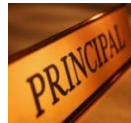




St. James School Friday Fodder

AUGUST 4, 2017

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From the Principal

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 20 for the Welcome Back to School Mass at 11:30 in the Parish Center. Stick around after Mass for the BIG REVEAL for class assignments. Visit the classrooms to find discover your homeroom for the year, meet the teachers, enjoy a cup of coffee, and catch up with friends! We're so *excited* and really looking forward to seeing all of our families, veterans and new!

As happens each year, teacher turnover occurred during the summer months. Mrs. Boyer has taken a position elsewhere. We thank Mrs. Boyer for her service to SJS and wish her the best.

I am happy to introduce terrific educators who will be joining our staff:

Miss Angela Lazzeretti will enjoy **PreK 3 & PreK 4**

BS in dual license cohort program in Early Childhood Ed & Special Ed from Illinois State University
Previous experience-M District 59 and New Berlin, WI

Miss Courtney Ryan is pleased to join the **kindergarten** team.

BA in Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Intervention Specialist
University of Dayton
Previous experience in Bishop Leibold School & Shade Early Childhood Center

Mrs. Kerri Kura will teach **PK 3** with **additional responsibilities in the Learning Lab**

BA from Marquette University
MA from Northeastern Illinois University, Special Education specialty
Previous experience Mount Prospect District 57

Finally, SJS is so very enthused about a new position created to enhance instruction through technology! Miss Harter will be working with teachers and students to purposefully infuse technology into daily learning.

Miss Denise Harter enters a new position at SJS---**Educational Technology Coordinator**

BA from University of Iowa
MA in Elementary Education from Roosevelt University, Google Certified Educator
Previous experience - District 300

I know that you will welcome them and help them feel comfortable as they settle in at SJS!

Our staff has been preparing for the new year all summer long! We are very excited with new strides in technology. Additional wiring has been pulled throughout the building with additional access points assuring reliable Wi-Fi access. And with your help, an additional 3 rooms have been upgraded with interactive white boards with short throw projectors. Additional iPad carts have been purchased along with 40 iPads and anew cart of 25 Chromebooks. **THANK YOU for your support towards the SJS Technology Fund.**

CALENDAR UPDATE

8.20-Back to School Sunday Mass, 11:30, Parish Center
Mini-Open House, Class Lists posted in classrooms

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 PK4-5
Day-Grade 8, 11:30 dismissal

NO BUSES

8.23 First FULL Day of school, 8:45-3:35

8.25-NO BUSES

8-26- NO BUSES

~Mass, 9:00
Welcome Back
Coffee follows Mass in Laramie Room

NOTE

8.30-Pre K 3 Orientation, 10:00-11:00 in the PK3 Classrooms= Classrooms



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



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

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

Teachers will be engaging in professional development specific to using technology to support the curriculum. Students will have regular access to various forms of tech to enhance learning across all subject areas.

GRADING for GRADES 3-8

The primary purpose of grades is to communicate what students know and can do in relation to the curricular expectations. St. James School uses the Office of Catholic School Benchmarks to guide learning and teaching and Power School for 24/7 access to grades. The grading scale for grades 3-8 will be adjusted for the 2017-2018 academic year as follows

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Grade	Description	Grade Points	Cutoff %	
A+	Outstanding	4.33	99	
A	Outstanding	4.00	95	
A-	Outstanding	3.67	93	
B+	Excellent	3.33	91	
B	Excellent	3.00	87	
B-	Excellent	2.67	85	
C+	Good	2.33	83	
C	Good	2.00	79	
C-	Good	1.67	77	
D+	Poor	1.33	75	
D	Poor	1.00	71	
D-	Poor	0.67	69	
U	Very Poor	0.00	0	
I	Incomplete	0.00	0	
NG	Not Graded	0.00	0	

Your **calendars** should be marked for a few important days:
 August 14-18-Office hours are 8:00 until noon
 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

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

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

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. Please be aware of the length of girls' skirts which should be no more than 2 inches above the knee. 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---see archived Fodders---gives pictorial examples of "Do's & Don'ts" for uniform shoes.

