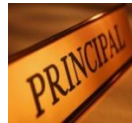




# St. James School Friday Fodder

AUGUST 25, 2017

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## From the Principal

Our first week back couldn't have been better!! Smiling faces from students and their parents made for happy teachers! We are so grateful to have our priests so present to our children and families!



## CALENDAR UPDATE

**8.28** Spirit Wear Day!  
~Bus Service begins

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

**8.30** Parent  
Information Night,  
7:00, PC

**8.31** PreK3 First Day

**9.1** Mass, 9:00, Church  
All are welcome!



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](https://twitter.com/SJS_Bulldogs)



Students looked crisp and attitudes were positive as we start the 2017-2018 academic year! Thank you for your trust in St. James School! We look forward to working together!



Like our official Facebook page! [Saint James School Arlington Heights](#)

### 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-PC** as of Sept. 3



**BUS SERVICE** begins **Monday, August 28.**



**Quest Lunch Service** is due to start on **Tues., September 5.**

Click here to enter the

**PLEASE BE GOOD NEIGHBORS** to our friends in the surrounding neighborhoods. Notice the signs up on Evergreen---**AHPD prohibits parking**. Also be courteous to our friends on Pine Street. Private driveways should not be used or blocked by school families' vehicles.



We also ask for patience in the school parking lots. It takes but a few days for folks to get accustomed to drop off and pick up procedures. **NEVER pass a car** that is already in line! **Drive slowly and with great care as children are often present.**

~**Parent Information Night for all grades is next Wednesday, August 30, at 7:00** in the Parish Center. You will have an opportunity to hear from your child's teacher. Teachers' presentations will last about 20 minutes and be delivered several times so that parents with multiple children have an opportunity to spend time with each teacher. The exceptions are grades 7 & 8. This presentation will be done once following the main presentation in the Parish Center.

Curriculum, programs, expectations, and homework philosophy will be part of the individual teacher presentations. However, please understand that this is not a time for *individual conferences regarding your child's progress*. If you need to discuss a specific concern about your child, please contact the teacher and set up an appointment.

We look forward to seeing all of our parents on Wednesday evening!

~**School Messenger** is utilized at SJS to communicate with all families through an automated calling program. **This system is used for emergencies.** It will call several numbers you provide to SJS for urgent situations such as snow days or lock downs.

A test of this system will be held next Wednesday. All school families will receive a call from School Messenger. The first thing to remember is **ANSWER THE CALL.** A message will be left if the call is not answered.

**THIS PART IS IMPORTANT----***for any call from SJS---*please **LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE.** Sometimes people see the school called and automatically call back without listening to the message. The office becomes flooded with calls for no reason.

If, by chance, you do not get a call, please let the office know so that the contact list can be adjusted.

~We're excited about **Grandparents' Day on Friday, September 8.** Grandparents and other special family members are invited to attend Mass with the school community in the Parish Center at **9:30.** A reception with cookies and juice will follow in the gathering area and our guests are invited to tour the school and visit the children's classrooms!



\*If at all possible, please park on the east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.

## ST. JAMES SPIRIT WEAR CHEER SHOPPE

Ship time is generally about two weeks.

Orders placed within the first two weeks of our school year receive a free delivery to your child's backpack!



Updates with the most current information may be found on the [SJS website calendar](#)



Children's Rosary starts up again on **Monday, Sept. 11 in the chapel at 4:00.** ALL ARE WELCOME!!

- \*Those who park on the east side may enter through the school office
- \*Guests will be met at the west doors as well
- \*NJHS students will assist guests in finding grandchildren
- \*Families may sit together
- \*PK 4 does not attend Mass but will perform after Mass in the Parish Center

~Our first official Spirit Wear Day is on Monday, August 28. Please read carefully the following clarification for **proper Spirit Wear for ALL Spirit Wear days.**

Acceptable clothing for Spirit Wear Days

On *top*

- **SJS Spirit Wear** t-shirts, sweatshirts, or warm-ups
- **SJS Team jerseys**—tank styles need a white or blue t-shirt underneath
- **SJS activity t-shirts** such as Broadway Bulldogs, SJS dodge ball tournament, SJS Tip-off, Kindergarten for a Day, tie dye,...

