



January 13, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 14

Panther Prowl Spirit Week
Grade Level Color Day

Friday, January 15

No School
Teacher In-Service Day
Pajama Day!

Sunday, January 17

Open House
12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
New Enrolling Students Only

Monday, January 18

No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Friday, January 22

7th Grade Confirmation
Retreat

Friday, January 29

2021-2022 School Registration
for Current Students Due

January 31- February 5

Catholic Schools Week

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [8th Grade High School Survey](#) - every student in 8th grade

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

Open House Sunday

The St. James Open House will be this Sunday, January 17, 2021, from 12:00-2:30 p.m. Please remember that due to Covid-19, this event is for families with a future new student coming to St. James.

[Open House Flyer](#)

8th Grade High School Survey

As our 8th graders receive information from area high schools, we ask that you complete and return the 8th Grade High School Survey sent home in today's Wednesday Envelope. Thank you!

[8th Grade High School Survey](#)

St. James Parish Tuition Assistance

St. James will be utilizing FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to determine financial need for tuition assistance here at St. James. FACTS provides an online application for families. A family's tax and income information can either be scanned and emailed or sent via mail to the company directly. The deadline for applications for St. James tuition assistance is April 15, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have applied for aid for a high school and also want to be considered for St. James, you will need to upload your 2020 tax information before the deadline. You do not need to reapply; you just need to update your information. This is also the process if you applied for the Archdiocesan Financial Aid. Just update your 2020 information before April 15 so your results will be sent to us to be considered for parish aid. The application can be completed at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3XHJJ>. If you have any questions about tuition assistance or the application process, please contact Amy Klosterman, St. James Parish Business Manager, at 741-5320.

Afternoon Parking

Please remember that there is no parking between the gym and the church at the end of the school day. Those picking up students should park in the large church parking lot. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.

First Communion Information

First Communion packets and video will be sent out on February 24 or February 25.

As of right now, First Communion is scheduled for May 1st. Please note that this is a TENTATIVE date due to Covid. It is still a bit too early for us to narrow down on a plan for this as we do not know where Covid will go. We will start having answers around late March/early April. We ask that you be patient and flexible with us as we try and navigate this unknown situation.

[Click here for more events](#)

Thank You

The auxiliary staff would like to thank St. James parents for the wonderful gift cards for Christmas. You are very kind. We hope you had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

REMINDERS

Catholic Schools Week

The St. James students will be collecting items and assembling "Thank you Baskets" for the hospital workers in our area who have been doing so much to help others this year! We will be working on this service project with our homerooms this year, so we will be dividing our list of needs alphabetically instead of by grade level (as we have done in the past). Families will be asked to donate items based on their last name, and then as a school community, we will assemble the bags to be delivered to some of the hospitals in our area. Please understand that we are trying to assemble one large basket for each HR, so we will not need the items in huge quantities as we have asked in the past. We are hoping that the recipients of these baskets will be brought some joy and feel appreciated by our community for all that they are doing! Please see the attached flyer for more information on the specific donation items that we are hoping to collect.

[Catholic Schools Week Donation Letter](#)

Registration for 2021-2022

Last week in your Wednesday Envelope, students in grades K-7 were given a registration packet for the 2021-2022 school year. Please read through the information carefully. There will be a \$150.00 registration fee that will be debited from the account you have on file with FACTS on February 5 unless you inform us in writing that you will not be returning next year by January 29. **Failure to complete this by the deadline may result in your family being placed on a waiting list for next year.**

If you would like to register a new sibling of a current student, [please click here](#) and complete the online registration form. Please call the school office or email us at infosjs@stjameswo.org if you have any questions.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We're looking forward to another exciting year at St. James!

Panther Prowl Spirit Week Continues

Check out the flyer below for details for the week. Thursday's theme is Grade Level Colors. Enjoy the week and thanks for your support of the Panther Prowl!

[Panther Prowl Spirit Week Information Flyer](#)

Open House Poster

Help us spread the word about our upcoming Open House by posting the attached informational poster in your place of business. Perhaps there is a community bulletin board in a restaurant or place you visit that you could post the flyer. If you need copies of this, please contact the school office. Thanks for your help!

[Open House Flyer](#)

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

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, January 14

Spaghetti with chili and cheese on the side (3 way), peaches, vanilla pudding

Friday, January 15

No School

Monday, January 18

No School

Tuesday, January 19

Chicken Drumsticks, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce

Wednesday, January 20

Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tater tots, mandarin oranges, celery with dip

REMINDERS

Cafeteria Menu

Please see the attached menu for January.

[January Menu](#)

Volunteers

Please see the attached schedule for January's cafeteria volunteers.

[January Café Volunteers](#)

ST. JAMES PTO

NEW INFORMATION

Open House

For families with new kiddos starting next school year, the Open House is this Sunday, January 17th from 12:00-2:30pm. The Spirit Shop will be open and we ask for 2-3 people in the shop at a time, with masks and spaced at least 6 feet apart if possible.

Math Mania

All the kiddos received their packets with instructions in last week's Wednesday Envelope. For those participating, the completed packets are due back in the Wednesday Envelope on 1/20 for receipt by the teachers 1/21. Thanks so much for your participation!

REMINDERS

School Sweatshirt Order Form

Please see the attached form for ordering school sweatshirts.

[School Sweatshirt Order Form](#)

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: stjpto1844@gmail.com

ST. JAMES ATHLETIC CLUB

Baseball

Baseball signups are officially open and will close on 2/21. Please login to your account at www.stjamespanthers.org to sign your child up.

PARENT SUPPORT

Careline

If you or your child needs emotional support, please remember the Ohio CareLine is a toll-free emotional support call service created by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and administered in community settings.

Behavioral health professionals staff the CareLine 24 hours a day, 7 days/week. They offer confidential support in times of personal or family crisis when individuals may be struggling to cope with challenges in their lives. When callers need additional services, they will receive assistance and connection to local providers. Call 1-800-720-9616 for help.

Additional Crisis Hotline numbers: National Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Additional resources are available at the Ohio Department of Mental Health; please click here for more information:

[Get Help \(ohio.gov\)](#)

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

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