



August 25, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 2
Picture Day—Out of Uniform

Friday, September 3
No School
Teacher In-Service

Monday, September 6
No School—Labor Day

Thursday, September 9
School Advisory Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 10
Christian Service
Spirit Wear Day

Monday, September 13
First Reconciliation
Parent Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 16
8th Grade
Grandparent Breakfast

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- Lifetouch Fall Picture Form - every student
- [St. James School Cafeteria Volunteer Form](#) - youngest student only
- [St. James PTO Volunteer Form](#) - youngest student only
- [St. James PTO Opt-Out Fundraising Form](#) - youngest student only
- [St. James PTO Uniform Sweatshirt Order Form](#) - youngest student only
- [8th Grade High School Information Packet](#) - 8th grade students only

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

A Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school! We have been preparing during the past few months and we are so excited to see all of our students return to our school!

We are thankful for all of the time our teachers and staff have spent this past summer getting ready for the school year. We are also excited to welcome our new staff too.

Our most important job is to keep our kids safe. We take this responsibility very seriously.

- Please be careful in our parking lots and streets around school. Slow down and be alert.
- All visitors to school will need to come to the main front doors.
- All volunteers are required to complete the Safe Parish training and the online background check. Volunteers will also need to read the quarterly bulletins to stay active in the system.
- If you see something, say something. We all need to be the eyes and ears in our community and be alerted to behavior that is not in line with our child protection procedures. Any concerns can be reported to the school administration and/or directly to local law enforcement.
- We will continue to have periodic fire drills, tornado drills, and lock-down drills.
- We will use these drills as reminders of what to do in case of an emergency situation.
- We have a fantastic school nurse, Connie Lanter, who is an excellent resource to answer questions, support our students, and respond in emergency situations.

Please know that each of us here at St. James are committed to providing the best Catholic educational experience for our students. If we can be of help to you this year, please do not hesitate to contact us. We also ask that you take the time each week to read our newsletters and stay informed about what is happening at St. James. Our teachers will send periodic communications as well to keep you connected. And most importantly, we encourage you to take the time to talk to your child about what is happening at school. You have the most important role in their education.

Thank you and God bless,
Chrissy Riggins
Principal

[Click here for more events](#)

What To Do When My Child Is Quarantined

School Work for Grades K-2

- Parents can pick up work any day of the week between 3:15 and 3:45 p.m. There will be a box with files in alphabetical order out front by 3:15 p.m. for pick up. If your child has textbooks to be picked up, those will be in a brown paper bag with your child's name on it. Please look for a bag and in the file for both, just in case.
- Teachers will communicate assignments for the week.

School Work for Grades 3-8

- Assignments and work for the day will be shared in Google Classroom by 9:00 a.m. each morning for the previous day's lessons.
- Parents can pick up work any day of the week between 3:15 and 3:45 p.m. There will be a box with files in alphabetical order out front by 3:15 p.m. for pick up. If your child has textbooks to be picked up, those will be in a brown paper bag with your child's name on it. Please look for a bag and in the file for both, just in case.
- Quarantined students will use online resources and regular textbooks. Other resources will be provided as appropriate.
- The teacher is responsible for making independent work, worksheets, projects, quizzes, tests, etc. electronically accessible.
- Directions and expectations for test taking and submitting of assignments will be provided by the grade level teachers.
- Quarantined students will be expected to complete assignments according to teachers' deadlines.
- Quarantined students will turn in work through Google Classroom. Teachers may use other applications to receive work from students learning from home.

Live Streaming

- Quarantined students will have the option to engage in a live stream of their classes. We are still working through some technological kinks, but most teachers have this set up in their classroom for any child that may be quarantined. Live streaming is not an option for those missing class for unexcused absences.
- The live stream schedule will run on the same schedule as if they were in the building.
- Home recording of classroom live streaming is prohibited. This is in an effort to maintain confidentiality of the other students in the classroom.

Special Education

- Students who qualified for individual, specialized services through an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will continue to receive services remotely if they are quarantined.
- Special education staff will coordinate with families to determine times to provide services.

Picture Day Thursday, September 2

Enclosed in the Wednesday Envelope is an order form from Lifetouch for school pictures. Students are out of uniform for picture day. All students need to be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing a package or not. These fall pictures are on a prepay basis. Lifetouch is offering the option of ordering and paying online prior to picture day. See the flyer for more information. The student that opts to pay by check or cash will be using the envelope that is attached to the picture order form. They will take their picture envelope and payment to the photographer on picture day. Also, if ordering online, you will need the picture day ID located on the top of the flyer.

