



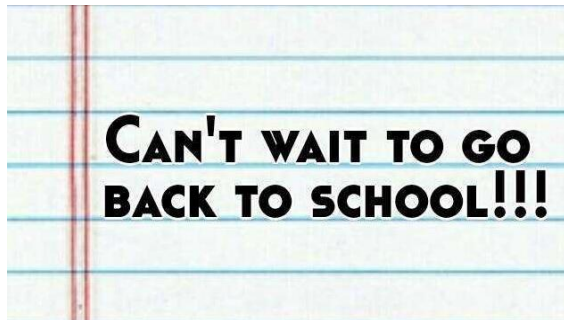
St. James School Friday Fodder

AUGUST 18, 2017

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From the Principal



CALENDAR UPDATE

8.20-Welcome Back Mass, 11:30, Parish Center
12:30-1:30—
Homeroom Reveal & Open House

8.21-Orientation Day, 10:00-11:00. Families' last name A-L,
11:00-12:00, Families' last name M-Z

8.22-First Day of School for PK4-Grade 8, 11:30 dismissal
NO BUS SERVICE

8.23-NO BUS SERVICE

8.24-NO BUS SERVICE

8-25-Mass, 9:00
~Welcome Back Coffee After Mass, 10:00-ish, Laramie Room (church basement)

NOTE

8.29-Pre K 3 Orientation, 10:00-11:00, PK Classrooms

Our staff has been preparing for the new year all summer long! We are very excited with new strides in technology. Wiring is complete with the final touches for more reliable wi-fi throughout the building will be completed soon. Miss Denise Harter, SJS's new Educational Technologist, has been diving right in to equip our staff with innovative ideas and support for purposeful supports for classroom learning. Three more rooms have been upgraded to short throw projectors. Thirty six additional iPads have been purchased with a charging cart. Additionally, a cart of 26 laptops is on its way!

Your calendars should be marked for a few important days:
August 20-Back to School Mass & Mini Open House-11:30 Mass
August 21-Regular school office hours (8:00 until 4:00) begin
August 21-Orientation Day for students PK 4-Grade 8, last names beginning A-L, 10:00-11:00 and last names beginning M-Z, 11:00-12 noon.
August 22-First Day for PK 4 through Grade 8, 8:45-11:30.
August 29-PK 3 Orientation, 10:00-11:00

See additional dates in the Calendar Update section or refer to the calendar on the school website, www.stjameschoolah.org

A recent change in staffing has brought Mrs. Nicole Long SJS to teacher grades 7 & 8 Science with a 7th grade homeroom. Mrs. Long is a graduate of Illinois State University and is endorsed in Middle School Science. Her experience has included teaching in District 73, Vernon Hills and District 38, Kenilworth

I would like to call your attention to the **school uniform code** for grades K-8 which is outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook on our website. Double-check that shoes align with the code. Shoes should be PRIMARILY ONE NEUTRAL (black, brown, gray, navy, white) COLOR. "Bulldog Blue" will be allowed once again. Laces must be neutral. The last June Fodder---pages 6 & 7--- gives some examples of "Do's & Don'ts" for uniform shoes.

<http://stjameschoolah.org/friday-fodder-6-5-15/>



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

NEW!!
Follow the SJS Teachers as they tweet @SJS_Bulldogs



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Double check with the office before wearing if uncertain! This code will be enforced---REALLY. Uniforms should be a non-issue! Please make clothing purchases that are in compliance with the Saint James uniform code so that bought and worn clothing won't have to be replaced!

Class lists are still being finalized and with a continued trickle of new enrollees, changes are *constantly* taking place! Teachers have collaborated with the knowledge and data they have about our children in order to place students where they will be happy and successful. We are grateful that you place your trust in us to do so. We always welcome your input on your child's disposition, and what you see as their strengths and weaknesses. And while there may be isolated cases of families requesting a certain placement, it is not advised, and can never be guaranteed. We, as professional educators, must always look at the big picture for your child, the classes, and the school. Our combined experience has helped us learn that, in a school setting, certain combinations are better suited for children to thrive and to optimize learn. Lists will be posted inside classroom doors on Sunday, after the 11:30 Mass.

Please join us for the Back to School Mass at 11:30 this coming Sunday!



