



March 7, 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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

### Tuesday, March 13

IOWA Testing  
Grades 2-8

### Wednesday, March 14

IOWA Testing  
Grades 2-8

### Thursday, March 15

IOWA Testing  
Grades 2-8

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

## WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [Kroger Community Awards Program Flyer](#) - youngest student
- Panther Prowl Walk Mailing Volunteer Form—youngest student
- Enrichment Program Information Letter—every student
- Memory Book Cover Submission Flyer—8th grade only
- Graduation Information Letter—8th grade only

## ST. JAMES SCHOOL

### NEW INFORMATION

#### A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are in the midst of Lent. This is a wonderful time in the Church year to “take stock” of our lives, make some positive changes, and grow closer in relationship with Jesus – all in preparation for Easter. So, what have you done this Lent that has been different? It’s not too late to make a change or to begin your Lenten journey. Perhaps these are some ideas to help you prepare for Easter, lead you to greater happiness and joy, and get you on your way to doing something this Lent.

- Attend Mass as a family this weekend.
- Take five minutes out of your day to pray – just five minutes!
- Seek out the sacrament of reconciliation. Making yourself right with God is freeing.
- Read something, watch something, or reflect on something that focuses on our faith. There are so many great resources out there. Check out [Formed.org](#) (use our parish code of K33Y8T) or perhaps sign up for daily reflections from [Best Lent Ever](#).
- Say three nice things to your spouse, children, or co-worker daily.
- Instead of giving up chocolates or soda, refrain from gossiping or complaining.
- Talk to your children about their Lenten goals or activities they have been doing at school to prepare for Lent.
- Skip a dinner out and put that money in the rice bowl.
- Do a random act of kindness.
- Smile more.
- Clean out closets and drawers to donate to St. Vincent de Paul.
- Write a thank you note to someone – better yet, write one daily.

There are so many things that you can do to help remind you of the sacrifice Jesus endured for us. Let us do our part to change our hearts this Lent so we are better prepared to rejoice this Easter.

Thank you and God bless,

Jeffrey Fulmer  
Principal

## Active Shooter Training

As a part of our ongoing training to do our best to keep our students safe, our staff will be participating in an active shooter training with the Green Township Police Department during our in-service day on March 12. This training will happen in the afternoon. There is the possibility that this training will involve simulated gun fire. We wanted our parents and families to be aware in case you see a police presence at school that day or happen to be around our building and hear the sound of gunfire.

## Panther Prowl Address Form - Return to School!

Last week, a packet of information was sent home about our upcoming Panther Prowl. If you haven't done so already, please take time to complete the Address Form for Donation Requests. In order for us to meet our goal, it is important for our families to participate and return this form. Please contact the school office if you need another copy. Thank you for helping to make sure our Panther Prowl is a success!

## Panther Prowl Homeroom and School Challenge

Please see the attached flyer for more information about the Panther Prowl Homeroom and School Challenge. Our goal is 100% participation from our families. Participation is counted in two ways:

- Returning your family's "pink" address form for donation
- Using your personalized letter to make a family donation to the Panther Prowl

[Panther Prowl Challenge Sheet](#)

## Junior High Career Day Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of a few more career day volunteers. Career Day will occur on April 13 this year. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please click the link below, print and fill out the document and return to Mrs. Waidmann by Tuesday, March 13. While all careers are encouraged to participate, we are especially looking for the following fields based on expressed student interest: interior design, culinary arts, law, architecture, military, MD, and veterinary medicine.

[Junior High Career Day Volunteer Form](#)

## Enrichment Program

St. James Enrichment Program is back again this year! This is a great opportunity for students to explore new hobbies, skills and activities. Sign-ups begin Monday, March 12th! Enrichment class details can be found on the information sheet in today's Wednesday Home School Envelope. Registration for classes is on line. Please contact Stacey Hummeldorf at [stacey.hummeldorf@gmail.com](mailto:stacey.hummeldorf@gmail.com) or Amy Meyer at [ameyer37@cinci.rr.com](mailto:ameyer37@cinci.rr.com), with any questions.