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!

Orientation Day for PK4-Grade 8 families is on Monday, August 21, and will include a variety of activities as in the past. Families with last name beginning A-L are asked to come at between 10:00 and 11:00 and families with last names beginning M-Z come between 11:00 and 12:00. This should help to ease check out lines.

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.

The SJS calendar is located on the homepage of the school website <http://stjameschoolah.org/>



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

New families should come directly to the NEW FAMILY table in the Gathering Space.

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.**

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.



Lunch Service

Quest Hot Lunch online ordering for September should be available on August 15. The link to Quest is

<https://www.mymealorder.com/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fMembers%2fWeeklyView.aspx> New families can receive student ID numbers needed for ordering after 8,21 by calling the school office at 224.345.7145.

Quest Food Service will begin on Sept. 6.

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 refrain from lunches from outside sources such as Jimmy Johns, Portillos, McDonalds, etc.

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

SJS respectfully requests 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 Tuesday, August 30 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/>



Parents' Club

THANK YOU to all St. James families for your support in **2016-2017!** What a successful year it was! To all parents who have committed their time and talent to ensure another memorable and successful school year in 2017-2018, WE THANK YOU. Our 52 room parents and 54 committee chairpersons plus their parent teams provide countless hours of volunteer time to guarantee that our school, our teachers and our children receive the most faithful support. We welcome all parents to join us in our efforts. If you're wondering how you fit in, please contact Parents' Club President, Gina Zebron at gzebron@sbcglobal.net.

SJS Alumni!

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

www.stjameschoolah.org/Source/AlumniRegistration.aspx?sid=05



Join us at our annual **Welcome Back Coffee** following the first all-school mass on Friday, August 25th in the church basement. All parents and youngsters are welcome! Come see our faith-filled school family pray as one for a great school year ahead! Coffee, juice and bagels available in the church basement (Laramie Room) after mass.

Back to School blues bothering you?

We've got the perfect solution! St. James Parish Comedy Night is BACK! Parents' Club proudly presents an easy-breezy night of laughter!

Gather friends to fill your table of 8, 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 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 14th.

st. james parents' club presents:

COMEDY NIGHT
friday, sept. 15



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 for details.

Put a little SpARKLE in your SPIRIT!



Parents' Club announces a new Glitzy Spirit Wear sale! [Click here to view the Glitzy Wear order form for the latest Bulldog Bling!](#) Please print and bring your order form and payment to the Parents' Club table on Orientation Day. We will have samples available for you to see!

We've got Spirit – how 'bout YOU!?

The first spirit wear day of the school year is on Monday, August 28th! Get your SJS students ready to show off their Bulldog Pride! Our new online spirit wear store will be hosting a **live sale on Orientation Day**. That's right! You can place your order in-person and leave with your new spirit wear clothing that morning! You'll see our new spirit shop set up under the canopy on Orientation Day. Have fun spirit wear shopping! (The live sale is a separate vendor from our new glitzy wear offering. Access to our year-round, online spirit wear store coming soon!)



PARENTS' CLUB REGISTRATION

Parents' Club will have a table in the Parish Center on Orientation Day. As much as we look forward to seeing everyone, we'd love it if you were already registered and could walk right past us! Save yourself time and money that busy, busy morning, and make one less stop - simply [register online with Parents' Club, here](#).

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.)

Register by [Sunday August 20th](#) to lock in your membership dues at \$25. **The price goes up to \$35 on Orientation Day. PLEASE! Save time and money! Register online and avoid the wait in line at the Parents' Club table on Orientation Day!**



@SJSParentsClub

Tweet your favorite #backtobulldogs photos with us and show your #sjsbulldogpride



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. If you have not done so thus far, please be sure you have enrolled for the new year and that all information is correct on your SMART account. Call SMART at 888.868.8828 with any questions.
- 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 Wednesday, 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.

Enjoy these beautiful warm days!

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