



# St. James School Friday Fodder

SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

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## CALENDAR UPDATE

**9.18** Virtus Training,  
6:00 Cafeteria

**9.19** Parents Club  
Meeting, 7:00

**9.20** Mum Pick Up,  
3:00-5:00, Behind  
Church

**9.21** Field Trip, Gr. 1  
~Deadline, [Special  
Lunch](#) Orders

**9.22** Mass, 9:00,  
church  
~Deadline, [Pizza with  
a Purpose](#) Orders

**9.23-** Confirmation,  
10:00 & 2:00



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

**NEW!!**  
**Follow the SJS Teachers as they tweet**  
**@SJS\_Bulldogs**



## From the Principal

### REMINDERS

**Sept. 29-No Classes, Staff Development**

**Oct. 2-Picture Day**

**Pizza with a Purpose**

**Oct. 9-NO CLASSES, Columbus Day**

The families who were able to attend the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass last Sunday enjoyed a memorable liturgy. Cardinal Cupich was complimentary of our school and parish, giving credit to those who have brought us to this point of celebration. He also reminded us that those of us here and now carry the responsibility of pushing forward to be sure that in the coming years SJS will continue to celebrate anniversaries, bringing our children and their families to know, love, and serve Jesus.



**~PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE!!!**

**Orders with payment are due September 22.**

As in the past, we will hold our pizza days on the first **Monday** of each month, from October through May. The price will remain the same as last year, \$2.00 per slice. **All orders must be pre-paid.**

Pizza is provided by Dominos. All pizza is plain cheese. **On pizza days, there will**



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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 -PC**



**Children's Rosary Group- every Monday at 4:00 in the church  
NEXT ROSARY IS MONDAY, 9.18.**

**be no hot lunch. So if your student does not order pizza, please have him or her bring a bag lunch. Because of state health regulations regarding food allergies we cannot give pizza to students who forget lunch. In addition, all students will need to bring a beverage, whether ordering pizza or not.**

Please also note that no student is under any obligation to buy pizza. It is simply meant as a treat – that can help others as well.

~**Picture Day for PK4-Grade 8 is Monday, October 2.** This is a **dress UP day** for students. Jeans are permissible if they are neat and hole-free! Pictures for PK 3 will be taken on the retake day in November.

~**September is Hunger Action Month**, and Catholic Charities, the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools, Soldier Field, and the Charles Tillman Cornerstone Foundation invite everyone to join the effort to eliminate hunger in our communities. In the **Soup-er Stadium Challenge**, they will try to fill every seat in Soldier Field with food! Twice!



St. James Student Council will be facilitating this collection from September 15—Kick-off Day—to October 6. Please help your child/children select one or two items from the list, below, to bring in to their classrooms during that time period. The most needed food items are:

- cereal
- canned vegetables
- pasta, rice, mac & cheese
- canned soup, peanut butter, and jelly
- canned fruit

Thank you for helping!

~**Congratulations, Miss Kator!**



**She's a winner** of \$500 of Scholastic Books materials! Miss Kator is looking forward to utilizing her Scholastic James Patterson giveaway grant money in her Kindergarten classroom!! Being one of the winners has been a dream for the



### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### BULLDOG RAFFLE

STUDENTS/FACULTY  
WHO SELL TICKETS  
ARE ELIGIBLE FOR  
PRIZES!



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

bookworm teacher!

~This year, **Jubilation at James is offering a new opportunity.** Please consider supporting Jubilation with a **"Family Ad"** in the program book that includes your family photo and personalized message. Please click on the Family Ad form in the Fodder listing for information on how to submit your ad. Thank you for your support.

~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

- ~PC Special Lunch Order Form
- ~Sunday Mass Helper
- ~Jubilation Family Ad

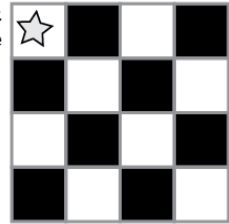
- ~Pizza with a Purpose Order
- ~Class Auction Gifts Volunteers Needed
- ~Magnolia Mile Jubilation Jog



### Curriculum Corner-Technology

Eighth graders at St. James School have been participating in an "Introduction to Coding Unit" through Code.org this month. This unit is a blend of "unplugged lessons" and self-paced puzzles that students work through on the Code.org website. Unplugged lessons allow students to step away from the computer in order to use hands-on materials to learn the logic behind new coding skills. Our first unplugged lesson, *Graph Paper Programming*, asked students to write an algorithm for their partner to use to color a specific pattern on a piece of graph paper. The image below gives an example of a pattern on graph paper accompanied by its algorithm.

