



May 2, 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday, May 2

First Communion Practice  
4:30 p.m.

### Thursday, May 3

Panther Prowl  
Rain or Shine

First Communion Practice  
4:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 4

No School  
Teacher Inservice Day

### Saturday, May 5

First Communion Mass  
4:30 p.m.

### Sunday, May 6

First Communion Mass  
12:00 p.m.

### Monday, May 7

Kindergarten & 1st Grade  
Screening Day

Algebra End of Course Exam  
8th Grade

Server Camp  
3:15 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 8

2nd Grade Grandparent Mass  
and Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.

Algebra End of Course Exam  
8th Grade

Server Camp  
3:15 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [8th Grade Graduation Video/Class Gift Flyer](#) —8th grade only
- [PTO Spirit Shop Flyer](#) - youngest student
- [Olympic Day Volunteer Flyer](#)- youngest student
- Iowa/Cogat Testing Results - grades 2-8
- White Oak Athletic Club Volleyball Flyer - youngest student

## ST. JAMES SCHOOL

### NEW INFORMATION

#### A Message from the Principal

This is a busy time at St. James School! There are so many great things happening with less than a month of the school year remaining. Last weekend, I watched proudly as our 8<sup>th</sup> graders performed in *Beauty and the Beast*. What an amazing show and such a talented group of students. I was so impressed that every eighth grader was involved in the show this year, a completely voluntary program. This speaks volumes about this class of students! I am especially grateful for the many hours that Mrs. Linahan, Miss Junker, Miss Wiesman, Miss Bates, and Mrs. Bates put into the show. We are blessed to have them working with our students.

This upcoming weekend our second graders will be celebrating their First Communion. We are very proud of them and invite you to join us at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday or the noon Mass on Sunday.

Last week Mrs. Boomer was selected as the Warm 98/Channel 5 Teacher of the Week. What a great honor! She is certainly deserving of this recognition and we are grateful for everything she does on a daily basis for our students.

Tomorrow we will hold our annual Panther Prowl walk-a-thon! I love this day filled with fun, laughter, and community. I hope you can find a moment to stop by Colerain Park to visit and maybe walk a lap with us. And, I am grateful for the support from our families in donating to the Panther Prowl. These donations allow us to make improvements to our school to better the educational experience of our students. I look forward to seeing how our new and improved technology lab space turns out this summer.

And while I'm getting long winded, I wanted to provide an update on the progress of our strategic plan work. Mrs. Riggins and Miss Brown have been meeting on a weekly basis to develop a Spanish curriculum for our junior high students. Students have benefitted from more targeted lessons and a progression of skills. They will continue to develop curriculum for all grades. Our teachers continue to benefit from professional development opportunities. This summer we will send three staff members on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and four staff members will attend a professional learning communities conference. Additionally, we have renewed our commitment to be a part of the Xavier University PLC program. We are on schedule to renovate the computer lab this summer and are busy making plans to open a fourth kindergarten classroom. We are grateful for the PTO's support to make these projects a reality. Our staff has also been busy making plans to implement a pilot

[Click here for more events](#)

intervention and enrichment program in our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades next year. We hope this will help us assist students even more.

We have much to be proud of at St. James! I feel blessed to be a part of this community.

Thank you and God bless,

Jeffrey Fulmer  
Principal

## No School Friday

Since you helped us meet and surpass the goal for Panther Prowl, students have earned Friday as a day off school. Thanks for your support!

## IOWA Testing Results

Today, students in grades 2-8 are receiving the score reports from the CogAT and Iowa assessments which were administered in March. As you review your child's results, please remember that scores are not reported as a percentage correct, but rather as a national percentile rank, standard score, or normal curve equivalent score. These scores can be used to help you see your child's performance on this particular assessment in comparison to others who took the assessment, as well as to see the growth of a student from year to year.

Additionally, using the CogAT data from assessments, a predicted percentile rank (PNPR) is also calculated. This score indicates how well a child is predicted to perform on the Iowa tests by using the measure of ability assessed through the CogAT in grades 2, 5, and 7. Thus, student predicted scores in grades 2, 3, and 4 use CogAT data from grade 2, while student predicted scores in grades 5 and 6 use CogAT data from grade 5 and student predicted scores in grades 7 and 8 use CogAT data from grade 7.

