



August 26, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 1

Picture Day—Out of Uniform

Wednesday, September 2

Meet the Teacher Videos
Posted

PTO Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 4

No School
Teacher In-Service

Monday, September 7

No School—Labor Day

Thursday, September 10

School Advisory Commission
Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 11

Christian Service
Spirit Wear Day

Thursday, October 1

Parent Teacher Conferences
3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 2

No School

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- Lifetouch Fall Picture Form - every student
- A Note To School Note Pads - youngest student only
- Spring IOWA Test Results - every student in grades 3-8
- [First Reconciliation Meeting Information](#) - 2nd grade students only
- [Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Meeting Information](#) - 7th grade students only

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

A Message from the Principal

Our most important job is to keep our kids safe. We take this responsibility very seriously. This year has brought a lot of new procedures and a new way of conducting school with the pandemic. Beyond the pandemic procedures, here are a few reminders for all of us:

- 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. Visitors will be met at the door.
- All volunteers are required to complete the Virtus child protection training and the online background check. Volunteers will also need to read the monthly 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.

We look forward to a great 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you and God bless,

Jeffrey Fulmer
Principal

Christina Riggins
Assistant Principal

ParentPlus App

You can access the PlusPortals system on your phone having access to grades, calendars, and directory information wherever you go. You can download the free ParentPlus app from Rediker Software, Inc.

A Note to School Notepad

In your Wednesday Envelope you will find a complimentary notepad. They are being sent home with the youngest student in each family. Please feel free to use these

notepads for any changes in your student's schedule throughout the year. Please send the note in to your student's homeroom teacher and they will communicate the change to the school office as well.

Picture Day Tuesday, September 1

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.

Lifetouch Picture Flyer

School Work Pick Up Procedures

As we continue to work to manage operations, we realize there will be many parents coming to school to pick up work for their children. We have compiled some guidelines to help with this process in order to avoid having visitors in the building. Starting Monday, August 31, the procedures will be as follows:

For students in grades K-8 that are ill:

- Pick up time is between 3:20-4:00 p.m.
- Homework will be available potentially one of two ways. If textbooks are needed, your child's work will be in a brown paper bag labeled with their names in the front of school. If textbooks are not needed, there will be a tub outside with an alphabetical filing system in which you can find a manila envelope with your child's name on the front. In the event of rain, we will have items just inside our main entrance doors, buzz and we will let you in to get your child's work.
- Please call the office before you come to ensure that there is work that needs to be picked up.

For students in grades K-2 that are regular virtual learners:

- Students should have all books at home to prepare for virtual learning (should have been picked up at Kick Off).
- Teachers will have papers ready every Monday by 3:20 for parent pick up.
- Work will be prepared for the entire week so as to limit the number of times parents have to come to school.
- Parents can pick up and drop off the previous week's work in the filing system out front. There will be a tub outside with an alphabetical filing system in which you can find a manila envelope with your child's name on the front. In the event of rain, we will have items just inside our main entrance doors, buzz and we will let you in to get your child's work.

For students in grades 3-8 that are regular virtual learners:

- All assignments should be delivered via Google classroom.
- Students should already have their textbooks at home in order to be prepared for virtual learning (should have been picked up at Kick Off).

For students in grades K-8 that are required to quarantine:

- Once a child is determined to have to quarantine, all textbooks and papers will be prepared and placed out front for pick up the following school day in a brown paper bag. If textbooks are not needed, there will be a tub outside with an alphabetical filing system in which you can find a manila envelope with your child's name on the front. In the event of rain, we will have items just inside our main entrance doors, buzz and we will let you in to get your child's work.
- Teachers will prepare a packet for the remainder of the week depending on what day their quarantine began. From that point forward pick up and drop off will take place on Monday between 3:20-4:00 p.m. For example, if a child finds out they have to quarantine on Tuesday evening, the next day, Wednesday, we will have their work out front for the remainder of the week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). The parent will come the following Monday to submit that work as well as pick up work for the following Monday-Friday.

Masks

Please remember to send your child with two masks for the day. We also recommend writing names in the masks.

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher this year will look a little differently from years past. On September 2, we will send out links to videos from your child's teachers. Teachers will share information about their plans for the year with you. We invite you to make the time to watch these videos to learn more about the academic program.

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.

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.

Yearbook Update

Please see the attached letter from Lifetouch regarding last year's yearbook delivery.

[Yearbook Letter](#)

Substitute Nurses

Our school partner, Catapult Learning, is urgently seeking substitute/floating nurses to be part of a pool to help cover our school clinic should our school nurse become ill and our sub is unavailable. If you are interested, and have an RN or LPN license, please follow the link below and apply.

<https://app.jobvite.com/j?cj=oU0fdfw6&s=indeed>

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

Student Lunch Accounts

As in past years, the cafeteria will email you when your student is low on money. We ask that upon receiving that

email, that you please send money in the next day to pay off his/her debt and add additional funds to their account. If you need to check their current balance, please feel to contact Mary Oliverio at moliverio@stjameswo.org. All lunch accounts are expected to be kept with a positive balance.

