



February 7, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 8

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

Friday, February 9

Christian Service Spirit Day

Tuesday, February 13

Grades K-3 Valentine's Day Parties

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 15

Parent Teacher Conferences 1:45—8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 16

No School

Parish Fish Fry

Monday, February 19

No School
President's Day

Tuesday, February 20

First Communion Parent Meeting—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

Box Top Deadline for Homeroom Challenge

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [Perfect North Flyer](#) - youngest student
- [Perfect North Reservation Form](#) - youngest student
- [Perfect North Waiver](#)- youngest student
- [Little Caesars Pizza Kit Flyer Information](#) - youngest student
- Panther Prowl Letter—new school families only
- Influenza Alert Letter—youngest student

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

A Message from the Principal

The past couple of weeks have made me feel extra proud to be a part of the St. James School community. I was proud to see so many of our families attend Open House and proud of all of the student work displayed. I felt proud of all of the volunteers who helped during Open House and during Catholic Schools Week. I felt proud as our students stood and applauded Mrs. Peggy Rebsch for her 30 years of service to St. James School. I was proud of how our students behaved throughout Catholic Schools Week and the thanks they showed in countless ways. I was proud of the five 6th graders who read about their Catholic education during morning announcements and the four 8th graders who spoke at each of the Masses to kick off the week. And, I continue to be proud of the teachers and staff who put so much time and energy into helping our students learn and grow. We are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful school community!

I would also like to say thank you to our current families who returned their registrations in a timely manner. As we plan for next school year, your help in returning registrations allows us to more accurately plan. We continue to accept enrollments for next school year from new families. If you know someone who would like to find out more about St. James School, please encourage them to contact the school office at 741-5333 or email me at jfulmer@stjameswo.org.

Thank you and God bless,

Jeff Fulmer
Principal

Christian Service Spirit Day Friday

Friday 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.

Home & School Connection

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

[Home & School Connection](#)

Partners In Faith

Please see the attachment for the February Partners in Faith.

[Partners in Faith](#)

Public Health Alert

Some schools in Hamilton County are experiencing high levels of influenza (flu) and influenza-like illnesses, according to Hamilton County Public Health surveillance and sentinel influenza surveillance coordinated through the Cincinnati Health Department. Please see the attached for more information about this health alert.

[Flu Alert](#)

REMINDERS

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 15 from 1:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In order to allow for more meaningful discussions to take place, there are limited time slots available for those grades. Parents of grades 4-8 will receive feedback from teachers in the Wednesday Envelope today whether they feel a conference is needed or not needed at this time. We hope this will help you to determine if a conference is necessary or not needed. While you are still welcome to schedule a conference if you feel it is necessary, by following the teachers' feedback you will be helping us maintain time for those students who would benefit most from a conference.

We will once again be using an online program called Pick A Time for parents to sign up for conferences for all grade levels. Please click on the directions below for scheduling your conference appointments. The conference scheduler is now available. Conferences can now be made back to back so it is very important to be on time for all appointments. Our teachers will work very hard to start and end all conferences on time and keeping a conference to its time slot. All appointments must be finalized by Friday, February 9 at 11:00 p.m. At that time, the conference scheduler will be closed so that teachers have adequate time to prepare for conferences. Should you need to cancel after the conference scheduler has been closed, please call the school office at 741-5333. We hope that Pick A Time will once again prove to be a convenient and effective means of scheduling conferences.

[Conference Directions](#)

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](#)

8th Grade Graduation Video

Each year, a group of 8th grade parent volunteers work diligently to put together an 8th grade class video. The video depicts highlights of our children's activities over the past eight (to nine) years. This video has traditionally been a DVD. Recognizing that many folks no longer own a DVD player, we would like to take a vote via Survey Monkey regarding options: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DW3LSQ9>

Our goal is to represent the entire 8th grade class and make sure no one is left out. We need all parents to share photos

of their children, preferably via our Facebook page; *St. James Class of 2018 Parents*, via email to sarah_barwell@trihealth.com or send hard copies in an envelope to Sarah Uhl through Nick Uhl, home-room 101. Please participate by sending in photos of your child even if you are not interested in purchasing a DVD/video.

[8th Grade Graduation Video](#)

529 Plans for Catholic K-12 Schools

With new tax reforms, parents may now use their 529 plans for Catholic education for grades K-12. This allows for nontaxable distributions for tuition up to \$10,000 incurred during each tax year on a per-student basis. We encourage you to contact your tax advisor for further information.