Additional information regarding interpreting your child's scores on the Iowas can be found below. I would encourage you to take some time to explore these resources to better understand what your child's scores mean.

*The following information comes from the University of Iowa with regard to Iowa Assessments.*

### Score Reports

You can find some general information on reading your child's score report here: [Interpreting Results from the Iowa Assessments](#)

### National Standard Score (NSS)

The **National Standard Score**, or NSS, describes performance on a continuum from kindergarten through high school. The continuum is based on scores from testing thousands of students and determining where students at certain grade levels fall within a range.

The achievement continuum connected with the Iowa Assessments is divided into three categories: Non Proficient, Proficient, and Advanced. Using these scores allows teachers, parents, and students to track not only proficiency at a test time, but year-to-year growth.

[Standard Score Ranges for Achievement Levels](#)

### National Percentile Ranking (NPR)

The Iowa Assessments also include a **National Percentile Ranking (NPR)**. This compares a student's score with others in the nation in the same grade who took the test at the same time of year. The NPR is based on a scale of 1 to 99, so if a third grade student receives a 75 that means the student did as well or better than 75 percent of other third graders in

the nation taking the test at the same time.

The NSS will be the more important indicator of student achievement, as it will be easier to track one student's growth year to year, instead of compared to other students.

### **Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)**

Since CogAT's inception, the authors have encouraged a focus on the student's scores on the three separate CogAT batteries rather than on the student's Composite score. The scores on the three batteries make up a student's score profile. CogAT score profiles identify both the level of the student's scores and the pattern of scores across the batteries. In the short paragraph at the bottom of the score report, you'll see an "Ability Profile." You can use this profile code at the website <http://www.hmhco.com/cogat/cogatprofile> to receive more information about the CogAT test and your child's scores.

The Iowa and CogAT assessments provide one measure of student ability, achievement, and growth. Thus, while these assessments are important and valuable, they should not be used as the sole measurement of your child's abilities and skills. Like any assessment, it is understood that there can be any number of factors which impact student achievement in any given year. However, as a standardized measure of ability and performance, they provide useful information as we plan for student placement and evaluate instructional practice. It is in this light, that we use the testing data each year. Should you have additional questions regarding your child's score report, please do not hesitate to contact his or her teacher.

### **Leadership Council for the 2018-2019 School Year**

Leadership Council advisors will meet with 7<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in becoming involved in the Leadership Council on Thursday, May 3. They will be given the following paperwork: Leadership Council Introduction Letter, Essay Instructions, and Homeroom Rep Forms. Essays and forms must be returned to Mrs. Linahan no later than May 8, 2018. On May 25 students will be informed who will be on Leadership Council. The Lock In will be held on August 8-9.

### **Right to Read Week**

Next week your student will be given the opportunity to do a little extra reading to celebrate Right to Read week. They will be doing some buddy reading, some silent reading on their own, have to a chance to hear from the librarians from Monfort Heights about the summer reading program, and on Monday, all students will be given a Reading Log to keep track of their reading for the week. If they meet the goal for their grade level, they will earn an out of uniform day! Parents will need to sign these papers nightly to confirm that the reading was done.

### **8th Grade Graduation Video & Class Gift**

Please see the attached flyer for more information about the 8th grade graduation video and class gift.

[8th Grade Graduation Video/Class Gift](#)

### **FACTS Notices**

FACTS has sent out reenrollment notices for the 2018-2019 year. Please check your FACTS account, if you do NOT want to change the frequency of payments, you do nothing. If you need to change your payment frequency please print the form, mark your changes, and return to Amy Klosterman by May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call 741-5320.

### **Panther Prowl Update**

To date, we have collected over \$21,100! Thank you to everyone who has donated!



School	\$20,000	\$25,000
Goal	No Home-	Assembly
\$15,000	work Day	

We did not have a homeroom meet 100% participation, so we have decided to extend the homeroom challenge until the day of the walk, May 3! For those that have not had a chance yet, there is still plenty of time. By raising over \$20,000, the students have earned the Crazy Sock Day (date to be announced), Longer Recess or Free Time in the gym (date to be announced), No Homework Day (dated to be announced), and a day off school on Friday, May 4! We would love to have the students get the award for the \$25,000 challenge. If we reach the \$25,000 mark, it will be the biggest Panther Prowl on record as far as donations! Remember all monies raised will go to the renovation of the computer lab to bring the latest in technology to our students.

