



November 29, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 1

Christian Service Spirit Day

Wednesday, December 6

St. Nick Day

7th Grade Field Trip

Playhouse in the Park

Thursday, December 7

School Advisory Commission
Meeting

Friday, December 8

All School Mass

Tuesday, December 12

1st Grade Pageant
7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 18

Geography Bee
1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19

Christmas Fun Schedule

Wednesday, December 20

No School
First Day of Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 2

No School
Teacher In Service

Wednesday, January 3

School Resumes

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [PTO Basketball Shootout Fundraiser Flyer](#) – youngest student
- [PTO Mike's Car Wash Fundraiser Flyer](#) - youngest student
- [PTO Quaker Steak & Lube Fundraiser Flyer](#) - youngest student

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

A Message from the Principal

Sunday marks the first day of Advent! This is an exciting time awaiting the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Among all of the other Christmas decorations you may display in your home, I would encourage you to have an Advent wreath present. Take time to light the candle together before dinner each night and say a prayer as a family. This simple wreath and your family's prayers will help remind your children the reason we truly celebrate on Christmas. If you are looking to learn more about Advent or find some resources for your family, you could start by [clicking here](#) to access the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website.

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.

Restore & Renew is a newly developed nonprofit that was founded and is managed by four young adults in the area. The founder Lauren Tebbe, 19 years old, is a St. Ignatius and McAuley High School alumnus who through her mission trips to Mexico discovered a need and a way to help children with sensory disorders. The mission of this organization is to help children with sensory issues such as ADHD, Autism, etc. by providing them with objects to help them manage stress and find some calm in their lives. The major work of this group is to produce weighted blankets that have been proven to help calm these individuals and allow them to manage a variety of stressful and anxious situations.

Geography Bee

40 students in grades 5-8 will be competing in the annual St. James Geography Bee on Monday, December 18. The Bee will be held in the gym at 1:30 p.m. Parents, friends, and family of the participants are invited to attend. Please do not arrive before 1:15 p.m. and we ask that you wait in the gym lobby until you are checked in by a St. James staff member. Good luck to all of our geography whizzes competing!

Playground

Students are permitted to bring in a ball to use for recess. There are two basketball hoops and several four-squares. If students bring equipment, it gives them something productive and active to do during outdoor recess time. If you bring a football, soccer ball, etc. to recess, we encourage you to make sure your name is written on the item.

Snow Day/Two Hour Delay Day Notifications

St. James School will follow Northwest Local Schools in the event of inclement weather. You will be alerted of a closing in the following ways:

1. Through television, radio, and/or local news station websites.
2. Through a phone call, text message, and email notification from St. James School to the primary and cell phone numbers listed in the school data base.
3. Through a text alert from Northwest Local Schools; you may sign up here <http://www.ohioalerts.org/NWLSD>.

We Need Host Families

This January, St. James parish will host the NET Ministries retreat team as they provide two retreats for our students. We are in need of up to 7 host families to house a minimum of two team members overnight. Please consider being a host family. It's really an easy way to help out and give back to our parish. For more information on how to help, please see the information below.

[NET Ministries](#)

Archdiocesan Financial Aide

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting applications for financial aide for the 2018-2019 school year. To apply, access your FACTS account and complete the application process. Applications must be received by January 31, 2018. Eligible families can be awarded up to \$1,000 per student to attend St. James next year.

REMINDERS

Energy Kit Contest

Attention parents and teachers! There is a school-wide competition currently happening in which an ice cream sundae bar is up for grabs for the winning homeroom! Please go to <https://www.myenergykit.org/> and request a FREE energy kit. If you have requested one in years past, it is okay to request another as the school will still get credit! For each 100 kits requested, the school earns \$250! The winning homeroom will get an ice cream sundae bar at lunch after the contest ends on December 31, 2017. Thank you!

Interested in Kindergarten Next Year?

Do you have a child who will be entering kindergarten next year? If you know a family member, neighbor, or friend with children who may be entering kindergarten next year, we encourage you to tell them about St. James and encourage them to find out more about our great school and fantastic kindergarten program.

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

Menu Alert

Friday will be a good day to catch some good comfort food in the cafeteria. We will be serving grilled cheese and tomato soup—a perfect way to warm up on a cold December day!

December

Please see the link below for the December menu.

[December Menu](#)

December Volunteers

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

[December Volunteer Schedule](#)

The Week Ahead

Thursday, 11/30—A—Chili Spaghetti 3 Way; B—Cheese Coney; Sides—Kidney Beans, Carrots with Dip, Peaches, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Friday, 12/1—A & B—Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Tomato Soup; Sides—Celery with Dip, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Monday, 12/4—A & B—French Toast; Sides—Sausage, Cucumber with Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Tuesday, 12/5—A & B—Chicken Drumsticks; Sides—Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

Wednesday, 12/6—A—Cheese Pizza; B—Pepperoni Pizza; Sides—French Fries, Corn, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce; Salad Bar with Chili

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PTO

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6—Dine to Donate—Quaker Steak & Lube

19—Basketball Shootout Finals

NEW INFORMATION

Mike's Car Wash Certificates – Last Chance To Turn In! 11/30

Mike's Car Wash certificates are great for stocking stuffers and teacher gifts (a few St. James teachers have hinted that they would LOVE to receive these certificates for your teacher Christmas gift!)

Great news!

