



September 1, 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

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- Lifetouch Fall Picture Reminder - youngest student
- A Note to School Pad - youngest student
- [8th Grade Grandparent Breakfast Form](#) - 8th grade only
- [Room Parent Form](#) - every student
- [Box Top Information Flyer](#) - youngest student
- [Panther Prowl Information Packet](#) - youngest student
- American Heritage Girls Information Flyer - girls in grades K-5 only

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

St. James Panther Prowl

In this week's Wednesday Envelope, you will find a printed copy of the Panther Prowl packet. Please take some time to look over this packet! The Panther Prowl is our annual school fundraiser used to support capital projects in the school.

This year we are excited to announce that we are moving ahead with renovating our Spanish classroom, continuing to replace floors throughout the building and new furniture in several classrooms! Prowl funds will be needed to help fully fund these projects. Our amazing PTO is also supporting these projects!

The Panther Prowl is an easy fundraiser for you as parents. All you have to do is return the address form with the names and addresses of family and friends. We ask that you return this as soon as possible, but by September 15. Then, we do the asking!

We also invite families to consider making a donation using the giving form included in the packet. Together we can reach and exceed our goal of \$20,000 in one month! New this year is the ability to donate online. Visit our website for online giving.

We will be holding a schoolwide walk on campus on October 8. Students will be in spirit wear and we are planning some fun activities for them for the day!

Thank you in advance for your support!

[St. James Panther Prowl Packet](#)

No School Friday & Monday

Students are off school on Friday for a staff in-service day and Monday for Labor Day. Our staff will be spending a day involved with our School of Faith program and learning more about supporting our students who are learning from home during a quarantine. Enjoy the four day weekend!

Safe Parish Child Protection Class

New volunteers must attend a SafeParish child protection workshop and complete a selection.com background check through your SafeParish account prior to volunteering. For details and requirements, please visit the St. James Parish webpage, click on the Parish Info tab, and then click on Archdiocese Child Protection Policy.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? If you do, switch to Smile.Amazon.com for the same shopping experience and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to our school! It's that easy. You shop like normal and we make money for the school! For more information on how to sign up, [click here](#) for a step by step video.

Getting to Know or Getting Reacquainted with PlusPortals

You have access to a powerful directory right at your fingertips via PlusPortals. As a reminder, PlusPortals can be accessed via a smart phone using data or Wi-Fi, via a computer, or via the ParentPlus app.

To access the directory, click on the word directory located on the right hand side of the top toolbar on your home page. Once you've chosen the directory, you have three directory options: staff, parent, or student directories.

Searching the staff directory is very straight forward. Simply search for the staff member's name who you would like to contact. Their email address is available directly under their name. There is not an option to click and open a message box from this page. Rather, you would need to copy the email address and paste it into your own email.

To search the parent directory, you have several options.

- You can search by parent name. Search by last name.
- You can search by student name. Search by last name. This will populate all contacts associated with a given student.
- Search by student's class. Here you can search for all parent contact for a given homeroom. Type into the search box: HOME/ROOM NUMBER homeroom Example-to find students in homeroom 1 search HOME/1 homeroom
- You can search by student grade level. Here you simply choose the drop down box to find contact information for all parents with students in a given grade level.

To search the student directory, you have several options

- You can search by student name. Search by last name.
- Search by student's class. Here you can search for all students in a homeroom. Type into the search box: HOME/ROOM NUMBER homeroom Example-to find students in homeroom 1 search HOME/1 homeroom
- You can search by student grade level. Here you simply choose the drop down box to find contact information for all students in a given grade level.

St. James is on Social Media

St. James is on Facebook and Twitter! Please "like" us on Facebook by searching for @stjameschoolwhiteoak. If you are an alum, we have an alumni Facebook page. Search for @StJamesWOAlumni.