The homeroom challenge of 100% participation (to earn a Christian Service Spirit Wear Day) standings are as follows:

Room 6—86%  
 Room 7—73%  
 Room 8—95%  
 Room 3—79%  
 Room 4—70%  
 Room 5—75%  
 Room 1—77%  
 Room 2—88%  
 Room 202—76%  
 Room 200—79%  
 Room 201—63%  
 Room 203—70%  
 Room 213—67%  
 Room 214—76%  
 Room 216—75%  
 Room 113—53%  
 Room 115—68%  
 Room 116—58%  
 Room 111—64%  
 Room 112—70%  
 Room 114—91%  
 Room 10—68%  
 Room 11—74%  
 Room 100—58%  
 Room 101—65%  
 Room 102—70%  
 Room 103—52%

## REMINDERS

### Part-Time Positions Needed

St. James After School Child Care Program is looking for two energetic adults who enjoy working with children. Hours will be from 2-6 p.m., Monday- Friday, on school days from August 21st – May 31st. Duties include serving snacks, outdoor recess or gym, and helping students with daily homework. If you are looking for a rewarding part-time job, please contact Pam Miller at 513-741-5333 Ext.4.

### 2018-2019 Tuition Information

The school budget has been completed for the next school year. This budget has been reviewed by the School Advisory Commission and the Parish Finance Commission and approved by Father Nolker and Parish Council. As in years past, every effort has been made to minimize the tuition increase while maintaining our standard of academic excellence. The tuition rates summarized below represent a \$113 increase per child over the current year's tuition while still maintaining all current programming. Staff will receive a 2% increase to the base salary and step increases if appropriate.

We would like to thank the members of the School Advisory Commission for their help and support in developing the

school's budget and establishing tuition rates. Questions regarding the 2018-2019 tuition may be directed to any member of the School Advisory Commission, as well as the school administration.

<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>2018-2019 Tuition</b>
One Child	\$3,888.00
Two Children	\$7,555.00
Three Children	\$10,707.00
Four Children	\$11,665.00
Non-Parish Child	\$5,318.00
Kindergarten	\$3,888.00

It is expected that parishioner families with students in the parish school support the whole parish through regular contributions through the Sunday collection. Since it is presumed that parishioners are doing this, there is a reduced tuition rate for parishioners. To receive the parishioner rate, the following are required:

- The family is registered in the parish.
- At least one parent is Catholic.
- The child is baptized and is being raised as a Catholic.

Students who are not parishioners are invited to attend St. James School, but at the full tuition level.

There is a scale of adjusted tuition rates for parishioner families with multiple children in St. James School. Children in kindergarten do not qualify for multiple child discounts. Non-parishioners are not eligible for multiple child discounts.

## **CAFETERIA**

### **NEW INFORMATION**

#### **Menu Alert**

NEXT Thursday and Friday will be your last chance to enjoy Salisbury steak and noodles (Thursday) and Italian Dunkers (Friday) before summer break! Make sure to buy one or both these days.

#### **The Week Ahead**

Thursday, 5/3 - Panther Prowl. Please remember to pack a lunch and bring a water bottle.

Friday, 5/4 - No School

Monday, 5/7 - A & B - Pancakes; Sides - Scrambled Eggs, Strawberry Cup, Vanilla Yogurt, Carrots with Dip, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 5/8 - A & B - Chicken Drummies; Sides - Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fresh Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 5/9 - A - Cheese Pizza; B - Pepperoni Pizza; Sides - Waffle Fries, Celery with Dip, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Thursday, 5/10 - A & B - Salisbury Steak with Noodles; Sides - Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

## REMINDERS

### May Menu

Please see the link below for the May menu.

[May Menu](#)

### May Volunteers

Please see the link below for the volunteer schedule for May

[May Volunteer Schedule](#)

## PTO

### UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

- April 18-May 2<sup>nd</sup> Ball Drop Fundraiser

#### May

3 - Panther Prowl

5-6 - First Communion

7 - K1 Screening

8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Grandparent/Special Friend Mass

11 - Kindergarten Grandparent/Special Friend Ice Cream Social

16 - Final PTO Board Meeting-incoming & outgoing Board members-Room 105

25 - Olympic Day

29 - Olympic Day Rain Out

31 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Signing and Luncheon

#### June

1 - Graduation Mass & Party

### Ball Drop Fundraiser- April 18<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR AWESOME VIDEO PROMOTING THIS FUNDRAISER. Go to the St. James PTO Facebook page.**

Please [click here](#) for the link to the video.

