



May 24, 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 25**

Sno Bug Visits

Pep Rally

**May 26**

Olympic Day

**May 29**

Memorial Day

No School

**May 30**

Olympic Day Rain Date

**May 31**

Last Day of School for 8th Graders

8th Grade Yearbook Signing & Luncheon

End of Year Homeroom Parties  
2:10 p.m.

**June 1**

Early Release Day  
1:05 p.m.

Last Day of School

End of 3rd Trimester

All School Closing Mass  
8:30 a.m.

Graduation Mass & Ceremony  
7:00 pm.

## WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- Kings Island Discount Ticket Vouchers—every student
- [PTO Volunteer Form](#) —youngest student grades K-7 only
- [Retirement Mass/Celebration Flyer](#) —youngest student only
- [School Supply Kit Flyer](#) —youngest student grades K-7 only
- [Athletic Club Volunteer Flyer](#)- youngest student only
- [Class of 2018 8th Grade T-Shirt Order Form](#) —7th grade only

## ST. JAMES SCHOOL

### NEW INFORMATION

#### Grouping Information

As the 2016-2017 school year draws to a close, teachers are hard at work on Math and Reading placements for next school year. The reality is that the majority of our students are working at grade level and meeting, even exceeding, grade level standards. A smaller number of our students work at an accelerated pace. Groupings for the 2017-2018 school year will reflect this reality.

In the next week, you may receive a call from your child's teacher concerning their grouping for next year. We have worked very hard to use the data available to us to properly place students. In making grouping recommendations for Reading, teachers take into account Iowa test scores from the last two years, a student's current placement and grade, a student's Lexile Score (a measure of the difficulty of text a student can read and comprehend), and a student's work habits over the past year. In grouping for Math, a similar approach is taken. Teachers take into account Iowa test scores from the last two years, a student's current placement and grade, their score on a grade level cumulative Math assessment, and a student's work habits over the past year. This data is then reviewed and placement recommendations are made.

It is our hope that every student is placed so that they are challenged yet can find success within their class.

#### Olympic Day – Friday, May 26

Olympic Day will be held this Friday, May 26. After beginning the day with a prayer service, the entire school will be participating in fun games for the rest of the day! Just a few short reminders:

- Students should pack a disposable lunch.
- Students should bring a filled water bottle with their name on it. We will have water stations set up.
- Students are permitted to be out of uniform. Each student will be given an Olympic Day t-shirt the day of the event to wear (provided by the PTO).
- Students must wear gym shoes.
- If Olympic Day is cancelled due to weather conditions, the students are still permitted to be out of uniform. Please wear Christian Service Spirit Wear.
- If Olympic Day is cancelled due to weather, the school cafeteria will not be open that day and they should pack a lunch.
- We encourage you to apply sunscreen before arriving at school. You may want to consider a hat as well.
- The rain date for Olympic Day is Tuesday, May 30.

[Click here for more events](#)

## Last Chance for Yearbook Orders

In today's Wednesday Envelope, there is a last chance reminder slip for yearbooks. If your order was not received prior to Friday, May 19, you are receiving a slip. The flyers are generated by Lifetouch through their online service. If you receive a paper and know you placed an order, please email Karen Wiesman at [kwiesman@stjameswo.org](mailto:kwiesman@stjameswo.org) and she will check into it.

## REMINDERS

### 2017-2018 School Supply Lists

[Click here](#) to access the school supply list for next year.

### St. James Family Festival

We are collecting items for gift baskets for the festival. All donations need to be returned to the office by May 26th. Please see the attached flyer for more information on the items that we are collecting.

[Family Festival Flyer](#)

### Part-Time Positions for St. James Child Care

St. James After School Child Care Program is looking for two energetic adults who enjoy working with children for next school year. 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 741-5333 ext. 4.

### Mrs. Andrew Retiring

We want to extend a great thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, for her many years of teaching and service to St. James School! At the end of this school year Mrs. Andrew has decided to retire. To celebrate her contributions to St. James and the many children she taught, we will be celebrating after the noon Mass on Sunday, June 4. We hope you will join us in the Church Hall to thank and honor Mrs. Andrew.

## CAFETERIA

### Cafeteria Balance

Please make sure all money owed to the cafeteria is paid in full. We need to close out our books for the year.

### The Week Ahead

Thursday, 5/25—A—Popcorn Chicken; B—Spicy Chicken Strips; Sides—Macaroni and Cheese, Celery with Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce, Yogurt Parfait with Blueberries, Strawberries and Chocolate Granola; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 5/26—Olympic Day—No Cafeteria. Please remember to pack a lunch and a water.