St. James is also on Twitter! Follow @StJamesWO for all of our school tweets. You may also want to follow some of our staff:

Kindergarten: @KindergartenSTJ

Mrs. Barnett: @MrsBarnettSTJ

Mrs. Reid: @MrsReidSTJ

Mrs. Barlow: @MrsBarlowSTJ

Mr. Greene: @MrGreene23

Mrs. Malarkey: @MrsMalarkeySTJ

Mrs. Markey: @mrsmarkey212

Mrs. Schaefer: @rschaefer

Mrs. Feldman: @MrsFeldmanSTJ

Mrs. Crase: @MrsCraseSTJ

Mrs. Waidmann: @stjhistorynerd

Mrs. Weingartner: @MelissaWeingar5

Mrs. Linahan: @stjpantherstech

Miss Wiesman: @STJPanthersArt

Mrs. Boomer: @MrsBoomerSTJ
 St. James Leadership Council: @STJAMES_LC

Library Volunteers

Welcome back to another school year, --one in which we are hoping lots of reading will happen in our newly renovated library! Thank you PTO for funding this project!

We are scheduling the library **volunteers** a little differently this year in order to limit the amount of traffic coming through the building.

- We will be asking for volunteers for grades **K-3 only** this year. Once the students are in 4th grade, they only visit the library every other week, and their teacher stays in the library to help, if needed.
- We are limited to one person at a time, and a maximum of two people each day.
- We have grouped the K-3 classes that come to the library back to back into a “morning volunteer time” and an “afternoon volunteer time” each day.

WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY		
Volunteer time	Classes that visit the library during the "chunk" of volunteer time		Volunteer time	Classes that visit the library during the "chunk" of volunteer time		Volunteer time	Classes that visit the library during the "chunk" of volunteer time	
9:35-10:45	3rd grade Rapking ELA 3rd grade Meadors ELA	9:35-10:05 10:15-10:45	9:00-10:00	1st grade Junker SHELVE TIME	9:20-9:50 9:50-10:20	8:20-11:20	3rd grade Meiners ELA 2nd grade Martini 3rd grade Schaefer ELA Kindergarten Zapf 1st grade Reid	8:20-8:50 9:00-9:30 9:35-10:05 10:15-10:45 10:50-11:20
			12:30-2:45	Kindergarten Fox 1st grade Barnett 2nd grade Barlow 2nd grade Greene	12:30-1:00 1:05-1:35 1:40-2:10 2:15-2:45	12:20-1:15	Adamson SHELVE TIME	12:45-1:15 before

Once you find your student’s class, you can sign up for that chunk of time by emailing Lori Kinne at lkinne@stjameswo.org. You are welcome to stay for the whole chunk of time to help out all of the classes, or for your student’s class time only. Keep in mind, only one volunteer will be assigned during each chunk of time. The number of parents interested in a particular chunk of time will determine how often each of you might be able to visit! If you are interested in volunteering in the library please email our librarian, Lori Kinne at lkinne@stjameswo.org with your name and the time frame you are interested in, and she will get back to you with specific date and time information!

Please remember that all volunteers must be trained through SafeParish (formerly VIRTUS.) Thank you in advance for your help!

A Message from Schoolbelles Uniforms

This truly has been the most unprecedented year in the school uniform business. The increase in enrollment, the restraints of the global supply chain delays, the COVID-caused slowdown of our vendors’ ability to rebuild inventory, and the struggle many retailers face to staff, are all impacting the amount of time it is taking to fulfill your families’ uniform orders.

We understand the frustrations many of you are experiencing, and we ask for your understanding during this challenging time. Our production team is working overtime to get orders out as quickly as possible.

REMINDERS

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

This Week's Menu

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

Thursday, September 2

Hot dog on a bun (chili and cheese on the side), pears, celery with dip, orange jello, salad bar with chili

Friday, September 3

No School

Monday, September 6

No School

Tuesday, September 7

Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, salad bar with chili

Wednesday, September 8

Cheese or pepperoni pizza, French fries, carrots with dip, pears, salad bar with chili

REMINDERS

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.

Cafeteria 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

Room Parents Needed

We are looking for Room Parent volunteers for each classroom. Please see the form in your child's Wednesday envelope and consider volunteering for this very important role!

[Room Parent Form](#)

8th Grade Grandparents Day – September 16th!

The 8th Grade Grandparent/Special Friend event is Thursday, September 16th from 9:30 – 11:00 in the Church Hall! The signup form is in this week's Wednesday envelope! Please return by September 10th. Volunteers are also needed for this special event!

[8th Grade Grandparent Breakfast Form](#)

Spirit Shop

Great news – the Spirit Shop will once again be open weekly! Starting September 10th, the Spirit Shop will be open every Friday from 8:15 – 9:15 for all your spirit wear needs!