## Home & School Connection

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

[Home & School Connection](#)

## Partners In Faith

Please see the attachment for the March Partners in Faith.

[Partners in Faith](#)

## REMINDERS

### 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.

### 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 re-apply, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Menu Alert

We have two great options this week for lunch. Thursday we will be serving chicken pattie sandwiches on a bun (regular or spicy), and on Friday we will be serving soft pretzel with cheese.

#### The Week Ahead

Thursday, 3/8—A & B—Chicken Pattie on a Bun; Sides—Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans, Celery with Dip, Pineapple, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 3/9—A & B—Soft Pretzel with Cheese Sauce; Sides—Side Salad, Cottage Cheese, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar

Monday, 3/12—No School

Tuesday, 3/13—A & B—Chicken Drummies; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 3/14—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—French Fries, Corn, Fresh Fruit, 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

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

#### April

2—Rockin' Jump 4:00—8:00 p.m.

13-14—Rummage Sale

20—Spring Pictures

21—Dine to Donate-LaRosas's White Oak 10:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

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

### NEW INFORMATION

#### Rockin' Jump - Date Change! Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Spend 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](#)

#### Rummage Sale- Friday, April 13 from 5-7:00 p.m. & Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

There will be a \$5.00 clothing only bag sale at noon. Please start saving useable clothing, toys, books, household goods, small appliances, and miscellaneous items. Please no large furniture, no curtain rods, and only appliances that are in good working order. Drop off for these items will be in the church hall on Wednesday, April 11 from 3—7 p.m., Thursday, April 12 from 3 – 7 p.m., and Friday, April 13 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30p.m. Please do not drop items off at any other time, or if no one is there to accept the items. Call Janice at 385-5850 if you need more information of if you can help setup on Friday morning or cleanup Saturday after the sale. Thank you!

#### Kroger Rewards— Please Sync Your Plus Card To Earn \$\$\$ for St. James!

Not sure if you are registered? Check the bottom of your Kroger receipt, under 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](http://www.kroger.com) and register your Kroger Plus Card with St. James PTO today (Our Enrollment Number#80087) Already registered? Ask a family member, neighbor, or friend to register. The more we shop, the more we raise! For quarter 3, we raised \$1,929.11 from 256 households! Thank you!

[Kroger Rewards Flyer](#)

### REMINDERS

#### Dine To Donate—LaRosa's White Oak: Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

## Spirit Shop

March Hours:

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00-9:15 a.m.

Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00-9:15 a.m.

The Spirit Shop will be open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Field Cleanup – This Saturday

St. James field cleanup is this Saturday, March 10th at 9:00 a.m. at St. James Fields. Your help is needed to get the fields ready for the baseball and softball seasons. Please consider giving a couple hours of your time and enjoy working with a great group of volunteers. Check our twitter, facebook, and website pages if the weather is questionable for cancellations. The backup date is Saturday, March 17th at 9:00 a.m.

### REMINDERS

#### St. James Sign Ups – Multiple Sports

Sign ups for Football and Soccer are currently open. If you have any questions regarding these sports, you can visit [www.stjamespanthers.org](http://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!

#### 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](mailto:rileyroo@fuse.net) or Karen Eutsler at [karen.eutsler@gmail.com](mailto:karen.eutsler@gmail.com) if you are interested, if you know anyone who would be interested, or if you have any questions. Thank you!

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. James Golf Outing

We hope you can join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:theissenk@gmail.com)

[Golf Outing Flyer](#)

## 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](http://www.stjamesfishfry.org) and clicking on 'Volunteers.' Please volunteer with us! Hope to see you!

## 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](#)

### Sally's Preschool

Sally's Preschool is having an Open House on Friday, March 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come bring your little one and experience a classroom in action. Meet our talented staff, learn about our program, and let your child interact with our students. Sally's Preschool is located at 3336 N. Bend Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45239. Please call Rita Wood at 481-5483 to set up a tour. Walk-ins welcome also.

[Sally's Preschool Flyer](#)