



September 22, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 23

Children's Theatre Productions

Monday, September 27

PTO Dine to Donate
Marco's Pizza
(White Oak and Dent)
11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 28

PTO Dine to Donate
Marco's Pizza
(White Oak and Dent)
11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29

Professional Photographer in the building

Friday, October 1

Christian Service
Spirit Wear Day

October 5- October 15

Book Fair

Friday, October 8

Panther Prowl Walk

October 11, 12, 14

Council on Child Abuse Presentations

Friday, October 15

8th Grade Field Trip
Camp Joy

WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE CONTENTS

- [Piano Lesson Flyer](#) - Grades 2-6 only
- [Book Fair Volunteer Form](#) - youngest student
- [Junior High Choir \(PAWS\) Form](#) - 8th grade only

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEW INFORMATION

A Message from the Principal

As most of you know, our school has a strategic plan that focuses on improving our school community. Our current strategic plan runs through 2021. Over the last four months, myself, along with the help of school staff, and our School Advisory Commission, have been drafting our new five-year strategic plan. The plan will again focus on the same three tenets:

- Worship, Service, and Living Our Catholic Faith
- Academic Excellence
- Financial Vitality and Facilities Improvements

Our goal is to roll out the new plan in January. We have some great minds developing ideas and plans to contribute to the continuous improvement of St. James School. We look forward to presenting our plans to the St. James community!

Thank you and God Bless,
Chrissy Riggins
Principal

Substitute Teachers Needed

St. James School is looking to add to our daily substitute teacher list. Subs need to have a college degree (any college degree will be sufficient) and a sub license. Getting a sub license is easy and we can help facilitate this process. You can identify which grades and which days you are willing to sub. If you are interested, please contact Judy Scarlato, school secretary, at jscarlato@stjameswo.org or 741-5333.

SafeParish

The first SafeParish Bulletin is ready. Please check your registered email or [click here](#) to reach the SafeParish website. Once at the site, click Training, and the training and due date are listed there. This bulletin is due 10/10.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! We are so excited to be able to bring the Fair back to St. James and to provide the students with yet another opportunity to find books that they will enjoy reading!

Please see the volunteer form in today's Wednesday Envelope and return to Mrs. Kinne in the library as soon as possible.

The Book Fair flyer and more details about the fair will be coming home next week!
[Book Fair Volunteer Form](#)

St. James Panther Prowl

Have you made a donation to the Panther Prowl yet? Help us reach our goal during this One Month Challenge. Donations can be sent to school or donations can be made online. Thanks for your support in helping us fund classroom renovation throughout the building!

St. James Panther Prowl Packet



\$6,725

School Goal
\$25,000

\$30,000

REMINDERS

8th Grade Graduation Volunteers

The Class of 2021 is looking for volunteers to help with different committees for graduation. Please see the attached form for more information.

8th Grade Graduation Volunteer Form

Northwest Transportation

Payment in Lieu of (PIL) is for non-public schools that the Northwest School Board has deemed impractical to transport to. In the past all families that have chosen to go to a private school had the Request for Payment in Lieu (PIL) mailed out to them. This process is not only time consuming and cost laden, it was prone to errors such as the form not arriving at the families address (moved), not returned, lost in the mail, sent in and lost in the office, or other.

To be more cost conscious and reliable, Northwest has put the form on the district website. This form is accessed by visiting NWLSD.ORG and going to the Transportation page. Once there, a short distance down in the middle is 'Payment in Lieu of Transportation'. Families will click on this link to open the form. The form is simple to fill out. A separate form will be completed for each child in the family. This form is now the only accepted submission for requesting PIL. No paper form will be mailed or accepted.

The form must be completed by September 30, 2021.

2020-2021 School Yearbooks Are Still Available

If you missed purchasing a 2020-2021 school yearbook there are still some available for purchase. The yearbooks are \$16. If interested you can send in a check (made out to St. James) or cash in an envelope with your child's name and homeroom number on it.

Church Parking Lot After School

Attention parents whose children are car riders after school. Our after school child care program goes out to the playground every day from 3:20-5:30, give or take. Please make sure that you are exiting the lot closest to the church. There are cones and chains blocking portions of the lot off as well as the Haubner Field entrance to keep the children safe. Please do not drive on the south side of the parking lot between 3:20-5:30. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program

It has been decided that the kindergarteners will not be performing live in the Church Hall this year. Teachers will be developing an alternative program outdoors to be recorded and shared with everyone. We want to make sure all our little ones are included and with the current state of affairs, it would be hard to achieve that with a live performance. A pre-recorded show will allow teachers to weave in the students that are ill or quarantined.

