



December 16, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 17

Wear your favorite Christmas PJ's or sweats

Friday, December 18

Wear a red or green top along with your uniform

Christmas Parties
2:10 p.m.

December 21 - January 1

Christmas Break

Wednesday, January 6

PTO Math Mania begins

Friday, January 8

Christian Service Spirit Day

Monday, January 11

Panther Prowl Spirit Week
Celebrate Cincinnati

Tuesday, January 12

Panther Prowl Spirit Week
Twin Day

Wednesday, January 13

Panther Prowl Spirit Week
Dress Up Day

Thursday, January 14

Panther Prowl Spirit Week
Grade Level Color Day

Friday, January 15

No School
Teacher In-Service Day
Pajama Day!

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [Panther Prowl Spirit Week Information Flyer](#) - youngest student

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

Merry Christmas!

As we enter the last few days of school before Christmas break, we want to wish each of you a very blessed Christmas holiday. We hope that your break is filled with family time, laughter, and making memories. Christmas is indeed a special time of year where we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. God so loved each and every one of us that He gifted us His Son.

Christmas is a time to give and receive gifts from one another. At St. James, we have received so many gifts already. We have been blessed with the gift of being present in school to be in community and to learn with one another. Our teachers and staff on a daily basis this school year have gifted us with their dedication, sacrifice, long hours, care, love, and example. We are certainly lucky to have a team of adults who have gone above and beyond the call of duty this year to support our kids in person and learning virtually.

Parents, you have gifted a Catholic education for your children. For some, a Catholic education is a sacrifice. This is a gift that your children will benefit from for the rest of their lives.

And most importantly, our greatest gifts are the amazing children who grace our hallways and classrooms each day. Each is a wonderful gift from God and we are blessed to have them.

May God bless you and Merry Christmas!

Jeffrey Fulmer	Chrissy Riggins
Principal	Assistant Principal

From Nurse Connie

Reporting Covid Over Break

Hamilton County Public Health requires that all nurses within the schools continue to report all positive cases of Covid-19 to the HCPH with 24 hours of a positive test result. If you have a positive case within your family or an exposure to a positive case, please contact Connie Lanter by email -- clanter@stjameswo.org, text or call her cell 513-207-9110. Thank you.

Thank You

Dear Parents and Students,
Thank you so much for remembering me at Christmas time. Thank you for the gift cards. I wish you a Merry Christmas and pray for a Happy Healthy 2021.
Nurse Connie

[Click here for more events](#)

REMINDERS

Leadership Council – Christmas Spirit Week

The week of December 14-18, the 8th grade Leadership Council is hosting a spirit week! Below are the plans:

Thursday - Cozy Christmas in your favorite Christmas pjs or cozy sweats that are red or green

Friday - Full out of uniform with a Christmas or red/green top

All dress code for Christian Service Spirit Days applies to the week, (ie. no shorts, no leggings, etc.)

Help Us Promote St. James

We are entering the time of year when many families are considering their options for next year and deciding what school they want for their children. We need your help to spread the good news about St. James! Word of mouth is the absolute best advertising! When you are on social media, be sure to like and share posts about St. James so your friends and family can see them. Also, we would appreciate any time that you could take to post your own good thoughts about what your son or daughter is doing at St. James. And, if you're really savvy with social media, feel free to tag us using the #WeAreStJames or #WeAreCommunity taglines. Thanks for helping spread the good news about our school!

Open House

Our Open House will be held on Sunday, January 17 from 12:00-2:30. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are asking that our Open House be only available to those families who are new to St. James or who have a child who will be new to St. James. Tours will be available.

Please spread the word about our Open House to your friends, family, and neighbors.

[Open House Flyer](#)

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. We are now scheduling tours for prospective families.

The Catholic Education Foundation

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting applications for needs-based tuition assistance to elementary school students for the 2021-2022 school year.

In order to apply, families must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Application. (FACTS is the tuition collection program used at St. James already.) Applications must be received by February 8, 2021. Eligible families can be awarded up to \$1,200 per student to attend St. James next year. Funds will be distributed based on the assessed financial need of families and will be without distinguishing between families based on religion or parishioner status. Please share this information with any families considering a Catholic education next year. For more information or to apply, [click here](#).

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

This Week's Menu

Thursday, December 17

Spaghetti with meatballs, salad with ranch dressing, pears, applesauce

Friday, December 18

Soft pretzel with cheese sauce, corn, mandarin oranges, applesauce

Monday, January 4

French toast sticks, sausage, carrots with dip, pineapple

Tuesday, January 5

Chicken Drumsticks, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce

Wednesday, January 6

Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tater tots, corn, pears

REMINDERS**Cafeteria Menu**

Please see the attached menu for December.

[December Menu](#)

Volunteers

Please see the attached updated schedule for December's cafeteria volunteers.

[December Café Volunteers](#)

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[January Café Volunteers](#)

ST. JAMES PTO**NEW INFORMATION****Christmas Parties**

At this point, you have likely received notification from your room parents on party supplies, etc., and everything is in the works. We hope your kiddos look forward to and enjoy their classroom parties!

Math Mania

Get ready, get set and go to the beginning of January for this year's Math Mania! You will see instructions plus the Math Mania worksheets in the Wednesday Envelope on 1/6. More detail to follow the first week back in school. Thanks in advance for your participation!

Open House

PTO will be participating in the Open House this year with print materials only due to Covid-19 restrictions. It's looking like new families & existing families with new kiddos only. Be sure to tell all your friends & family that might be interested in joining the St. James School community.

Dine to Donate

Thank you all so much for your active participation in our Dine to Donate Program this school year so far! We will be continuing this program into the new year and will relay Dine to Donate options in the new year.

PTO Board Meeting

Please note there is no SJWO Board Meeting in December. We will be back at it January 6, 2021!

REMINDERS

Facebook

Be sure to like the “St James PTO” Facebook Page to get updates on PTO! (search for “St James PTO” with no period)

Questions for the PTO

Send emails to: stipto1844@gmail.com

PARENT SUPPORT

Playstation 5

Is Santa bringing a Playstation 5 for Christmas? If so, you may want to check out this helpful guide and things parents need to know about this gaming console.

[PlayStation](#)

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

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