Start Here



Follow along with your finger and see if you can figure out how to get this image from the program to the right.

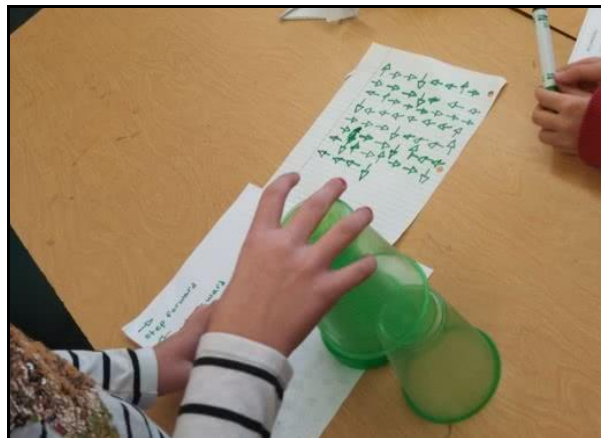
Now, our entire program looks like this:

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Our most recent unplugged lesson, *My Robotic Friends*, asked students to work together to write an algorithm for a "robot" (a.k.a. their teammate) to use to stack cups into a pyramid formation. The picture below shows a "robot" reading an algorithm and stacking cups accordingly. The teachers, Miss Kenny and Miss Harter, along with the eighth graders are having a lot of fun with this unit!





## Counselor's Corner- Mrs. McGowan, School Counselor

Did you know that every morning at St. James School, after the Pledge of Allegiance and daily prayer, the students and staff recite our motto, "At St. James School we follow in the footsteps of Christ by being Caring, Helpful, Respectful, Self-Disciplined and Trustworthy."?

I think most of us know what it means to be caring and helpful, but this year I wanted to start off with a focus on *respect*. What does it look like at school and at home? What does it sound like at home and school? We discussed being kind to one another, including each other, listening to one another. We talked about manners. How can we use our manners in the cafeteria? How can we be most respectful to Jesus at Mass?

Our fifth graders participated in their first retreat 'Letting Your Light Shine' this week. The retreat focused on the light of Christ in our life and how that light shines in our relationship with ourselves, others, and God. Jesus asks us to be a light for all people. We each need to make sure that we do not let our light fade. We also need to help and challenge one another to shine brightly. Again, we circle back to the concept of *respect*.

We will watch, notice, and encourage our students as they demonstrate *respect*.



## Cub Scout News

**Calling ALL CUB SCOUTS! -AND- any 1st - 4th graders INTERESTED in SCOUTS!**

Join us for an ALL PACK EVENT at our annual RAIN GUTTER REGATTA - boat race!! New date & location! **Sunday, September 17th at 4:00pm at the field behind St. Peter Lutheran Church/School (111 W. Olive St.).** We encourage ALL first graders interested in learning more about Scouts to attend. We will have extra boats for racing! Bring the whole family to cheer for your boat! Contact Cub Master Peter McLeod with questions: [pmcleod@hawk.iit.edu](mailto:pmcleod@hawk.iit.edu)

Check out video for more information!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3R14Idmoao&feature=youtu.be>



PARENTS' CLUB

**PARENTS' CLUB MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 P.M. - O'BRIEN ROOM**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT 7:00. MEETING WILL PROMPTLY START AT 7:15.**

The O'Brien Room is in the basement of the parish office. Please enter through the Parish Office and head downstairs. Join our faith-filled parent community! All are invited and welcome to provide input and hear about our events and activities!

**Comedy Night is tonight - FRIDAY, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>!**

It's not too late to join us! Tickets are sold at the door. For just \$25 you can enjoy a relaxed night of live comedy with friends. BYOB and food. Doors open at 6:30. We would love to see you there!

st. james parents' club presents:

**COMEDY NIGHT**  
friday, sept. 15

## HOW CAN YOU HELP SJS?



**SAVE BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION. PRODUCT LISTING IS AT**

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

## SJS Alumni!



If you have SJS alum, please encourage them to register their contact information online: <http://stjamesschoolah.org/saint-james-school-alumni-program/> and visit the SJS alumni Facebook site @[www.facebook.com/stjameschoolalum](http://www.facebook.com/stjameschoolalum)

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

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



### SAINT VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sun., October 22,  
1-3 pm  
Mon., October 23  
6:30-8:30 pm

Come join us and learn why we were named an Apple Distinguished School and a two-time National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. You don't want to miss this opportunity to tour the school, meet current students, faculty, administration and coaches.