Incidental Billing in FACTS

As a reminder, we use incidental billing through FACTS for charges for field trips, PTO dues, etc. Please pay attention to the emails that FACTS sends when charges are posted. Some of you have automatic withdrawal set up for charges. Others have to access their FACTS account in order for the charges to be processed. Please take a moment to check your account and process any charges. We want to be sure that families avoid any late fees for not processing charges. If you have any questions about FACTS or incidental billing, please feel free to contact Amy Klosterman, Business Manager, at aklosterman@stjameswhiteoak.com.

Absences

Often, teachers and administration receive emails about students that are going to be absent. It is very important that you let the office staff know as well so they can track attendance. You can copy Judy Scarlato on any attendance messages at jscarlato@stjameswo.org. Thank you for your help with this!

If your child is absent from school for a medical appointment or sickness, it is important to provide the school with an excusal note from the doctor, dentist, etc. This will allow us to mark these times out of school as excused absences.

CAFETERIA

NEW INFORMATION

This Week's Menu

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

Thursday, September 23

Spaghetti with meatballs, salad with ranch, applesauce, vanilla pudding, salad bar with chili

Friday, September 24

Nachos with cheese, blueberry yogurt, carrots with dip, pears, salad bar with chili

Monday, September 27

French toast sticks, sausage, celery with ranch, applesauce, salad bar with chili

Tuesday, September 28

Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, salad bar with chili

Wednesday, September 29

Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tater tots, cucumber with dip, fresh fruit, salad bar with chili

Cafeteria Menu

Please see the attached menu for October.

[October Menu](#)

Volunteers

Please see the schedule for October cafeteria volunteers.

[October Café Volunteers](#)

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 quali-

fy 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, 2021. 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 revised (2) schedule for September cafeteria volunteers.

[Revised September Volunteers \(2\)](#)

ST. JAMES PTO

NEW INFORMATION

SJWO PTO Rummage Sale is BACK!

St. James PTO Rummage Sale will be held in the church hall on Friday, October 29th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be a \$5.00 bag sale at noon. Please start saving useable clothing, toys, books, household goods, small appliances and miscellaneous items. (Please no large furniture, no large curtain rods and only appliances that are in good working order.) Drop off for these items will be in the church hall on Wednesday, October 27th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 28th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Friday, October 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please DO NOT drop items off at any other time, or if there is no one there to accept the items.

REMINDERS

September PTO Dine to Donate!

It's time for the first PTO DINE TO DONATE of the school year! This will take place on Monday, September 27th and Tuesday, September 28th at Marco's Pizza! Both the Dent and the White Oak locations are participating in this event. Make sure to tell the order taker that your order is for the St. James PTO fundraiser and also who the homeroom teacher is so that Marco's can credit your order to the sales for St. James PTO. Remember, 15% of each sale will be donated back to the school! Also, the classroom with the HIGHEST SALES and the classroom with the HIGHEST NUMBER OF ORDERS both receive a free pizza party from Marco's! Thank you for your amazing support, ENJOY!

[Marcos Pizza PTO Dine To Donate](#)

Fundraising Opt-Out Form

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their Fundraising Opt-Out forms and funds! We appreciate your support! There is still time to opt-out of fundraising, so please send these in as soon as possible to help support the PTO!

[Fundraising Opt Out Form](#)

Sprit Shop open FRIDAY!

Just a reminder that the Sprit Shop will be open weekly from 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. every Friday! Be sure to stop in for all of 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](#)

Facebook Page

Hopefully, you have already liked the St James PTO Facebook Page! If not, please remember to like the page so you can see all of the wonderful things our PTO has been doing for our school! (**St James PTO** – no period)

Questions for the PTO?

Send emails to: stjpto1844@gmail.com

ST. JAMES ATHLETIC CLUB

NEW INFORMATION

Basketball Signups

Boys and girls basketball signups are open. Please go to www.stjamespanthers.org to register. Dates for tryouts will follow soon.

[Girls Basketball Signups Information](#)

REMINDERS

Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirts Available

The St. James Cheerleaders are selling St. James Breast Cancer shirts to raise money for the Forever 49 foundation. T-shirts can be worn at school on October 1, October 8 and October 15. Please see the flyer attached for ordering on line information. The last day to order a shirt is Friday, September 24.

[Breast Cancer Shirt Flyer](#)

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

Piano Lessons

Please see the attached flyer regarding information about piano lessons that are being offered for students in grades 2-6.

[Piano Lesson Flyer](#)

Mercy McAuley Holds First Parent Info Night on September 22

Mercy McAuley is holding several Parent Information Nights this fall for prospective parents to learn more from school leaders, teachers and students. The first session will take place on Wednesday, September 22, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The session will cover topics including academics, technology, counseling and student services, faith and service, athletics and extracurriculars, and tuition, financial aid and scholarships. Additional sessions will be held on October 6, October 19, and November 4. For more information and to register, visit www.mercymcauley.org/InfoNights.

