



February 28, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 1

Christian Service Spirit Day

Friday, March 2

Penance Services Grades 3-6

Parish Fish Fry

Saturday, March 3

PTO Winter Bash

Tuesday, March 6

CoGats Testing Begins
Grades 2, 5, 7

Wednesday, March 7

Report Cards Posted

CoGats Testing
Grades 2, 5, 7

PTO Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

CoGats Testing
Grades 2, 5, 7

Friday, March 9

IOWA Testing Begins
Grades 2-8

Parish Fish Fry

Monday, March 12

No School

PTO Skating Party

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [Winter Bash PTO Flyer](#) - youngest student
- Panther Prowl Information Packet—youngest student
- St. James PTO Scholarship Award Letter—8th grade only

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

Christian Service Spirit Day Thursday

Thursday is a Christian Service Spirit Day. Students are permitted to wear spirit wear – St. James shirts, solid red, white, or black shirts, pants, or jeans. No overly tight-fitting pants (examples include, but are not limited to, leggings and yoga pants) are allowed unless shorts are worn over the top of them. If you are unsure if the pants are too tight, choose another option. Please see page 40 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 donation for Restore & Renew.

Testing

St. James School will once again be utilizing the *Cognitive Abilities* and *Iowa Tests* for our standardized testing program. We will begin testing on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Students in grades two, five, and seven will take the *Cognitive Abilities Test* on March 6, 7, and 8. Students in grades two through eight will take the *Iowa Tests* on March 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

At St. James, teachers use these tests to identify strengths and weaknesses amongst students and make informed decisions regarding instruction. Additionally, the results of these tests are used as factors in future student placement in grades two through eight. We consider the *Cognitive Abilities* and *Iowa Tests* to be very important tools. Please encourage your students to try their best on these tests. In order to help your child succeed, please ensure that your child eats breakfast each morning and is well rested with a good night's sleep.

Due to the nature of the testing program, make-up tests can be very difficult to schedule and administer. Please make every effort to have your student(s) in attendance during the testing periods. Tests generally begin first thing each morning so prompt arrival at school is also important. Please avoid scheduling morning appointments during these weeks. Should your child experience an illness during this time, we will do our best to make up any test sections that may be missed. Thank you for your assistance with our testing program.

Panther Prowl Information Packet

In today's Wednesday Envelope, the youngest student from each family will receive a packet of information about the upcoming 2018 Panther Prowl. Please take time to read through this packet carefully and return the address form to school. Thank you for helping to make sure our Panther Prowl is a success!

7th Grade Parents – Scholarship Opportunity – DUE TOMORROW

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 – DUE TOMORROW

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](#)

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.

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.factsmtg.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

High School Volunteers

The cafeteria is always looking for high school students to help in the cafeteria on their off days. Please contact Alice Ashcraft at aashcraft@stjameswo.org to sign up. Bonus—it does count for service hours!

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 3/1—A & B—Hard Shell Tacos; Sides—Mexican Fiesta Rice, Corn and Bean Salsa, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 3/2—A & B—Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce, Sides: Cottage Cheese, Pineapple, Side Salad, Applesauce; Salad Bar

Monday, 3/5— A & B—Waffles; Sides—Sausage, Celery with Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Yogurt and Blueberries, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 3/6—A & B—Chicken Drummies; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 3/7—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—Waffle Fries, Carrots with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili and Chili with Bean

REMINDERS

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](#)

PTO

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

March

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

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

20—Spring Pictures

21—Dine to Donate—LaRosa's White Oak

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—Thank You!

Thank you to all families that participated in our Box Top Challenge. Homeroom winners will be announced shortly. We can't wait to share them with you!

Dine To Donate—LaRosa's White Oak: Wednesday, March 21st 10:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Support the St. James PTO and take the night or day off from cooking. PTO will receive 20% of all dine-in or carry out orders. Please present this flyer to a LaRosa's team member for credit. Thank you for your participation.

[LaRosas's Flyer](#)

Rockin' Jump—Thursday, March 29th 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Kick off your Easter break with a fun night out at Rockin Jump! St. James families will receive a special rate for 2 hours of jump time (includes socks) \$18/jumper. Mention St. James and receive the special rate AND Rockin' Jump will give back \$5 per jumper to the PTO. Anyone can come and take advantage of this special offer: friends, family, neighbors, etc. Thank you for your support!