Pre-registration is available at  
[www.saintviator.com](http://www.saintviator.com)

### Spirit Wear

Our NEW online spirit shoppe is LIVE and available year-round: [ST. JAMES SPIRIT WEAR CHEER SHOPPE](#). We'd love your feedback! Please let us know what you think about your new spirit wear! Please email: [sjsparentsclub@stjameschoolah.org](mailto:sjsparentsclub@stjameschoolah.org)

(Glitzy Wear is separate from our regular spirit wear. Glitzy ordering is now closed.)

### THE 2017-2018 PARENTS' CLUB BULLDOG RAFFLE IS BACK!!!



Yellow raffle tickets and details about our raffle were sent home in your students' backpacks last Friday. Raffle ticket sales run through September 28. Weekly and monthly raffle winners are chosen all school-year long!

Raffle ticket sales are off to a great start! Thank you to all those who stopped at the Parents' Club table to learn more and purchase Bulldog Raffle tickets on Grandparents Day!!

### WEEK 2 COOL REWARDS and BULLDOG BONUS:

Next week's **Bulldog Bonus** is a **gift certificate at Thrown Elements Pottery for 16** including studio fees (used individually or with a group) and one unpainted item. **The Cool Rewards** goes to the first 25 students who turn in raffle tickets. They'll get a coupon for a free ice cream cone at Capannari's!

## BULLDOG RAFFLE PRIZES

**CASH PRIZES**  
Weekly and monthly drawings held October through May—  
each ticket sold is a potential winner in all 43 drawings!


**COOL REWARDS**  
Free ice cream treats from vendors in the community!

**BULLDOG BONUS PRIZES**  
Each week one lucky winner will win a bonus prize, such as  
free bowling games, free roller-skating, iTunes cards, and more!

**GRAND PRIZE**  
For every 5 raffle tickets sold by a family, they will earn 1 chance in a drawing for a \$1,000 SJS tuition voucher; 10 tickets sold by a family earns 2 chances and so on.

**AND...THE TOP TICKET SELLING FAMILY WINS  
FREE LUNCH FROM JIMMY JOHN'S  
IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA!**

WINNERS INCLUDE  
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!!



Teachers, don't forget there is a separate drawing for you for gift certificates to local restaurants! Good luck, Bulldogs!

If you have any questions or need more raffle tickets to sell contact our raffle committee chairs Jacalyn Derengowski ([jjderengowski@yahoo.com](mailto:jjderengowski@yahoo.com)) or Sandra Chaplin ([sandramchaplin@gmail.com](mailto:sandramchaplin@gmail.com)).

**Parents' Club collects BOX TOPS!** Last year we earned nearly \$1,300 in FREE MONEY from YOUR TRASH! All homeroom teachers have a box tops collection box. Turn your trash into treasure and collect box tops for our school!

**Coming Soon... Our fall Yankee Candle fundraiser.**

Save yourself a trip to the store. A catalog will be sent home in two weeks!

**PARENTS' CLUB REGISTRATION**

If you have not yet registered with Parents' Club, you have until September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please visit our [online registration site](#). 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!



**Athletics**

**Academic Eligibility**

Students in grades 5-8 and their families are reminded about athletic eligibility.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- To maintain eligibility, a student must maintain an overall average of 77% or above in every class; otherwise, the student will be unable to participate in sports and/or extra-curricular activities for five school days. This period will include activities on a weekend within the five school day period
- Grades will be checked for eligibility biweekly from the start of the season/activity on Tuesdays. Eligibility will be reported to students, parents, coaches and other adult leaders of activities on Wednesdays. Ineligibility periods begin on Thursdays. Students and parents should monitor student grades on PowerSchool
- A student must be present for at least half a day of school to participate in extra-curricular activities that evening. This includes all sports, clubs, dances, performances, rehearsals and practices

Please remember that informing student and families about ineligibility isn't pleasant for anyone! With PowerSchool available 24/7, "I didn't know" is not an excuse.

The next eligibility check will be on September 26.

Team schedules can be found by clicking [here](#) to connect to the Northwest Suburban Catholic Conference website.

The 8th grade girls played in the St. Thomas of Villanova Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, September 9, and finished in 3rd place! Abby Ferriss was named our team's MVP by our opponents' coaches. Congratulations, girls!!



There are many people and ministries that can continue to “carry on” even after *Jubilation at James* is over.



Jubilation is our opportunity to share our blessings with others. As Catholic Christians we are called to reach out to those in need, both locally and globally.

Everyone has an opportunity to make a difference.

To learn how you can support Jubilation, go to:  
[www.stjamesah.org/get-involved/jubilation-at-james](http://www.stjamesah.org/get-involved/jubilation-at-james).

Thank you.

