



St. James School Friday Fodder

MARCH 10, 2017

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CALENDAR UPDATE

3.12 Change Clocks!
"Spring Ahead"



3.13 Field Trip, Gr. 5
~Children's Rosary,
3:45, church
~Play & Learn
Registration Due

3.14 Report Cards
Distributed

3.16 Special Lunch

3.10 Mass, 9:00,
church
~Stations of the
Cross, Gr. 3 & 4,
church



St. James School is now tweeting! **You can follow Mrs. Pappas on Twitter St James School AH@SJS_Principal**



From the Principal

REMINDERS

- March 12-Change Clocks-Spring Ahead!**
- March 14-Report Cards Distributed**
- March 16-Special Lunch**
- March 23-No Bus Service**
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 24-No Classes, Staff Retreat**



As Catholics we are called to give up something for Lent. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or watching DVDs—whatever it is, you can make what you're giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action. Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up. Thank God for the freedom to be wholly yourself without this and, at the same time, acknowledge the gift of its existence in the world.
<http://www.loyolapress.com>

~This is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois. SJS students participated in the required statewide severe weather drill and did a fine job. They learned more about how to prepare for severe weather and safety strategies no matter where they may find themselves when severe weather occurs.

~**REMINDER**—PLEASE drive slowly and carefully on our campus, both west and east sides. NEVER leave the drop off line and go around stopped cars. No one wants to be in or driving a vehicle that causes an accident. EVERY ONE'S TIME IS PRECIOUS. Remember that our children are watching us. What do we want them to see???

~**Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 23.** These conferences are by parent or teacher request only. **Appointments are going home next Friday.**

~Feel free to contact me via email, jpappas@stjameschoolah.org , or phone, 224.345.7145, should you have questions or concerns!

Please see the electronic Fodder for more information on

- ~Lenten Prayers & Devotions
- ~Play & Learn Catalogue & Registrations for Session II
- ~Wearin' of the Green
- ~Earth Hour at St. James
- ~Women's Club Book Drive
- ~St. James Blood Drive



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Weekend Masses at St. James Church

Saturday-5:00 pm-PC

**Sunday-7:00-Ch
8:30-Ch
10:00-PC
11:30-PC
5:00**



**Children’s Rosary Group- every Monday at 3:45 in the church
NEXT ROSARY IS MONDAY, 3.13.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Thursday,
8:00am - 8:00pm
In the church



Curriculum Corner

So who is your “go to” person? And how do you figure that out? Well, if you are one of our seventh grade students you would know, based on a terrific retreat we had this week put on by our “Neighbors in Faith” – the campus Outreach Ministers from St. Viator High School. Led by Mr. Bart Hisgen, Outreach Coordinator, a spirit filled team of student ministers came to mentor our students in faith. This team was particularly dear to us as it consisted of all St. James alums- including Danny Anderson, Cori Korab, Mack Scanlon, Bridget Dillon, Sarah Allaire and Alyssa Andruszko.

The topic of yesterday’s retreat was “Family, Friends, and Fun” and the point of this retreat was to help these young people, as they transition through adolescence, to focus on their core values and live those out in the future.

Mr. Hisgen began the day by asking a simple question- “What do you enjoy doing most?” It was a pleasant surprise to hear so many of our students say that they liked to “hang out” with their families!

As the retreat continued students identified traits that they considered important in friends. Their insights were enlightening as many of the traits they named echoed messages found in Scripture. That worked out well because the St. Viator students then led our students through Scripture, finding those passages that echoed the students’ words.



A final activity of the morning involved a “trust’ exercise. Our students were divided into 6 teams. Each had to reach for a simple word, which they had written on a piece of paper, which was about five feet in front of them. The challenge was that they had to “trust” their team mates to help each student reach for the word he or she had written, because, for a moment, the floor had turned into an imaginary lava pit that the student could not step into to reach the paper! Lots of good fun and “almost” reaches occurred. In the end, everyone got his or her word back by trusting their friends who helped them stretch out to reach their paper. The retreat concluded with a beautiful Mass, celebrated by Father Dan Hall, C.S.V., from St. Viator to be with our students and remind them of the values that God has instilled in them through His Word, Jesus.

After the retreat ended, our own Father Gilbert and Father Derek offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation to our students. We are ever grateful to Father Hall, Mr. Hisgen and our own alums who showed our seventh grade that their best friend is Jesus – and to Father Gilbert and Father Derek for bringing each of them closer to Him. Thanks to Mrs. Farrell for arranging this and all the retreats for every grade level of our school. These “meetings with God” are an essential piece of students’ curriculum and formation at SJS.

SJS Alumni!