8th Grade High School Placement Test Information

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is moving to a centralized online registration portal for the High School Placement Test. This website is now open and available for students to begin registering!

[Scholastic Testing Service - Registration \(stsusers.com\)](https://stsusers.com)

Morning Drop Off

Parents, if you are dropping off your child in the morning, we ask that you help us keep traffic moving on Cheviot Road by following these simple steps.

- Parents should enter through the north entrance along Cheviot Road (near the Credit Union).
- There are two lanes to pull into—please use both lanes.
- The first three cars in each lane should unload at the same time. Do not wait until you are the first car for your child to unload.
- Parents should not exit the vehicle.
- Students who unload in the lane closest to the street need to walk up the center to the staff member on duty. We will ensure it is safe for the student to cross.
- Please follow the directions of the staff member on duty. Parents in cars should not wave over students. We try very hard to keep traffic from backing up on Cheviot.
- Cars can exit onto Cheviot Road by turning left or right or onto Hubble Road. Please be cautious and aware of the other drivers in the lot.
- Please do not drive fast through the front lot. We want our kids and our staff to be safe.

If your child needs extra help getting out of the car or an extra hug on their way into school, we ask that you use the drop off lane in front of the Church or park in the large parking lot behind the Church. **Please do not let students off on Hubble Road. Hubble Road is not an official drop off zone for students.** You need to utilize one of the drop off lines to drop students off in the morning.

Afternoon Parking for Pick Up

Parents, if you are picking up your child in the afternoon, we ask that you please not park in the parking lot between the Church and gym. Car riders should be picked up in the large parking lot behind the Church. We want to keep our kids safe as they exit the building and avoid cars moving around in the small lot. If another caretaker is picking up your kids, please make them aware of this as well. Thank you for your help with this.

Bus Riders

As a reminder, students are not permitted to ride another bus home with friends. Students have assigned seats on the bus.

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

Cafeteria Volunteers

The cafeteria is in need of daily volunteers. Please see that attached link for the cafeteria volunteer form. As a reminder, all volunteers must have completed the Selection.com background check or have been fingerprinted within the past five years and completed Safe Parish (Virtus Training). To volunteer, or for questions, please contact Alice Ashcraft at aashcraft@stjameswo.org.

[St. James School Cafeteria Volunteer Form](#)

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

St. James School Cafeteria participates in the National School Lunch Program. Children need healthy meals every day to learn. St. James School Cafeteria offers healthy meals each school day. Lunch costs \$3.00. Your child may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.40 lunch. Families who believe they qualify must fill out a packet. These packets may be obtained from the school office or the cafeteria manager. If you would like additional information, please contact Mary Oliverio, Cafeteria Manager, at 741-5338 or moliverio@stjameswo.org.

All families who were receiving free or reduced lunches last school year and wish to reapply must complete a packet and return it to Mary Oliverio attn: St. James School Cafeteria NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 2, 2020. Those who do not complete the necessary information will be removed from the program.

This Week's Menu

You can also find the lunch calendar online at our website.

Monday, August 30

Pancakes, sausage, carrots with dip, pineapple, vanilla yogurt, salad bar with chili

Tuesday, August 31

Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, salad bar with chili

Wednesday, September 1

Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tater tots, corn, peaches, salad bar with chili

Thursday, August 26

Soft pretzel with nacho cheese, broccoli with dip, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding, salad bar with chili

Friday, August 27

Popcorn chicken, macaroni and cheese, cucumber with dip, applesauce, salad bar with chili

Cafeteria Menu

Please see the attached menu for August.

[August Menu](#)

Please see the attached menu for September.

[September Menu](#)

Volunteers

Please see the attached schedule for September cafeteria volunteers.

[September Volunteers](#)

ST. JAMES PTO

NEW INFORMATION

Spotlight on PTO!

Welcome to the 2021/2022 School Year! Please note that we will be doing a 'Spotlight on PTO' e-Newsletter article series again this school year (SY). You will see at least one article per month reflecting activities, events and potentially calls to action in support of your PTO. Thank you in advance for your time, attention and participation!

Month in Review

8/4: PTO Board Meeting

8/9–8/16: Welcome Signs

8/16: Staff Luncheon

8/17: Kick-off Day

8/19 & 8/20: First Day of School!

