Strawberry Cup, Vanilla Yogurt, Cucumbers with Dip, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 2/27—A & B—Chicken Drumsticks; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 2/28—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—Tater Tots, Corn, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

March Menu

Please see the link below for the March menu.

[March Menu](#)

March Volunteers

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

[March Volunteer Schedule](#)

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PTO

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

February

22—Box Top Deadline

27—Pen Pal Event Grades 1st & 7th

March

3—Winter Bash at Aston Oaks Golf Course (Adults Only)

7—PTO Board Meeting; 7:00p.m. Room 105—All are welcome

20—Spring Pictures

26—PTO Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Room 105—All are welcome

29—Rockin Jump 4:00—8:00 p.m.

NEW INFORMATION

Winter Bash- Last Call! Saturday, March 3, 2018 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

Adults Only at Aston Oaks Golf Course

Back by popular demand! St. James PTO sponsored WINTER BASH (formerly referred to as “Dinner Dance.”)

You do not want to miss this fun, casual night out! Join us for dinner, drinks, dancing, raffle baskets, games and FUN! For \$80/couple we will provide dinner, DJ, games, and unlimited beer and wine! Casual attire, no fuss! Come join the fun and break up the winter blues with your friends! Please return your reservation by TOMORROW!

[Winter Bash Reservation Form](#)

Box Tops - Tomorrow is the Big Day!

Which homeroom will win 1st place and get their homeroom picture in the yearbook? Will we meet our \$5,000 goal and get to silly string Mr. Fulmer? The winners will be announced next week!

Deadline for the Homeroom Challenge is Thursday, February 22nd. Winners will be announced by Friday, March 2nd.

REWARDS

1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place classrooms will choose from*:

Pizza Party

Crazy Sock (can be worn on one specific day)

Candy (bags of skittles and chocolate bars)

Coupon for Free Treat at Cafeteria Snack Bar

Also, 1st place winning classroom will receive a traveling trophy and their picture in the yearbook!

*These top winners will be given the opportunity to vote as a winning team on which reward they'd like to be given.

Each reward can be given to one class (example: all three top winners cannot choose the pizza party; once the reward is claimed, it is not an option for the next winner).

Grade level winners – TOP Classroom for each grade

Grades K-3, will be given a certificate for the teacher to take them outside to read during class time.

Grades 4-8 will have a special day that they are the only ones to wear St. James spiritwear (same rules as CSSD.)

Goal Reached Reward!

If St. James meets the goal of \$5,000, one student from each homeroom will be picked to silly string the principal (and others!) during an assembly!

REMINDERS

Spirit Shop

February Hours:

Thursday, Feb. 22th 8:00-9:15 a.m.

The Spirit Shop will be open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month from 8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

REMINDER: If there is a two hour delay on a day that the shop is scheduled to be open, the shop will not open that day.

ATHLETIC CLUB

NEW INFORMATION

Panthers 4th Grade Basketball Tournament Champs

Congratulations to the St. James 4th grade girls basketball team on winning the St. Ignatius Tournament. Great job girls!



St. James 7/8B Hoops Finish Runner-up

Congratulations to the St. James 7/8B team on finishing runner-up in the St. Ignatius Basketball tournament last week. Great job girls!



REMINDERS

St. James Sign Ups – Multiple Sports

Sign ups for baseball, softball, track, football and soccer are currently open. Please see the attached flyer for softball for more information. If you have any questions regarding these sports, you can visit www.stjamespanthers.org, and click on the "SJAC BOARD" tab for contact information for the various sports coordinators. It is a busy sign up season for the St. James Athletic Club. Don't miss out and sign up today!