On the *bottom*

- **Blue, white, khaki, or black jeans** appropriate for school--*not too tight*, free of holes
- **Plain navy, black, white, or Bulldog blue** sweatpants
- **Plain navy, black or Bulldog blue shorts or denim shorts** ---in season for uniform shorts; **shorts are no shorter than 2" above the knee**

*Shoes*

- Any shoes except crocs, sandals, flip flops, or boots (Uggs, etc.)

**Not permitted**

- Leggings
- Yoga pants, short or long
- Pajama pants
- Sweatpants with non-SJS logos
- "Short" shorts---let's be modest and reasonable about length---2" inches above the knee max!!

**If unsure about attire, bring alternate clothing to school for changing. Until new Spirit Wear arrives, plain white or blue t-shirts may be worn with jeans, etc.**

~The **PowerSchool web-based student information system** is in use at SJS. Power School is used to track student attendance and grading along with an array of school records. Parents will be pleased to learn that Power School offers email-notifications as well as mobile apps for cell phones and tablets. New families will receive their passwords and instructions soon. Grades are posted by teachers in grades 3-8.

~**From Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Chicago**

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*We are thrilled to welcome you back for what I know will be a wonderful 2017/18 school year! I am reaching out today to request your participation in an important effort from the Archdiocese of Chicago.*

*Archdiocesan Catholic Schools participate in the federal government's E-Rate and Title programs, which provide schools funding for technology, virtual learning systems, professional development for faculty and staff, academic support, instructional material and summer programs. A portion of the funding for these important educational programs is made available through tax dollars. Every family generates federal dollars and every student should benefit from the programs these funds support, regardless of income.*

*In order to maximize potential federal funding eligibility for our Catholic school system, the Archdiocese has requested that ALL parents and guardians of students*

in Catholic schools complete a [Household Income \(HHI\) survey](#). **This is a CONFIDENTIAL survey.** Survey responses will be protected and used only by the Archdiocese to determine eligibility for our school and students.

The survey will only take five minutes for you to complete. The survey can be accessed [by clicking this link](#). The survey is available in English, Spanish and Polish.

**We ask you to complete the survey by September 15, 2017.**

Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.

Sincerely yours,  
Office of Catholic Schools  
Archdiocese of Chicago

~Feel free to contact me via email [jpappas@stjameschoolah.org](mailto:jpappas@stjameschoolah.org) should you have questions or concerns!

Please see the electronic Fodder for more information on

|                       |   |                               |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| ~Band Information     | ~Parish Middle School Choir                     |                               |
| ~Asbestos Plan Letter | ~Play & Learn After School Classes Registration |                               |
| ~Grandparents' Day    | ~Virtus Training                                | ~School Page--Parish Bulletin |
| ~PC Mum Sale          | ~Comedy Night                                   | ~Life & Justice Conference    |



## Lunch Service

**Quest Hot Lunch** online ordering for September is available now. The link to Quest is <https://www.mymealorder.com/Signup.aspx>

A student ID number is needed. You may call the office to receive yours.

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—PLEASE INCLUDE A NAPKIN!**

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

**Additionally, students have the opportunity to have 2 special lunches each month, October through May with Pizza for a Purpose and Parents' Club Special Lunch.**

I respectfully ask that families abide by this policy.



## Households of Faith – Pat Farrell, Director Spiritual Formation

We're back! And I can assure you that we are very excited about the many opportunities for your children and your family to deepen their relationship with God.

As always, we offer an exceptional academic curriculum which is centered on our faith formation and spiritual growth. It is so important to realize that EVERYTHING we do is oriented toward that relationship with God. We do it by showing the students that God is in everyone – not just everything. In addition to our Religion classes, students will engage in our continuing series of retreats that are designed to bring them to a growing awareness of their spirituality, at age appropriate levels.