St. James Uniform Sweatshirt Order Form

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

[Uniform Sweatshirt Order Form](#)

SJWO Fundraising Opt-Out Form

You received this form in last week's Wednesday Envelope. The form 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 (in addition to your yearly student fees/dues) to the St. James PTO. 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](#)

Here are some simple, seamless ways to contribute to the SJWO PTO

Kroger Community Rewards

IF YOU SHOP AT KROGER, HELP US EARN DOLLARS FOR ST. JAMES PTO!

Kroger Community Rewards Update:

Quarterly Statement ending 7-31-2021: ***We raised \$1,928.61 from 300 households!***

Kroger gives St. James PTO a percentage of the sales from purchases by customers who have registered their Kroger Plus Card and declared our school their “Community Organization” in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you shop at Kroger, you can earn dollars for St. James PTO (DK299). Not sure if you are registered? Check the bottom of your Kroger receipt, under Kroger Community Rewards, it will say, “You requested Kroger to donate to St. James School PTO”. Visit www.kroger.com and login or register your Kroger Plus Card with St. James PTO today (go to my account/community rewards/select St. James School PTO)! Already registered? Ask a family member, neighbor or friend to register. The more we shop, the more we raise! Help spread the word and encourage at least one new supporter to link to St. James School!

Coca-Cola Gives

Turn your Coca-Cola product purchases into donations to St. James School. To donate, visit <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>, select St. James the Greater School under zip code 45247 and scan or enter product codes from bottle caps or cardboard cartons from participating Coca-Cola products.

Box Top\$ Program

For over 20 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn cash for schools, with products they already buy. Now you can simply scan your store receipt with the Box Tops mobile app to identify participating products and instantly add cash to our school’s earnings online. St. James is one of the leaders in the area, state, and nation for high earning – help continue this tradition! In 2020/21, we earned \$1880.70! For the current year, with only the families scanning the app, we are already at \$759.90. GREAT JOB. Our 2021/22 goal is \$2,000. Please see the information on Box Top\$ the Wednesday envelope.

For questions about Box Top\$, please contact Jessica Deters at jedeters@gmail.com.

[Box Top Information Flyer](#)

Questions for the PTO?

Send emails to: stjpto1844@gmail.com

ST. JAMES ATHLETIC CLUB

NEW INFORMATION

Family Night at Haubner

Family Night at Haubner will take place on September 11th from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. It will be a fun night for the whole family and will end with great fireworks show. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

[Family Night at Haubner](#)

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

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

Children's Choir

Attached please find the Children's Choir Signup and Schedule for the Wednesday envelope. Grades 4 through 8 are invited to sign-up.

[Children's Choir Sign Up Form](#)

[Children's Choir Schedule](#)

REMINDERS

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

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.

Upcoming Events at Saint Ursula Academy

Dawg for a Day - 8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at SUA! During your special day, you will visit classes, tour our campus, enjoy lunch, meet teachers, and experience the sisterhood that makes Saint Ursula so special! Multiple days are available through December 3. Sign up at www.saintursulaevents.com/shadow-day

Educational Services Program Information Night - September 8 at 6:30. Meet teachers from Saint Ursula's ES Program and find out how SUA supports students with identified learning disorders. Registration available at www.saintursulaevents.com/educational-services-information-night.

Admissions Information Night - September 22 at 6:30. This program for 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents will cover the admissions process for Saint Ursula Academy. Sign up at www.saintursulaevents.com/admissions-information-night

Grade School Volleyball Night - September 28 at 6:30. Cheer on the Bulldogs with free admission to the varsity volleyball game for students, parents, and coaches! Register at www.saintursulaevents.com/volleyball-night

SAVE THE DATE - Open House - Sunday, October 24. 7th and 8th grade girls and their families are invited to take an in-depth look at all that SUA has to offer. RSVP REQUIRED at www.saintursulaevents.com/open-house

More information about these events, and additional upcoming events, can be found at www.saintursula.org/visit.aspx
[St. Ursula Academy Events Flyer](#)

Seton High School Shadow Visits

All 8th grade girls are invited to Ignite your Seton Spirit and schedule your Shadow visit today! Shadow dates include October 8, 15, 22 and 29 as well as November 19. Spots fill quickly, so be sure to visit the Future Saints page on our website and register today at www.setoncincinnati.org