8/24 – 8/26: Meet the Teacher Nights

The PTO has coordinated, staffed and/or financed many of the events above in support of our students, teachers, staff and community! Your membership dues + school year fundraising efforts go a long way!!

PTO Sponsored Improvements over last school year

Purchase + installation of 2 chilled water stations

Helped fund Air Conditioning in the cafeteria

Library remodel – Due to the HUGE success of last year’s Ball Drop Fundraiser, the PTO was able to fund the library renovation! If you didn’t get a chance to check out the new library at Kickoff, be sure to stop in on “Meet the Teacher” night! It looks fantastic! Thanks to all of you who participated in the Ball Drop Fundraiser and/or Opt-Out Fundraising Program last school year!

Web Presence

Please be sure to like the ‘*St James PTO*’ page on [Facebook](#). We are using this as an additional communication channel more so this year than any other. Also, the PTO forms, including the calendar, are on the St. James School Website under “PTO”.

Importance of PTO Dues + Fundraising

Like last year, due to Covid-19, things will still be done a little differently; however, we will still be supporting the students, teachers and staff this school year. While we are hopeful that we will be able to do more “in-person” events for the school, there are things we are doing that provide so much support to our school community such as:

Students – approved homeroom activities + prizes, chilled water stations and much more

Teachers & Staff – appreciation luncheons, dinners, school supplies, and much more.

Community – We will continue with the ***Dine to Donate Program*** this year with local restaurants to keep their businesses going. This would be through in-person dining, carry out or delivery features. We hope to have a new restaurant partner each month. This is a way to support local businesses and raise funds for the SJWO PTO at the same time.

Fundraising Opt-Out Program

This form will be sent home in this week’s Wednesday Envelope, and can also be found on the St. James School Webpage under PTO Forms. Please complete and return if you would like to Opt-Out of fundraising activities for the PTO during the school year. We recommend keeping a copy of this completed form in your personal files as well since important information is listed on how this donation option works. This is an attempt by us to help simplify your life and provide options. We invite you to make a tax-deductible donation. (*Please note, this is separate from your yearly family PTO dues.*) This way you can opt-out of the fund-raising portion of the PTO fundraisers and rest assured that you have done your part.

[Fundraising Opt Out Form](#)

8th Grade Grandparents Day – Save the Date!

The 8th Grade Grandparent/Special Friend event is Thursday, September 16th! More details to follow!

Notes of Appreciation

Spirit Shop – a big thank you to **Amber Newton** and **Kelly Burton** for getting the Spirit Shop ready to go for school kick-off!

PTO Board – a big thank you to all the committee members for giving their time in support of the school each month!

Welcome! – a great big welcome to your new role/the board to: **Vanessa Schweer** (Vice President), **Julie Rumpke** (Business Committee), **Zandria Schnur** (Secretary), **Kim Hindery**, **Erin Reder** and **Chelsea Blust** (Daytime Committee), **Marielle Schmidt** (Evening Committee), and **Amber Newton** (Spirit Shop and Fundraising Committee)!

Interested in volunteering?

The PTO is always looking for volunteers! In your Wednesday envelope, you will receive a PTO Volunteer Form. From serving as a PTO Board member to helping plan events such as Olympic Day, there are many opportunities available to become involved with the PTO. Please complete this form and send back with your kiddo if you are interested in volunteering!

Questions for the PTO?

Send emails to: stipto1844@gmail.com

St. James Uniform Sweatshirt Order Form

Please see the attached order form to order sweatshirts for the school year.

[Uniform Sweatshirt Order Form](#)

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

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

CLOW and Sunday Preschool

Please see the attached flyer for more information regarding Children's Liturgy of the Word and Sunday Preschool.

[CLOW Preschool Flyer](#)

L.I.F.E Ministry

Please see the attached flyer regarding Ladies Night Out: A Cause for Laughter.

[Ladies Night Out Flyer](#)

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

St. James Cub Scouts

St. James Cub Scouts Pack 24 invites those interested in joining Cub Scouts to JOIN SCOUTS NIGHT! Meet other Scout families and learn more about our activities for the coming year!