Our service learning process will continue and expand on some initiatives we began last year.

Thanks to our  
Photography Team  
who snap pictures at  
many SJS events.  
Enjoy their  
contributions at  
<http://stjameschoolah.org/student-life/photo-library/>

For those of you who may be new to St. James, "service learning" is a teaching method combining classroom instructions with meaningful community service. Service learning provides emphasis on enhancing the critical thinking capability of student and also enhancing the sense of community service, personal responsibility, and civic engagement. Research demonstrates that service learning and other 'high impact' practices have been able to dramatically improve the higher order thinking skills of our students. In our Catholic environment, those higher level thinking skills include a deeper awareness of God's call to be God's "...eyes and ears, hands and feet" (from St. Theresa of Avila) on this earth – or, very simply, to put our faith into action. You will be hearing more about this from your children's teachers and from me.

None of this would be possible without the leadership, mentoring, and personal faith of our beloved principal, Mrs. Pappas. She has made this possible by her vision for education of the whole person. So thank her not only for our great academics but for integrating that with the "everlasting" spiritual formation provided at St. James.

Last year she encouraged us every day to be kind. I was just in a second grade classroom talking about that and asking what it meant to them to be kind. Their answers were profound in their simplicity because they clearly had gotten the concept of being kind at a spiritual level. This year, Mrs. Pappas has added the notion of being forgiving, which is an outgrowth of being kind and, more importantly, of our sacrament of Reconciliation. And we are also exhorted to "be the change..." That challenge requires courage and the ability to step up at times; to be different; to speak the truth. Those are some of the most important traits we help your children develop in a safe, faith-filled environment.

Please remember that you and your family are in our prayers daily. Please do the same for us!

Many blessings in this 2017-2018 school year!



### Tech Talk



SJS is now fully upgraded to G Suite for Education which means all teachers now have access to create their own Google Classroom. Google Classroom allows teachers to post resources, announcements, assignments, and discussion questions for each class they teach. Students in a Google

Classroom can view, complete, and turn in assignments electronically. Teachers can then view, comment, edit, and grade student work online which gives students instant feedback. Another great feature of Google Classroom is the option for parents and guardians to sign up to receive Parent/Guardian Reports. These reports are email summaries that include a child's upcoming and missing work as well as announcements and questions posted in the child's Google Classroom. We are very excited about the rollout of Google Classroom and the positive impact it will have on student learning, teacher and student communication, organization, and collaboration.



### PARENTS' CLUB

We are so glad you could join us at our annual Welcome Back Mass and Coffee today! It's always a pleasure to join together as a school family. We look forward to seeing you at our events and meetings throughout the year!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP SJS?



**SAVE BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION and CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS! PRODUCT LISTING IS AT**

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>



**THANK YOU** to all of our room parents for their help on Orientation Day and all of our committee chairs for getting Parents' Club events and activities up and running for the new school year! Your time is precious and so are YOU!

**Back to School blues bothering you?**

Parents' Club proudly presents an easy-breezy night of laughter! Gather friends to fill your table of 8 (or 10), pack the cooler, bring some snacks and you've got yourself a perfect parents night out! At just \$20 per person you can't go wrong! [Click here](#)

st. james parents' club presents:

**COMEDY NIGHT**  
friday, sept. 15



[for our Comedy Night reservation flyer.](#) This event is a BYOB, 21+ event. Your reservation and payment is due to the school office by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**First Come – First Served!** The Comedy Night Team is looking for a table of friends to offer help the night of the event. Your table reservation for eight guests is "on the house". Help a little - - Laugh A LOT - - Spend nothing!! Email Beth Cloud at [emb352@yahoo.com](mailto:emb352@yahoo.com) for details.