- They never expire!
- They can be used at ANY Mike's Car Wash location in Ohio, Kentucky, & Indiana!
- The basic \$9 car wash certificates can be applied toward a wash upgrade!

Fill out the attached flyer and let us know how many you would like to purchase and we will distribute them to your student via Wednesday Envelope. Thank you in advance for your support!

[Mike's Car Wash Flyer](#)

Dine to Donate- Quaker Steak; Wednesday, December 6th 11 a.m.—10 p.m.

Celebrate St. Nick's Day with a night off from cooking and join us at Quaker Steak (3737 Stonecreek Blvd.) 20% of any dine-in orders benefit our school. Please bring the attached flyer or show on your mobile device to give our school credit. Thank you for your support.

[Quaker Steak Flyer](#)

Basketball Shootout– Last Chance to Participate! 11/30

We are excited to bring back the Basketball Shootout!

- Who: Any student can participate with their \$20 entry fee
- What: Fun shootout competition to benefit the PTO
- Where: St. James gym
- When: During gym classes in December, final shootout December 19th.

This is a very fun, friendly competition for our students and highly encouraged by our beloved gym teacher, Mr. Wallace! Please consider allowing your child to participate!

[PTO Basketball Shootout Fundraiser Flyer](#)

ATHLETIC CLUB

NEW INFORMATION

Panther Volleyball – 8th Grade Final Game

The St. James Volleyball Program celebrated the final home game for this year's 8th Grade athletes on November 19th. Thank you for all these 8th Grade girls have contributed to the volleyball program and good luck as you move on to high school. Go Panthers!



St. James Boys Basketball 6C – St. Antoninus Tournament Champs

Congratulations to the St. James Boys Basketball 6C team on winning the St. Antoninus Tournament championship over the Thanksgiving break. Great job boys!



St. James Basketball Tournament

The annual St. James Basketball tournament kicked off over the Thanksgiving break. We look forward to an exciting tournament this year, please consider taking a break from holiday shopping and stop in to watch the Panthers as they advance through the tournament. Visit the St. James Athletic Club website for tournament brackets and more information. Thank you!

REMINDERS

February 28th XU Game to Benefit the SJAC

Discounted tickets are on sale for the February 28th XU men's basketball game against Providence. These tickets are being sold at a discounted price, and some of the proceeds benefit the St. James Athletic Club. You can buy tickets by filling out the order form and returning it through school by February 9, 2018. Tickets to the game make a great Christmas present and will support St. James Athletics!

[Xavier University Ticket Order Form](#)

St. James Athletics Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you know someone who owns a business and may be interested in sponsoring St. James sports? Perhaps you know someone who may be interested in making donations that could support Panthers sports programs. Please see the attached flyer for the many ways a sponsor can promote their business while supporting athletics at St. James. Please contact Mike Etris at etris6@gmail.com with any questions.

[St. James Athletics Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

In case you missed this past week's bulletin, [click here](#) to access the information.

REMINDERS

St. Mary's Society Raffle

The St. Mary's Society will be selling chances the month of November after mass and the drawing is December 5th. The chances can be returned thru school until December 1. The raffling consists of an American Girl Doll with homemade clothes and a boy basket containing gift card to Dicks Sporting Goods and Top Golf along with a FC Cincinnati t-shirt, soccer ball and football valued at \$160. There are also 2 \$150 winners. Please see the attached flyer for raffle chances. Chances are \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00. Checks should be made out to the St. Mary's Society.

[St. Mary's Society Raffle](#)

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Girl Scout Santa Luncheon

Please see the attached flyer for more information and how to register for the Girl Scout Troop 46744 Santa Luncheon on Sunday, December 3 from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

[Girl Scout Santa Luncheon Flyer](#)

Girl Scout Father Daughter Dance

Please save the date of February 24, 2018, for the Girl Scout Father Daughter Dance for girls in grades 4-6. More information and a registration form will follow.

McAuley High School Offers Two Christmas Concerts

McAuley High School will hold two Christmas Concerts which are open to the public. Both concerts will be held in McAuley's Auditorium. The Holiday Harmony Showcase Concert is Monday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. This concert is an all-choral show featuring vocalists from both McAuley and La Salle High Schools. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The Sounds of Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. This concert features the McAuley chorus, orchestra and Vocal Ensemble. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, please call (513) 681-1800 x2228.

The AVO School of Ballet and Cincinnati Kinderballet Perform *The Nutcracker*

The AVO School of Ballet and the Cincinnati Kinderballet will perform the holiday classic "The Nutcracker" this December in venues all across the tristate area. We have partnered with local schools, libraries, and community organizations to present this classical ballet story in an engaging format to children and adults alike. Children are invited to participate in an interactive storytelling at the end of the performance which is always popular! Information about dates, times and locations for all performances can be found at avoballet.org or call 513-481-0092. Most performances are FREE and tickets are not required.

[The Nutcracker](#)

Saint Ursula Academy

Saint Ursula Academy would like to invite 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents to our upcoming Showcase Night on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. This two hour program will showcase the many parts of a Saint Ursula education. Get inside information on academic programs, extracurricular activities, community service, and college guidance. Register at www.saintursulaevents.com/showcase-night. Additionally, all grade school girls are invited to our Grade School Basketball Night on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. as the Bulldogs take on GGCL Rival McAuley! Admission is free (for parents and coaches also!) when wearing school spirit wear. To register, visit www.saintursulaevents.com/basketball-night.