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. If you feel you may qualify or would like additional information, please contact Mary Oliverio, Cafeteria Manager, at 741-5338 or moliverio@stjameswo.org to obtain more information or obtain a packet.

Families who believe they qualify must fill out a packet. These packets may be obtained from the school office or the cafeteria manager.

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

To start this year, the lunch menu will only be listed here with the upcoming week. There will not be a monthly menu sent to parents.

Monday, August 31

French toast, sausage, cucumber with dip, fruit cocktail

Tuesday, September 1

Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, applesauce

Wednesday, September 2

Cheese pizza, french fries, carrots with dip, applesauce

Thursday, September 3

Popcorn chicken, au gratin potatoes, celery with dip, mandarin oranges

Friday, September 4

No school - in service

ST. JAMES PTO

NEW INFORMATION

Welcome

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Please note that we will be doing a 'Spotlight on PTO' e-newsletter article series again this school year. You will see at least 1 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!

Additionally, Covid-19 continues to impact what we can do and how we do it. We hope you choose to support the SJWO PTO with the same patience and flexibility as the school during these challenging times. We remain committed to enhancing the lives of our students, teachers, staff, church and community through the PTO.

Ways we are helping right now:

Welcome Back Mask Lanyards – these will be arriving and sent home with the kiddos in the first few weeks of school.

Chilled Water Stations – we purchased 2 additional water stations and are had them installed this week, in lieu of,

drinking fountains not being used. The school now has 4 chilled water stations in total!

Monthly PTO Board Meetings – we are holding these via Zoom to keep things moving forward and brainstorming new ways to support our students, teachers and staff during the Covid-19 pandemic. Things may be different and the support will still be there.

PTO Sponsored Improvements over last school year:

Teacher lounge makeover

Purchase + installation of 2 chilled water stations

Capital Projects on hold due to Covid-19:

Library remodel

(*This, and other, capital projects are on hold due to Covid-19, school closing early last school year and as a result having to cancel our major fundraiser, Ball Drop)

Important Forms

Since we are not going to be in-person to hand out the 2020-2021: **PTO Flyer**, **Volunteer Form** and **Fundraising Opt Out Form** we will be relying heavily on the weekly E-Envelope to share information and links to helpful and important information. Please be sure to click on any E-Envelope links for the PTO and/or go to the St. James School webpage and click on links to the PTO.

[PTO Flyer](#)

[PTO Volunteer Form](#)

[Fundraising Opt Out Form](#)

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.

Importance of PTO Dues + Fundraising

Due to Covid-19 we will be doing things a little differently, however, we will still be supporting the students, teachers and staff this school year. Maybe more so this year than others in some ways.

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

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

Community – we are looking to expand the **Dine to Donate Program** 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

For those new to the school this year, this is a program where you can make a 1x fundraising donation to the PTO from your family. There is no expectation after this has been submitted to participate in each fundraising event during the school year. During the Covid-19 pandemic, it may seem odd to support this the same way as previous years since many events may be cancelled, however, we are and will be doing other things for the students, teachers and staff. Additionally, since last year's major fundraisers were cancelled, we need to support this year's activities, prizes and more, as well as, providing a strong starting point for next school year.

Fundraisers We Are Proceeding With

Dine to Donate – dine in, order carry out or delivery with a % of the proceeds going to the PTO

Little Caesar's Pizza Kits – order kits to make together as fun family activity!

Math Mania – complete math pages & raise money

Ball Drop – sell chances to win big prizes & raise money

Month in Review

8/5: PTO Board Meeting via Zoom
 8/10-8/14: Welcome Signs
 8/17: In-Service Staff Luncheon
 8/18: Kick Off Day
 8/20-8/21: First Day of School (A-K and L-Z)

Notes of Appreciation

Spirit Shop – a big thank you to **Kelly Burton** for getting the Spirit Shop online for this school year!

PTO Board – a big thank you to all the committee members for giving their time in support of the school each month! We also greatly appreciate your creativity in working-around Covid-19 to give the kiddos a great school year!

Welcome! – a great big welcome to your new role/the board to: **Jill Veach** (Vice President), **Katie Hasselbeck** (Treasurer) and **Vanessa Schweer** (Business Committee)!

Thank you! – a tremendous THANK YOU to **Jenny Freese** for her years and years of dedication to the SJWO PTO Board as the Treasurer. Thank you so much Jenny! You will be missed.

Questions for the PTO

Send emails to: stjpto1844@gmail.com

Spirit Shop

As you are all likely aware, the Spirit Shop is online this year. Please see the link below for your spirit wear ordering needs:

[Online Spirit Shop](#)

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

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

Items from the DRE

Please see the attachments regarding First Reconciliation and Confirmation.

[First Reconciliation](#)

[Confirmation](#)

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Girl Scouts

Please join us for our virtual Robot Building Party! Girls will tap into to their inventive side by creating a robot made from items around the house! While the girls design and build their robots, parents and caregivers will learn more about Girl Scouts, discover volunteer opportunities, & form troops! Click the link below to register today!

Questions? Please contact Kristen Woods at 513.619.1442 or kristenwoods@gsw.org.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/robot-building-party-st-james-k-1-families-virtual-registration-117405564203?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

[Girl Scouts Flyer](#)