We are excited to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ball Drop Fundraiser! We are raffling off chances to win \$1,000! We will have the fire department come to the athletic fields on Olympic Day to drop golf balls onto the fields. The first ball to go into the cup/hole wins \$1,000!

Your child will receive 15 raffle chances to sell for \$5/each. Your child is not required to sell any chances, but there are some great rewards for selling:

**Sell 5 tickets per student= Out of Uniform Day\* on May 24<sup>th</sup>!**

(\*Families who paid their Opt Out donation at the beginning of the school year automatically qualify for Out of Uniform on May 24<sup>th</sup>.)

#### **Top Selling Family**

- \$100 Amazon Gift Card

- Student(s) get to be Principal(s) for the day... AND

Join Mr. Fulmer on Olympic Day throwing water balloons from the press box!

**Seller of the Winning Ball**

\$250 tuition credit to a Catholic grade school or high school.

**Random Drawing for All Sellers  
(every chance sold is entered into this drawing)**

\$250 tuition credit to a Catholic grade school or high school.

## OVERALL School Goals

**\$3,500**

Kona Ice on Olympic Day for everyone!

**\$7,000**

Mrs. Riggins gets a pie in the face on Olympic Day by a student seller (random draw)

**\$10,000**

**Mr. Fulmer will sleep on the school roof!**

### Ball Drop Flyer

## REMINDERS

### Olympic Day- Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

The 2018 Olympic Day games are fast approaching and we can use “all hands on deck!” Please consider volunteering for all or part of the day. Volunteers who sign up to help ALL day will receive a complimentary lunch, courtesy of the PTO! This is a great way to have fun, help out, and see your child participate! Complete the flyer and send back by Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

[Olympic Day Volunteer Flyer](#)

### Spirit Shop

The Spirit Shop Coordinators thank you for another great year! To close out the school year we are offering two discounted shopping opportunities. Join us on Monday, May 7th from 8:15 a.m. until 4:00.p.m. or Thursday, May 10th from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. On either of these days shoppers will receive 10% off their total purchase of IN-STOCK items. Plus, spend \$50 and receive a FREE water bottle while supplies last. We're sorry but no orders will be taken on these days. Happy shopping!

[Spirit Shop End of Year Flyer](#)

## ATHLETIC CLUB

### NEW INFORMATION

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

Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, and participants in the 2018 St. James Golf Outing. The annual golf outing was held last week at the Aston Oaks Golf Club and was a huge success. We had 35-foursomes participate in the outing, the most ever! With such a great group of volunteers and golfers, beautiful weather, and some tremendous play on the course, fun was had by all involved. Even if you were not able to play in the outing, you can help sports at St. James by supporting our sponsors to let them know the St. James community appreciates their support of Panthers sports programs. The outing is the main fundraiser for the SJAC and has helped pay for many improvements at the fields and defray equipment costs.

### Volleyball Clinic

Registration is now open for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual summer volleyball clinic. The clinics are open to all incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls at St. James. The volleyball clinic will be offered on June 25<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration is available on paper only; please see the attached flyer for more information. Please email any questions to

[www.stjamesvolleyball@yahoo.com](mailto:www.stjamesvolleyball@yahoo.com). Go Panthers!  
Volleyball Clinic Flyer

## 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!

## 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

### Cincinnati Recreation Commission Tennis Lessons

**FREE!** Tennis lessons from the Cincinnati Recreation Commission from June 19-August 10. Lessons are Mondays 9-12:15p.m. (times assigned by age) behind St. Ignatius School and Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the tennis courts behind Mt. Airy School on Colerain Ave. Children ages 7-14 are welcome to attend 1 or 2 days a week. Any questions call Coach Margie Hanson(515-681-9199). For registration call CRC 352-1621 or 352-4020 (Monday -Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Registration is May 1-31 or until filled.

### St. Xavier High School - Maker Camp

St. Xavier Maker Camp in the MakerSpace: Discover inspiring ways to imagine, design, invent, tinker and make through hands on projects and collaborative creations. This two-week camp fosters creativity, builds confidence, and sparks interest in science, technology, engineering, math and the arts. We can all be makers- so let’s start making!

[St. Xavier Flyer](#)

### La Salle 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>