[Mercy McAuley Parent Information Night Flyer](#)

Mercy McAuley Holds Grade School Volleyball Night September 30

Grade school girls can experience the excitement of Mercy McAuley athletics at Mercy McAuley's Grade School Volley-

ball Night on Thursday, Sept. 30! Future Wolves receive free admission to the game(s) and will enjoy snacks, activities and giveaways. Games are at 4:30 p.m. (JVB), 5:30 p.m. (JV), & 6:30 p.m. (Varsity).

[Mercy McAuley Grade School Volleyball Night](#)

Mercy McAuley Open House is October 10

Prospective students and families of all grade levels are invited to Mercy McAuley's Open House on Sunday, October 10, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Take a student-led tour, meet school leaders, faculty and staff, explore academic and extracurricular offerings, and see all that Mercy McAuley has to offer! There will also be giveaways, refreshments, and prize drawings. Pre-registration is encouraged at www.mercymcauley.org/OpenHouse to save time at check-in.

[Mercy McAuley Open House](#)

6th-8th Grade Girls Invited to Mercy McAuley's Howl-o-Ween Whodunit Party

6th - 8th grade future Wolves are invited to Mercy McAuley's Howl-o-Ween Whodunit Party, a fun murder mystery game and dinner, on Saturday, October 23. The dinner/mystery game begins at 6:00 p.m. Following the Whodunit Party, guests will enjoy free admission to Mercy McAuley's fall play - the murder mystery farce "But Why Bump Off Barnaby?" which begins at 7:30 p.m. Future Wolves will meet the cast members and receive a backstage tour before the show. Register at www.mercymcauley.org/whodunit.

[Mercy McAuley Howl-O-Ween Whodunit Party](#)

Reminder: Mercy McAuley's Shadow Registration Now Open

Registration for 8th grade Shadow Days at Mercy McAuley High School is now open. On Shadow Days 8th graders are paired with a Student Ambassador for the day and will see firsthand what it's like to be a Wolf! Visit www.mercymcauley.org/shadow for more information and to register.

[Mercy McAuley Shadow Day Flyer](#)

Seton High School

Shadow Days

All 8th grade girls are invited to Ignite your Seton Spirit and schedule your shadow visit today! Shadow dates are filling quickly, so be sure to visit the Future Saints page on our website and register today at www.setoncincinnati.org!

Tailgate Mixer

7th and 8th grade Future Saints, be sure to join us at the Seton & Elder Tailgate Mixer on Friday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m.! Pre-registration is required at www.setoncincinnati.org and includes free admission to the Elder football game, a Seton giveaway and LaRosa's pizza in the Pit!

Coffee and Conversation Event

Parents of 8th graders are welcome to attend Coffee & Conversation to learn more about Seton's academics, technology use, the admission process, financial aid and scholarships. Register on our website for either October 5 or October 27 from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. NEW THIS YEAR: following each session there will be a separate informational session from 9:30-10:00 a.m. for those needing accommodations through an IEP, ISP, 504 plan or accommodation plan.

Open House

Seton High School's Open House is on Thursday, November 4 from 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. All 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend! Discover the Spirit of Seton and learn about our deeply-rooted Catholic faith, strong academics and innovative schedule, athletic teams and performing arts groups, leadership and service opportunities, extracurricular clubs and activities and so much more! Pre-registration is required and can be found on our website under Future Saints.

St. Xavier High School Entrepreneurship Boot Camp

All 8th grade boys are invited to St. Xavier's "Benny the Bomber's Entrepreneurship Boot Camp" on October 1 and 2! Cost is \$25 and includes camp materials, food, beverages, snacks, T-shirt and a student ticket to the St. X-Louisville Trinity football game. To register, visit: www.stxavier.org/entrepreneurshipbootcamp. For questions contact tmcdonald@stxavier.org.

[StXEntrepreneurshipBootCampFlyer](#)

Ursuline Academy Financial Aid Information Session for Prospective Families

Wednesday, September 22, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This event will be held virtually.

Prospective parents are invited to join us for a virtual information session about how to fund an Ursuline education. Topics covered will include: scholarship opportunities, applying for financial aid using the FACTS application, EdChoice, financial aid, FAQs, and more!

[Register here](#) for the virtual event.

(8th Graders can also register for the event in the Class of 2026 checklist in your [admissions portal](#).)

Any questions about admissions, events or general information please contact, [Mary Claire Simpson](#) (Assistant Director of Admissions) or [Ashley Enyeart Higgins](#) '09 (Director of Admissions).