If you have SJS alum, please encourage them to register their contact information online:

<http://stjameschoolah.org/saint-james-school-alumni-program/> and visit the SJS alumni Facebook site @www.facebook.com/stjameschoolalum

The school calendar is available on the homepage of the SJS website

<http://stjameschoolah.org/>

Updates with the most current information may be found on this calendar.

HOW CAN YOU HELP SJS?



SAVE BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION! PRODUCT LISTING IS AT

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

The students are still talking about how much they enjoyed all aspects of the day!



Households of Faith – Pat Farrell, Director Religious Formation

During Lent, it is so important that we spend time with our families, particularly focused on forgiveness. Our ability to forgive is rooted in love – and my experience of family love is rooted in understanding the way God loves us. Forgiveness is a gift that comes from God’s love for us. It obviously makes our continuing relationship with God possible and we must extend that to our family as God extends it to us.

So why not make a family “date” to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation together? As you know, Reconciliation is available every Saturday in the chapel from 3:30pm-4:30 pm. We also will have our Reconciliation services with our neighboring parishes in the evenings, over the next several weeks. (See the Bulletin for details.)

While we do take the students to Reconciliation regularly, I think that it is a very special gift we can give our family to focus on the Sacrament with one another. So consider this not just during Lent, but throughout the year.

As Saint Teresa of Calcutta reminded us; ***“If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive.”***



Band News

Musically inclined students have been particularly busy at SJS this past week.

SJS was represented at the Pueri Cantores Choral Festival at Holy Name Cathedral. This organization was established in 1953 and brings together youth choirs to raise the profile of choral music in churches, schools, community and artistic venues. Participants learn music of faith, hope and love; they grow in musicianship, spirituality, liturgical understanding and community.

Our singers were: Katie Crawford, Molly Leno, Emily Madden, Christi Hansen, Shannon Sullivan, Mallory Leno, Lilyan Pittas, Will Schroeder, Victoria Rzaca, Gabriela Wolf, and Marygrace Townsend

Our singers rehearsed after school and during the second half of their lunches to learn the music for the Mass including Gregorian Chant, a style of music they did not understand and appreciate until they sang with approximately 260 middle school singers and realized how beautiful it was to sing a unison line of music representing unity within the Body of Christ!



**St. James School
All-Class Reunion
and 90th
Anniversary
Celebration**

**Saturday June 10,
2017**

Save the date for an all-class reunion and 90th anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Join us as we celebrate all that makes St. James School so special. More details to come!



**Wearin' of the
Green**

Presented by St.
James SOC
Friday, March 17
6:00-10:30

<http://www.stiam.esah.org/?s=wearin%27of+the+green>



On Thursday, SJS held its annual Solo & Ensemble Festival. The Solo & Ensemble Festival is an opportunity for individual students to perform a selection of their choice for adjudication. Every SJS band member chose to participate in a solo performance or as part of an ensemble. SJS also welcomed students from Our Lady of the Wayside, and Holy Family Catholic Academy.

Vocalists were also invited to participate in the festival.



SJS is the only Catholic elementary school in the area to host such an event. Thank you to Mrs. McDermott for completing the tremendous task of organizing this energizing event for our students and to all of the volunteers who helped!



From the Parish Business Office

A summary of your church donations (Sunday and Holy Day collections) received May 1, 2016 thru February 28th will be mailed next week to all participating parishioner families *except* those who have already fulfilled their minimum donation requirement.

**March Is Children's
Book Drive Month!
March 1- 24**

St. James Women's Club is collecting books for **Bernie's Book Bank** – a charity dedicated to distributing quality new and gently-used children's books to at-risk infants, toddlers and school-age kids throughout Chicago and the suburbs.

This is the time to clean out your bookshelves – and let less fortunate kids enjoy books your family is no longer using. See the flyer in the Fodder listing for more details on the drive and Bernie's Book Bank!

2,462 books have been collected to date!!! Thanks for your generosity! Keep them coming!!!

These reports are meant to help you plan/adjust for the \$1,000 Sunday and Holy Day donation requirement (\$500 for Pre-K-only families) which is due no later than April 30, 2017. Donations can be made via your Sunday collection envelopes OR online using GiveCentral – visit stjamesah.org/onlinegiving.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Bolash, Business Manager, at 224-345-7212 or dbolash@stjamesah.org



Parents' Club

@SJSParentsClub is tweeting again!
Follow us and stay in the loop!!



LADIES NIGHT OUT! A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS...

17 Bingo prize winners
30 Husbands + **3** Priests served and sold raffle tickets & bingo cards (Thank you, MEN!)
56 women served on the LNO committee
140 bottles of Bubbly were popped!!!
168 raffled baskets, including the grand raffle with a total value of over \$30,000
576 ladies in attendance
\$41,932 = Event gross profit!