[Girls Fastpitch Softball Flyer](#)

Volleyball Coordinators and Assistance Needed

The SJAC is searching for two energetic volleyball minds to serve as coordinators that can continue building on the great momentum the St. James Volleyball Program is enjoying. Typically, St. James sports programs have co-coordinators to help distribute responsibilities, so we are looking for two great volunteers to fill this program coordinator role. We are also looking for some administrative help to run the St. James Volleyball Camp. Help is needed to email attendees, collect paperwork, etc. Please contact Vicki Seng at rileyroo@fuse.net or Karen Eutsler at karen.eutsler@gmail.com if you are interested, if you know anyone who would be interested, or if you have any questions. Thank you!

4th Annual St. James Golf Outing

Please mark your calendars for the 4th Annual St. James Athletic Club Golf Outing to be held Friday, April 27, 2018, at Aston Oaks Golf Club. We hope you will consider joining us for this fun event. Proceeds from the event will benefit the athletic programs for the students at St. James. More details on the event and registration information will be distributed soon. If you have any questions about the event, or would consider volunteering to help with the outing this year, please contact Keith Theissen by email theissenk@gmail.com or phone (859) 462-0461. Thank you from the St. James Athletic Club. We look forward to seeing you on the course!

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

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

Fish Fry

Please join us for good food and fellowship every Friday from February 16 – March 23 from 4:30-8:00 in the church undercroft. We will once again be serving our delicious baked and fried fish, shrimp, LaRosa's pizza, North College Hill bakery bread, and Servatii's pretzels.

As always, this event would not be possible without the hundreds of volunteers who donate their time. There are many opportunities to get involved so please sign-up now. What a better way to meet other parishioners if you are new to the church or school. It is as simple as visiting our website at www.stjamesfishfry.org and clicking on 'Volunteers.' Please volunteer with us! Hope to see you!

Fill the Bus March 3 and 4

Fill the Bus is a parish wide food drive sponsored by the American Heritage Girls and the Boy Scouts. We will try to FILL the Boy Scout bus with 500+ food and toiletry items that will be donated to the Little Flower St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Kroger bags will be handed out at the doors after the Masses on February 24th and 25th. Please take a bag and fill with non-perishable food items such as canned corn, green beans, carrots, spaghetti sauce/noodles, etc. can be used to fill these bags. The food pantry is also in need of paper towels, toilet paper, toiletries and tissues. Return your bag to the lower lot before all masses on March 3rd and 4th. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions please contact the AHG troop at: Ahg1843@gmail.com.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Saint James 5th Grade Girl Scouts Present Father/Daughter Dance—All About Sports!

Saturday, February 24th, 2018

Saint James Church Hall

7:00 p.m. —10:00 p.m.

All 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls and their dad (or favorite adult) are cordially invited to join us for All About Sports, with music, dancing, snacks, drinks, raffles, photo booth, corn hole tournament, best dressed sports couple contest, and more. Please see the attached flyer for more information and to register.

[Father Daughter Dance Form](#)

Father/Daughter Princess Ball

Saturday, March 10th, 2018

St. James Church Hall (The Royal Palace)

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

The royal court announces the annual Father/Daughter Princess Ball for all Princesses (Kindergarten thru 3rd grade) and their Kings. Please join us at the Royal Palace for an evening filled with enchanting music, majestic dancing and royal fun with basket & cake raffles and split the pot, snacks, drinks and more!

[Princess Ball Flyer](#)

Seton High School

The community is invited to *Celebrate Seton* on Sunday, February 25, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Seton High School. Admission to this mini-festival is free and there will be a giveaway for all grade school girls. The afternoon includes a fashion show where Future Saints from various schools and current Seton Student Ambassadors will show off our newest spirit wear items. You won't want to miss the performances by the Seton Dance teams – from the Seton Twinkles all the way to the 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS – the Seton Varsity Dance Team! Our Varsity Dance Team just placed 1st in Small Varsity Pom and 3rd in Small Varsity Hip Hop at the 2018 UDA National Dance Team Competition! Our Junior Varsity team placed 3rd in their division in Pom and 4th in Hip Hop! Seton's Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble will also perform throughout the afternoon. Join us for games, food and prizes! The Seton Spirit Shop will be open as well so you can stop in for some new items in spirit wear!