



# St. James School

## Weekly News

January 10, 2008

### UPCOMING DATES

Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Issued  
Catholic High School Placement Test  
**NO SCHOOL** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
**Catholic Schools Week:** Open House – 4:00 PM  
CSW Celebration Mass – 5:00 PM  
Knights of Columbus Chili Dinner/  
Teacher Cake and Pie Auction Dinner – 6:00 PM

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back after Christmas break! Our staff was very excited to greet all students Wednesday morning, especially after working so hard to prepare our learning environment the past several days. We really want to give a tremendous thank you to each and every volunteer who helped Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, with all the moving and remodeling preparations. Another huge thank you goes out to those volunteers who worked diligently on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, to help us prepare the building for the return of our students. We would not have been able to reopen without the hard work of so many!!! As our January LIFESKILL of Perseverance reminds us to “Keep at it!”, the days are drawing closer to the completion of construction. So again—we say THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

### REPORT CARDS

Our second quarter ended Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, and progress reports will be issued tomorrow, Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember that in order for your child/ren to receive their report card all school accounts need to be paid. These include: Café, morning and extended care, tuition, school fees, and any additional amounts owed. If your child does not receive a report card, please contact the school office to make arrangements.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

This Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, high school placement tests are scheduled to take place at Archbishop O’Hara, Bishop LeBlond, Cristo Rey, Notre Dame de Sion, Rockhurst, St. Mary’s, St. Pius X, and St. Teresa’s. The tests are given annually by the Kansas City ~ St. Joseph Diocese as a requirement for entering Catholic high schools. At each location, the doors will open at 8:00 AM, and the test will begin at 8:30 AM. Please call the school of your choice to reserve space for the placement test. When registering, check with the school for cost and the items that students need to bring.

### NO SCHOOL

Please note that we will not have school on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### **SMART CLUBS**

We begin a new semester of Smart Clubs next Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Students K—5<sup>th</sup> grade will enjoy a variety of favorite clubs to choose from. Information sheets will be coming home with students, so that they may make their selections and return their forms promptly.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) will be celebrated from **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**. This year's theme: Catholic Schools Light the Way—will set the tone for the week's events. We begin with our annual school Open House at 4:00 PM. We encourage all in our parish community to invite perspective students and families to come, visit and gather information. Middle School teachers will host a meeting for all perspective Middle School families during the Open House. Then, our students will participate in our designated CSW Mass at 5:00 PM. Knights of Columbus Chili Dinner and Teacher Cake and Pie Auction will follow Mass with dinner being served at 6:00 PM. A special musical performance will take place at the dinner. Please save the date—as it will definitely be a time for our school to shine! Further details regarding the week's events will accompany future newsletters—so keep reading!

### **BRAGGING "WRITES"**

We are proud to announce that four St. James students have been officially published in *Anthology of Short Stories by Young Americans*. Last year, a short story competition was announced to students throughout America who ranged in age from 5—18 years. St. James Middle School students were given the opportunity to demonstrate their creative writing talents by entering this contest. Ryan Doherty, Madeline Essig, Tommy Finn (former student), and Quinn Morris, were selected to be included in the 117 published stories. Great job authors!

### **ATHLETIC NEWS**

Basketball season is underway at St. James! We want to acknowledge the efforts of some of our teams who have already played in tournaments. Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl's team who earned First Place in the Lillis Basketball Tournament and to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls who took Second Place in their division at the same tournament last week. Great Job Girls!!! Keep up the happenin' hoops!