



September 2, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday, October 3
First Communion

Saturday, October 10
First Communion

Saturday, October 17
First Communion

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [8th Grade High School Release of Records](#) – 8th grade students only
- [Fundraising Opt Out Form](#)– youngest students

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

A Message from The Principal

Each year I like to share with our parents the commitment that each St. James staff member has pledged to do this year. Together as a staff, we commit to:

1. Build a community of faith:
 - Where we model the Catholic faith for our students.
 - Where our faith is ever-present in our words, our actions, and throughout our curriculum.
 - Where we work each day to spread the Good News as we partner with our parents in the faith formation of their children.
 - Where we pray with and for our community.
2. Build a community of love:
 - Where we celebrate the successes of our school community and its members.
 - Where we create a safe learning environment in which all students are free to be themselves.
 - Where open communication is fostered between staff and all stakeholders.
 - Where we work collaboratively with one another and the parents of our school.
3. Build a community of learners:
 - Where we recognize that all students can learn and maintain a culture which puts students and their learning first.
 - Where we meet the individual needs of students across the curriculum.
 - Where we engage in meaningful professional development in order to grow in our understanding of how to best serve our students.
 - Where we prepare students academically for the next level of learning.

We will, through our words and actions, support the mission of St. James School and work to fulfill its vision, keeping the Catholic faith, our students, and their learning at the center of our work. We are serious about the work that we do and are deeply committed to building our community of faith, love, and learning.

Thank you and God bless,

Jeffrey Fulmer
Principal

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. Enjoy the four day weekend!

[Click here for more events](#)

8th Grade High School Release of Records

8th grade parents, please complete the Release of Records Authorization form in the Wednesday Envelope and return to the school office by November 1. This will allow us to send appropriate records to high schools for your child. There is no need to complete any additional records requests from a high school.

8th Grade High School Release of Records

Meet the Teacher

You will receive an email today with links to videos from your child's teachers for Meet the Teacher. We invite you to make the time to watch these videos to learn more about the academic program.

VIRTUS Child Protection Class

New volunteers must attend a VIRTUS child protection workshop and complete a selection.com background check through your VIRTUS 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. The next workshop at St. James Parish is Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. Register on the St. James Parish website.

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:

Mr. Fulmer: @FulmerSTJ

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

Miss Gandenberger: @MsGandenberger

Mrs. Crase: @MrsCraseSTJ

Miss Bates: @MissBates_StJ

Mrs. Waidmann: @stjhistorynerd

Mrs. Weingartner: @MelissaWeingar5

Mrs. Linahan: @stjpantherstech

Miss Wiesman: @STJPanthersArt

Mrs. Boomer: @MrsBoomerSTJ

St. James Leadership Council: @STJAMES_LC

Google Classroom Guardian

As a guardian, you can receive email summaries showing your student's progress in Google Classroom. In the summaries you can review missing work, upcoming work and class activities. Email summaries do not include grades. You can choose the frequency of the emails, such as daily or weekly. You can also unsubscribe or remove yourself from Classroom at any time. Over the next several days you should receive an email invitation. If you would like to receive summaries, please accept.

You can get email summaries sent to any email address. However, to view or update email summary settings, you need a Google Account. With a Google Account, you can change the frequency of your emails, update your time zone, see the students connected to your account, and unsubscribe from email summaries.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Linahan at [vlinahan@stjameswo.org](mailto:mlinahan@stjameswo.org).

For additional information click on the link below.

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6388136?hl=en>

REMINDERS

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.

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.

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

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.

Thursday, September 3

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

Tuesday, September 8

Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce

Wednesday, September 9

Cheese pizza, french fries, carrots with dip, pineapple

Thursday, September 10th

Soft pretzel with nacho cheese sauce, celery with dip, applesauce, chocolate pudding

Friday, September 11th

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

Volunteers

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

[September Volunteers](#)

REMINDERS

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.

ST. JAMES PTO

REMINDERS

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](#)

[Pencil Bag Order Form](#)

[Sweatshirt Order Form](#)

ATHLETIC CLUB

St. James Football

The St. James Football program is currently fundraising. Please see the attached on how to help the football players of St. James. It's a lot like the Super Bowl squares. It's fun to play and you get to help the program at the same time. Seems like a win/win. Thank you for your consideration.

[Football Squares Fundraiser](#)

Gym Coordinator

The athletic department is currently in immediate need of a gym coordinator. This person is responsible for getting the gyms reserved for practices of volleyball and basketball. Once the gyms have been reserved and schedules set, not much work is needed. Please consider helping out the volleyball and basketball players of St. James. Please contact the St. James Athletic Board if interested.

PARENT SUPPORT

10 Ways to Help Your Child Succeed in Elementary School

[Click here](#) for some great ways you can support your kid this year and help them have a successful year in school.

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS

NEW INFORMATION

Parish Bulletin

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

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

REMINDERS

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](#)