* Bring your checkbook to pay dues of \$89

Cub Scouts is for boys in kindergarten through 5th grade. For more information, contact Cubmaster Martin Reid at 513-227-7053 or reid51@hotmail.com

[Cub Scout Flyer](#)

MOMs/Women's Ministry

Are you looking to better understand your Catholic faith? This year our group is studying SYMBOLON: CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED from the FORMED website. We would love to have you join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from September to May from 11 – 12:30. If you would like more information, please contact Marilyn Thiemann at thiemannfamily@fuse.net or 513-385-7553.

Elder High School

Elder Shadow Days

A shadow visit is the best way for an 8th grade boy to experience what a day at Elder High School is like! Be led by an Elder student for an entire day, and see what it's like to be a Panther! The preferred shadow dates, and additional information can be found at www.elderhs.org/shadow.

Elder Financial Aid & Scholarship Information Night

The Financial Aid & Scholarship Information Night is a great opportunity for prospective families to learn about our robust tuition assistance program. We will discuss application deadlines and how to apply for these funds.

Thursday, September 16th - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

RSVP at www.elderhs.org - check out the "Upcoming Events" at the bottom of our homepage. This event is intended for 8th grade parents/guardians.

Elder Soccer Grade School Night:

All grade school students are invited to attend Elder Soccer Grade School Night as the Panthers take on the Lakota West Firebirds at the Panther Athletic Complex (PAC). Free admission and giveaways to all grade school students!

Saturday, September 25th - JV begins at 5:00 p.m.- Varsity begins at 7:00 p.m.

Elder & Seton Football Tailgate Party & Grade School Night:

Join us for Football Grade School Night as the Panthers battle against Indianapolis Roncalli in The Pit. All 7th & 8th grade students are invited to a free tailgate party before the game, and all grade school students will receive free admission to the game!

Friday, October 8th - 7th & 8th Grade Tailgate party begins at 5:30 p.m. - Kickoff at 7:00 p.m.

Register for the Tailgate Party at www.elderhs.org – check out the “Upcoming Events” at the bottom of our homepage.

Mercy McAuley High School

8th Grade Parents: Visit www.mercymcauley.org/ClassOf2026

Details about Mercy McAuley’s admissions process and upcoming recruitment events can be found at www.mercymcauley.org/ClassOf2026. Questions? Please contact Kevin Brinkman, Director of Admissions, at brinkmank@mercymcauley.org or (513) 681-1800 x2272.

[Class of 2026 Flyer](#)

Mercy McAuley Shadow Day Registration Now Open

Registration for 8th grade Shadow Days at Mercy McAuley High School is now open! On Shadow Days 8th graders are paired with a Student Ambassador for the day and will see firsthand what it’s like to be a Wolf! Guests will attend classes, meet teachers and students, learn more about sports and extracurriculars, and experience a Pep assembly. Lunch is provided to all 8th grade guests, who will leave with a special Mercy McAuley T-shirt and other giveaways. Registration is required. Visit www.mercymcauley.org/shadow for more information and to register.

[Shadow Day Flyer](#)

Mercy McAuley Offering HSPT Prep Class

Mercy McAuley High School offers a 4-week prep course to help 8th graders prepare for the High School Placement Test (HSPT). The course covers academic content on the test, familiarizes the students with test format, teaches test-taking strategies and eases apprehension about the test. There is a \$75 fee for the 4-week course, which is from 9 – 11 a.m. on the four Saturdays leading up to the test: October 23, October 30 November 6, and November 13. Visit www.mercymcauley.org/hsptprep for details and to register.

[High School Placement Test](#)

Mercy McAuley Holds Grade School Sports Nights

Grade school girls are invited to experience the excitement of Mercy McAuley athletics at Mercy McAuley’s Grade School Sports Nights! Future Wolves receive free admission to the games and will enjoy snacks, activities and giveaways. Join us for the JV and/or Varsity games!

[Grade School Sports Night Flyer](#)

Grade School Soccer Night – September 16

4:15 p.m. (JV) / 6 p.m. (Varsity)

Grade School Volleyball Night – September 30

4:30 p.m. (JVB) / 5:30 p.m. (JV) / 6:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Seton High School

Hey, Future Saints! We hope to see you at our upcoming Grade School Athletic Nights where we will cheer our Saints to victory! Join us for games, giveaways and fun, and experience the Spirit of Seton in the student cheering section. Go Saints!

Grade School Volleyball Night - Tuesday, August 31

Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Seton Commons with the Varsity game beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Grade School Soccer Night - Wednesday, September 15

Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. at the PAC (1915 Quebec Road) with the Varsity game beginning at 7:00 p.m.