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.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

Spring Cleaning

As you are spring cleaning, please keep the cafeteria in mind! We are always looking for old towels and containers. Feel free to send them in with your student. We really appreciate your donations.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 2/8—A & B—Hot Ham and Cheese on Pretzel Bun; Sides—Macaroni and Cheese, Celery with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 2/9—A & B—Beef and Cheese Nachos; Sides—Refried Beans, Tomatoes and Onion, Sour Cream, Carrots with Dip, Pineapple, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Monday, 2/12—A & B—Plain Bagel with Butter or Grape Jelly; Sides—Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Celery with Dip, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 2/13—A & B—Chicken Drumsticks; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Fresh Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 2/14 (Ash Wednesday) - A & B—Cheese Pizza; Sides—Waffle Fries, Cottage Cheese, Baked Beans, Carrots with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar

REMINDERS

February Menu

Please see the link below for the February menu.

[February Menu](#)

February Volunteers

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

[February Volunteer Schedule](#)

PTO

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

February

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

8—Little Caesars Orders Due

15—Little Caesars Order Pickup

15—Conferences

16—Family Fun Day at Perfect North

22—Box Top Deadline for Homeroom Challenge

27—Pen Pal Event Grades 1st & 7th

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

REMINDERS

Dine to Donate -Little Caesars- Orders Due February 8th

Support the PTO and have fun making pizza at home over the long weekend in February. Order your Little Caesars pizza kits now for pick up on February 15th. Deadline to order is February 8th.

[Little Caesars Pizza Kit Flyer Information](#)

Family Fun Day—Perfect North - Friday, February 16th 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. (ticket pickup between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

If you would like to attend, please fill out the attached registration and send in to St. James PTO, C/O Perfect North Day. Please see the attached form for pricing. Enclose cash/check made out to St. James PTO. A waiver MUST accompany the registration per person. If you would like to print off additional waivers, please go to www.perfectnorth.com and up at the top of the page by the log-in is a link to get additional waivers. If you have any questions, please contact Karin Loftus 513-225-1758. Please have your registration in by Thursday, February 8, 2018. If you don't pre-register, you will have to pay full price. Every child must be accompanied by an adult. On the day of the event, please meet Karin Loftus inside the main entrance near the fireplace to pick up your passes between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!
Note: After February 8th NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS WILL BE ISSUED.

[Perfect North Flyer](#)

[Perfect North Reservation Form](#)

[Perfect North Waiver](#)

Winter Bash- Saturday, March 3, 2018 7:00 p.m.-11:00 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.”)

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 no later than February 22nd. Hurry! Spots will fill up quick; don't miss out!

[Winter Bash Reservation Form](#)

Spirit Shop

February Hours:

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

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.

Box Tops—Keep Clipping!

2 weeks left for until the Box Top Homeroom Challenge deadline. You have time to reach out to your neighbors and family asking them if they have Box Tops hiding in their house waiting for you to come over with scissors. Remember to get those clipped Box Tops in by February 22 and be sure to write your homeroom number on the bag.

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!

ATHLETIC CLUB

NEW INFORMATION

Panthers 8A Tournament Champs

Congratulations to the St. James 8A Boys Basketball team on winning the Our Lady of Lourdes Tournament. The 8A team players are Nick Uhl, Charlie Pearson, Austin Rack, Ryan Reynolds, Bryce Drake, Adam Deitschel, Cade Combs, and Matthew Bierman. Coaches are Scott Smith and Matthew Schroeck. Great job boys!



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

Our 2018 Fish Fry is fast approaching! Please join us for good food and fellowship every Friday from February 16th – 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!

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](#)

Veteran Appreciation Day Open to All Veterans

La Salle Veteran Appreciation Committee invites all military veterans to attend the Veteran Appreciation Day on Thursday, February 22, 2018. Veteran Appreciation Day was developed several years ago to develop a program for all veterans (La Salle alumni as well as the general community) to be recognized by La Salle for their service to our country. The event is free and open to the public. If you are a veteran and would like to attend, please go to www.LaSalleHS.net/Veterans to submit a reservation for the event or contact Lea Wiesman at lwiesman@lasallehs.net.

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.

[Fill the Bus](#)

Youth Ministry

Junior High students are invited to AWAKE on March 3 at Roger Bacon High School, 4:30-9:00 p.m. In partnership with NET Ministries, this youth rally seeks to accompany 6-8th grades through an event that will provide opportunities for fellowship, worship, and encounter. The event will feature a meal, entertainment, music, games, small group conversation, a keynote testimony, Eucharistic adoration and the opportunity for confession. Cost is \$15. Information and registration is at viacatholic.org/awake/.

SUA Music Day

Saturday, February 24, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a day filled with choral and instrumental music. Students will have the opportunity to make music with students in the Saint Ursula Academy Music Department and work with our wonderful music faculty who all hold degrees from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. Registration is FREE & lunch is provided.

Register at www.saintursulaevents.com/music-day

[SUA Music Day](#)