Monday, 5/29—No School

Tuesday, 5/30—A & B—Chicken Drummies; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 5/31—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Vegetable of Choice, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Thursday, 6/1—Early Release Day. Remember to bring a healthy snack to eat.

## 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

### MAY

25—PTO Board Meeting - incoming and outgoing members

26—Olympic Day

30—Olympic Day Rain Date

## NEW INFORMATION

### Panther Gift Cards

Last chance to place your order! Shop online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) (St. James access code is 77C5AA7E1934)

Questions? Contact Lisa Schwetschenau [lisaschwetschenau@gmail.com](mailto:lisaschwetschenau@gmail.com). Happy shopping!

### Tyson Labels

Over the summer, please remember to collect Tyson Project A+ labels from participating **Tyson** products. We earn 24¢ in cash for each label. Be sure to spread the word about the *Tyson Project A+* Program to your friends and relatives! Please send labels to school.

Clip from bag



Clip from box



## REMINDERS

### PTO Board Elections for 2017-2018 School Year

The PTO will be holding a general meeting this Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in room 105 to vote on incoming board members. All are invited to attend to cast their vote! We have several open positions; see the attached flow chart for more information. If you would like to nominate yourself for the ballot, please do so by Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. All nominations should be sent in email form to [stjpto1844@gmail.com](mailto:stjpto1844@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Lindsey or Colleen (acting co-presidents) at [stjpto1844@gmail.com](mailto:stjpto1844@gmail.com).

[PTO Chart](#)

## St. James PTO Information for 2017-2018 School Year

We need your help! The PTO cannot be successful without you! Please take a moment to fill out the flyer regarding events and volunteer opportunities for next year. Please complete the form and send back on or before May 25<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate any and all help you are willing to give! We look forward to a great school year next year! Any questions, please contact Colleen Miles & Lindsey Theissen at [stjpto1844@gmail.com](mailto:stjpto1844@gmail.com).

[PTO Volunteer Form](#)

## St. James School Supply Kits Information

We are working with SchoolKidz again this year. They are a Staples company so be assured that all the products included in the kits, when not specifically brand name, are of high quality. Kit ordering will be available *online only*. The website will be open and kits will be available for purchase until the end of day on June 2nd. St. James pencil bags will be available in the Spirit Shop on Kick Off Day and all throughout the school year. Kits will be available for pickup in the cafeteria during Kick Off Day on Monday, August 21st. Please stop by and pick up your kit(s) before heading to your classrooms. If you have any questions, contact Marie Ritter at [marieritter@cinci.rr.com](mailto:marieritter@cinci.rr.com).

[School Supply Kit Flyer](#)

## ATHLETIC CLUB

### REMINDERS

#### Volunteers

It is through volunteers that the St. James Athletic Club grows and succeeds. We have several exciting opportunities for involvement in the 2017-2018 year and hope you'll consider being a part of our continued improvement. Please see the attached flyer which describes the open positions. Go Panthers!

[Athletic Club Volunteer Flyer](#)

#### Soccer Registration Open

Registration for the 2017 Panther Soccer Season is open on-line. Soccer is available for boys and girls in Grades 1 thru 8. Go to [www.stjamespanthers.org](http://www.stjamespanthers.org) and login to register. Registration levels have been revised for Say Soccer this year, so you may notice a difference in division names. Divisions and division names are now based strictly on age, such as 6U, in lieu of the previous division names such as "Wings" for example. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Schwierling at [christinaschwierling@gmail.com](mailto:christinaschwierling@gmail.com) with any questions.

#### Football Registration

We still need players at a few levels for the 2017 Football Season. Football sign-ups remain open on-line at [www.stjamespanthers.org](http://www.stjamespanthers.org). Contact Paul Reynolds with any questions at [pgreynolds@fuse.net](mailto:pgreynolds@fuse.net).

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### NEW INFORMATION

#### Mount Notre Dame's Athletic and Special Interest Summer Camps

MND offers a variety of athletic and special interest summer camps with something for everyone! To view a full list of camp offerings or to register, please visit [www.mndhs.org/academics/summer-camps](http://www.mndhs.org/academics/summer-camps). Camps are filling up quickly!

#### Elder High School

Please see the attached flyer for information on Elder High School Ice Hockey Summer Camp.

[Ice Hockey Summer Camp](#)

#### St. James Day at Orchard Hill Swim Club

Thursday, June 1

1:00 to 5:00

Cost \$5.00 for non members