



December 2, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 2
Report Cards Sent Home and
Posted on-line

Friday, December 4
Christian Service Spirit Day

Thursday, December 10
School Advisory Commission
Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 18
Christmas Parties
2:10 p.m.

December 21 - January 1
Christmas Break

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [Dewey's Pizza PTO Dine To Donate Flyer](#) - youngest student
- [New Family Recruitment Flyer](#) - youngest student
- [Open House Flyer](#) - youngest student
- Christmas Card

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

Report Cards

The first trimester report cards will be sent home today.

A special note about attendance for grades 4-8: Unfortunately our system is not set up to take out quarantine dates from the absent dates. If your child(ren) was quarantined during the first trimester, we added a printout to your report card showing how many days they were truly absent and how many were quarantined. Quarantine days are not counted against a student.

For grade 8, a special sticker was attached to the front of the report card near the attendance area. This will alert the high schools, to which records have been forwarded, exactly what the true attendance was for each student.

For grades K-3, quarantine dates have already been taken out. The total showing on your report cards are the actual number of days your child(ren) was absent.

Attendance for 1st trimester runs from August 20 - November 13.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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](#)

Parking Lot Safety

Please be extra careful when leaving the parking lot after school. We have had a few close calls with people and cars. Our number one priority needs to be the safety of our kids and anyone walking. That is more important than being the first one out of the lot.

Christian Service Spirit Day Friday

Friday is another Christian Service Spirit Day. Students are permitted to wear spirit wear – St. James shirts, solid red, white, or black shirts, pants, or jeans. Shorts are

not permitted now. 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 33 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 the charity that the 8th Grade Leadership Council selected.

This school year for Christian Service Spirit Day collections, the class of 2021 chose the charity 4 Paws for Ability! This charity helps people with disabilities by giving them a loyal and loving companion. 4 Paws for Ability enriches the lives of children with disabilities and veterans by the training and placement of quality, task trained service dogs to provide increased independence for the children, and assistance to their families. Make sure to donate for 4 Paws for Ability this school year to help veterans who are having hard times at home and to provide children with service dogs to help them feel safer and more independent. This charity also helps veterans with their injuries and disabilities, and they also train their dogs to help with multiple other problems that people might have!

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](#).

REMINDERS

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.

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 database.

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

This Week's Menu

Thursday, December 3

Mini corn dogs, mandarin oranges, celery with dip, chocolate pudding

Friday, December 4

Italian dunkers with marinara sauce, salad with ranch dressing, applesauce

Monday, December 7

French toast sticks, sausage, pineapple, blueberry yogurt

Tuesday, December 8

Chicken Drummies, mashed potatoes, broccoli, applesauce

Wednesday, December 9

Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tater tots, celery with dip, 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](#)

ST. JAMES PTO**NEW INFORMATION****December Dine to Donate**

Our December Dine to Donate is on 12/7 from 4:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at Dewey's Pizza located at 5469 Harrison Avenue! The flyer is included in the Wednesday Envelope.

[Dewey's Pizza PTO Dine To Donate Flyer](#)

Open House

Be sure to tell your friends and family that the St. James Open House will be on Sunday, January 17th!

Facebook

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

REMINDERS**Coming Soon - Math Mania**

This year, the Math Mania fundraiser was moved from September to January. More information on this fun and easy fundraiser will be out in the coming weeks!

Questions for the PTO

Send emails to: stjpto1844@gmail.com

ST. JAMES ATHLETIC CLUB**NEW INFORMATION****Athletic Club Board Positions**

The St. James Athletic Board has openings available for the upcoming year. Being a part of the board is a great way to help shape the future of the student athletes of St. James. Please contact the board if you are interested. Interested parties can email the board at stjamesacboard@gmail.com.

PARENT SUPPORT**Top Tips for Parents for Remote Education**

With quarantines happening, it might be a good idea to get some tips on how best to support your kid when learning from home.

[Top Ten Remote Tips](#)

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

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

The Shell Message

[Click here](#) for the most recent update from the St. James Parish in The Shell.