Please join us for our

Back to School Mass & Mini Open House

Sunday, August 20 • 11:30 Mass

Mini Open House • 12:30-1:30

See class lists, visit classrooms, meet your teachers & tour the school

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Orientation Day for PK4-Grade 8 families is on Tuesday, August 23, and will include a variety of activities as in the past. Assorted groups will have tables in the Parish Center should you wish to visit them or sign up for a program. They are listed on the floor plan. All teachers will be present and families may visit the classroom to drop off supplies and meet their teachers. **New families should come directly to the NEW FAMILY table in the Gathering Space.**

**BACK TO SCHOOL
COFFEE
Friday, 8.25
after 9:00 Mass in
the Laramie
Room**

Orientation Day for PK 3 is on August 30 from 10:00-11:00 in students' respective classrooms.

Come visit Mrs. McDermott at **the SJS Band** registration table during Orientation Day! All instrumentalists are welcome to join band-even if they've taken a break from their instrument! Piano players and guitarists are welcome to sign up for jazz band or church instrumentalist! Mrs. Luehr will also have a table **for Bulldog Chorus** and **Cantors**.



Lunch Service

Quest Hot Lunch online ordering for September is now available. The link to Quest is

<https://www.mymealorder.com/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fMembers%2fWeeklyView.aspx>

You will need your child's ID number to order. Please call the school office for this number. Quest Food Service will begin on Sept. 5.

LUNCH POLICY

Parents can choose between two options for lunch at SJS

- **Quest Food Service-ability to order up to 48 hours in advance**
- **Sack lunch from home**

St. James will no longer accept lunches from outside sources such as Jimmy Johns, McDonalds, etc.

Additionally, students have the opportunity to have special lunches each month, October through May with Parents' Club Special Lunch.

I respectfully ask that you to abide by this policy.



Protecting God's Children

Remember that all volunteers must complete all Archdiocesan requirements prior to starting their volunteer experiences. Requirements include

- completing the CANTS form and submitting to school office (to be completed annually)
- signing off on the Code of Conduct (submit to school office)
- completing the background check online
- completing Virtus Training

Further information may be found at the following link

http://archchicago.org/departments/safe_environment/training.shtm

Virtus Training will be held at St. James on Monday, September 18 at 6:00 pm although training may be completed at any site listed on the Archdiocesan site.



Health Office

Please be aware of the state requirements regarding **physicals, dental and eye examinations**. Information can be found on the SJS website

<http://stjameschoolah.org/about-us/health-office/>

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

The school calendar is available on the website
<http://stjameschoolah.org/calendar.aspx>
Updates with the most current information may be found on this calendar.



From the Parish Business Office

For those who are new to St. James: Welcome!, and to those returning, Welcome Back! We're happy to have you here at St. James School! Here is some information regarding tuition obligations; please contact the business office or SMART Tuition with any other questions you may have.

- ALL FAMILIES are enrolled in SMART Tuition, our tuition servicing company.

Please visit SMARTTUITION.COM (888.868.8828) to gain access to your account, make online payments, etc. Payments are always due on the 20th of the month to SMART Tuition, regardless of your payment plan. Those on the 12 month plan have already begun to make payments; everyone else will soon receive electronic invoice/information from SMART regarding your first payment (due Tuesday September 20th). Be aware that there is a \$35 late fee for late payments. Late fees are added each month that the current balance is not paid in full.

- Please be sure that SMART Tuition has your correct email address and phone number. Email is the preferred method to contact families whose tuition account needs attention, *especially* for those who pay automatically either via credit card or checking account, as these families don't get invoiced for their payments.

- The participating parishioner tuition rate requires a \$1000 minimum family donation to the church (\$500 for Pre-K only families) due no later than April 30. Donations made to Sunday and Holy Day collections satisfy this requirement. The business office mails statements in October to ALL families who are paying the participating parishioner tuition rate. These statements are meant to help plan/adjust for the \$1,000 donation. Similar statements will be sent again in December and March (letters will not be sent to those who have already met this obligation).

- The business office tracks donations through the parishioner envelope number. Every SJS family has a number between 7000 – 7999. If this is your first year at St. James School, your number has changed; please begin using your new envelopes with the 7000 number and discard the old ones. If you'd like, please consider online donations via GiveCentral, found on the parish website <http://www.stjamesah.org/online-giving>

- Again, if you have any questions, please contact the business office.