[Rockin Jump Flyer](#)

REMINDERS

Spirit Shop

March Hours:

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

Thursday, March 22nd 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

St. James Sign Ups – Multiple Sports

Sign ups for Track, Football and Soccer are currently open. **Please note that Track sign ups will close on Thursday, March 1st.** 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!

4th Annual St. James Golf Outing

We hope you can join us for the 4th Annual St. James Athletic Club Golf Outing on Friday April 27, 2018 at Aston Oaks Golf Club. Registration is now open and can be completed online by visiting:

<https://stjameswhiteoak.weshareonline.org/2018SJACgolfouting>

Be sure to take advantage of the Early Bird Special! Players from the first 15 teams to register will be entered into a drawing from which one winner will receive a dozen Titleist Pro V1 golf balls and a certificate for a round of golf to Aston Oaks Golf Club. More info on the outing and sponsorship opportunities can be found on the event flyer. If you have questions about the event, or if you are interested in volunteering for the Golf Outing, please contact Keith Theissen - (859) 462-0461 or theissenk@gmail.com

REMINDERS

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!

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 until March 23rd 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 were 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. 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

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](#)

Elder High School—Opportunity to Take High School Courses This Summer

In order to give students more flexibility in scheduling classes, Elder will offer two first-time credit courses this summer. Courses offered are:

Health: This is an online **course** open to students currently in grades 8-11. Students may work at their own pace provided they submit completed assignments by the due dates. Students will meet at Elder for approximately one hour on Monday, June 11 at 7:45 a.m. to meet the teacher and obtain class information and the textbook. Students will also meet at Elder for approximately one hour on Friday, June 29 at 7:45 a.m. to take the final test and return the textbook. Students must have access to email and a computer to complete this course. Fee for the course is \$300.

Physical Education: The Physical Education (PE) course is open to students currently in grades 8-11. The PE course may require students to make arrangements for transportation to off-campus sites and pay a minimal additional fee for a few activities. The majority of the activities will take place on Elder's campus. The course will meet daily from 7:45a.m.-11:30 a.m. June 11-June 29. Fee for the course is \$300.

Students who successfully pass these courses would receive high school credit. The acceptance of the credit is determined by the individual high school. Registration starts Monday, March 19. Students interested in taking one of these courses should submit a completed registration form and the tuition fee to the main office at Elder High School. Summer school information including the registration form and course descriptions may be obtained from Elder's main office, or online at elderhs.org. If you have any questions regarding these courses, please contact Dr. Patrick Tucker (921-3744 or tuckerpc@elderhs.net).

McAuley High School's Spring Musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, is March 16 – 18

McAuley High School's spring musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, is March 16 – 18 in McAuley's Performing Arts Center, located at 6000 Oakwood Ave. in College Hill. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 18. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.mcacin.booktix.com or at the door. *Thoroughly Modern Millie* is set in New York City in 1922 during the height of the Jazz age. It tells the story of young Millie Dillmount from Kansas, who comes to New York in search of a new life for herself. Her plan is to find a job as a secretary to a wealthy man and marry him for money instead of love, but her plan goes awry. McAuley's 2017 spring musical, *All Shook Up*, won five Cappie Awards for Costumes, Stage Management and Stage Crew, Choreography, Female Dancer, and Female Critic. McAuley's 2016 spring musical, *Mary Poppins*, won eight Cappie Awards for Best Musical, Best Song, Lead Actress in a Musical, Lead Actor in a Musical, Female Dancer, Choreography, Ensemble in a Musical, and Costumes.

Summer Camp Registration Open!

Planning your summer schedule? Looking for some summer camps for your kids? La Salle Summer Camp schedule and registration is open and available for camps in 3D Modeling & Animation, Art, Baseball, Basketball, Drama, Football, FUNdamentals, Lacrosse, Soccer, Volleyball, and Strength & Speed. Some camps have limits on how many we can accept; register early. The website has specific information on dates and times of camps and an online registration form. Come spend your summer with the Lancers! <https://www.lasallehs.net/summercamps>