A huge THANK YOU to everybody who supported LNO 2017! Annually this is Parents' Club's most successful fundraising event. Year after year our Committee Chairs dedicate so much time to planning and organizing a flawless and fun evening for all. WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL!! Special thanks to our chair-team Kristen Wentink, Megan Callero, Christina Murray, and Beth Battaglia for taking charge of this spectacular Parents' Club event! **Congratulations on its success!**

ANGELS IN THE CLASSROOM



Click here for the annual "[Angels in the Classroom](#)" list. Angels chairperson, Christine Dolecki, can help you make selections and organize your Angels gift. Preview the list and contact Christine at dolecki.wollscheid@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you for being an Angel!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As shared at our February meeting, Parents' Club has a surplus of money in our bank accounts. This is due to successful fundraising over the years, careful management of our accounts, and frugal spending within our many committees. The Parents' Club board invites you to join a group who will decide how best to spend our surplus of \$20,000. Mrs. Pappas is aware of our intentions and will communicate with teachers to gather suggestions. If you have suggestions for spending the money for the benefit of our school and students, please send a message to the Parents' Club email address:

sjsparentsclub@stjamesah.org Your suggestions are welcome. **If you are interested in being part of this "surplus spending committee" please send a message noting your interest to the Parents' Club email address no later than March 14th.** A committee will be named at our 3/21 meeting. Updates will be made available during our regularly scheduled Parents' Club meetings. Thank you!

SEEKING WAYS TO GET INVOLVED?



Parents' Club is currently looking to fill a few committee chair positions for next school year. If you're available to help and would like to learn more, please contact Carol Mysza at cmysza@yahoo.com.

- Magazine Drive

St. James Spring Blood Drive

March 19

More information can be found in the Fodder listing. A pre-donation questionnaire needs to be completed before you donate. Go to the LifeSource.org website and click on Donor Pass. This must be done the day of the drive.

- Eat & Earn
- Bank Day
- Shoparoo

Your comments, questions or suggestions are always welcome. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 21 in the Laramie Room located in the church basement.



Athletics

Design This Year's Dodge Ball T-shirt & Win a Prize

Calling all 6th thru 8th grade students artists! Now is your chance to design this year's dodge ball t-shirt. This year, the athletic board is looking to have the tournament t-shirt design created by an upper grade student. Please create a one-sided design using the school logo and/or our mascot, something about dodge ball, and including the words "**St. James Dodge Ball 2017**". All designs should be drawn with black ink on a white piece of 8.5 x11 paper and write your name and homeroom on the back. Designs are due to the office, attn: Jamie Kaeplinger, by Friday, March 10. The athletic board will review all designs and the winning design will be announced in the Fodder on Friday, March 17. The winner will receive 1 free Dodge Ball entry fee (which includes a t-shirt), a \$5 concessions voucher, and the fame of having your artwork represented on everyone's t-shirt!

SAVE THE DATE: The Dodge Ball Tournament will take place on Friday April 28th for students in 4th -8th grade. Registration forms will be in next week's Fodder listing. Any questions, please contact Jamie Kaeplinger @ jkaeplinger@wowway.com.

PARENTS:

We are always looking for write-ups from all teams to inform the school of our athletic achievements. If you are able to assist, please contact your coach or Jamie Kaeplinger @ jkaeplinger@wowway.com.

GO BULLDOGS!

Our FESL Summer Volleyball Camps are open for registration!

Our camps offer individual attention to detail in all skills and game play. Our coach to player ratio is always 1:8 or better. Join us for some fun and competitions! FESL VB classes filled last summer, so don't delay in registering.

We will be hosting our FESL Volleyball at St James during the week of June 12-16.

All Skills:

Coed 5/6th grade 10*-11am on Monday, and 9-11am on Tuesday- Friday.

*We cannot get in the gym until 10am on Monday

Coed 7-9th grade from 11-1pm

Specialty Training for 7-9th grades:

Hitting/Blocking: 1-2pm M-W

Setter Training: 2-3pm M-W

Defense/Serve/Serve Receive 1-3pm Thu-Fri

FESL Volleyball will also be hosting camps at 5 other locations: Mary Seat of Wisdom (Park Ridge), St. Eugene (Chicago), St Raymond (Mt Prospect), St. Paul of the Cross (Park Ridge), and Our Lady of the Wayside (Arlington Heights).

New this year, online registration and payment via PayPal. We will also have the old school of downloading the forms and mailing them to me with a check.

All registration information can be found on the website at: www.feslvolleyball.com. Look for Summer Camps.