**Glitzy Wear: Put a little SpArKLE in your SPIRIT!**

Check our new Glitzy Spirit Wear sale! [Click here to view the Glitzy Wear order form for the latest Bulldog Bling!](#) Orders are due by NOON on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Any order form received after 12:00 pm on 9/8 will not be processed, so please return your order form directly to the school office before 12:00.

**Our NEW online spirit shoppe is LIVE!**

We hope you found our new spirit shoppe during Orientation Day on Monday. If not, our online spirit shoppe is open year-round! You'll find it here: [ST. JAMES SPIRIT WEAR CHEER SHOPPE](#). Ship time is generally about two weeks. Orders placed within the first two weeks of our school year receive a free delivery to your child's backpack! (*Glitzy Wear is separate from our online spirit shoppe.*) Email questions to [sjsparentsclub@stjameschoolah.org](mailto:sjsparentsclub@stjameschoolah.org)



**Mums the Word!**

Get your garden ready for the fall season! Print the Mum Sale Flyer from the fodder and return your order to the school office by 9/11. These big and beautiful mums from Turks Greenhouse will be available for pick up between 3-5 pm on Wednesday, September 20 in the East side parking lot just North of the church. Mums make great gifts, too! Order an extra for a friend or neighbor!

**BULLDOGS, raise your hands if you are ready to sell some raffle tickets!**

THE 2017-2018 PARENTS' CLUB BULLDOG RAFFLE IS BACK!!! Parents and Saint James Faculty, the Bulldog Raffle is set to begin on September 8th when raffle tickets will be sent home via students' backpacks. The Bulldog Raffle is one of Parents' Club's biggest fundraisers and provides a chance for ticket sellers to win a total of \$1,675 in monthly cash prizes, a \$1,000 tuition voucher, Laser tag, Bowling, skating, pizza, ice cream and much more! The top raffle ticket selling family will





win a lunch from Jimmy John's in the cafeteria at their own special table. WOW!

More information will be coming via the Fodder and sent home with students' raffle tickets. **Thank you in advance for your support of Parents' Club.** If you have any questions contact committee chairs Jacalyn Derengowski ([jjderengowski@yahoo.com](mailto:jjderengowski@yahoo.com)) or Sandra Chaplin ([sandramchaplin@gmail.com](mailto:sandramchaplin@gmail.com)). GO BULLDOGS!

**JOIN US FOR THE FIRST PARENTS' CLUB MEETING OF THE YEAR! TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE O'BRIEN ROOM.** The O'Brien Room is in the basement of the parish office. Please enter through the Parish Office and head downstairs.

Be informed. Join our faith-filled parent community. All are invited and welcome to provide input and hear about our events and activities!

## PARENTS' CLUB REGISTRATION

If you have not yet registered with Parents' Club, please visit our [online registration site](#).

Please be sure to follow the links all the way through to the Give Central page, which will allow you to make your payment online and have the option to order additional calendars or a printed directory. (One large calendar and access to the online directory is included with your annual dues.) THANK YOU!

We are in need of a chairperson for our annual Magazine Drive. Please contact Christine Chodil if you'd like to find out how you can help!



### 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 Virtus Training

Further information may be found at the following link

[http://archchicago.org/departments/safe\\_environment/training.shtm](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.



### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>). 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.

- SMART Tuition has gone paperless!! Moving forward, invoices will be emailed – Please verify that SMART Tuition has your preferred email address and phone number (and make sure SMART is not in your SPAM settings).
- 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>
- As always, if you have any questions, please contact the business office: Barbara Krawczyk 224.345.7239 [bkrawczyk@stjamesah.org](mailto:bkrawczyk@stjamesah.org) OR Tricia Dulkoski 224.345.7211 [tdulkoski@stjamesah.org](mailto:tdulkoski@stjamesah.org)

*Enjoy these beautiful warm days!*



## Athletics

### XCcountry

The St. James School Cross Country team participated in the Viator Middle School invite last Sunday. The students had a great day and earned some great results. Congratulations to all of the participants!

