



St. James School Weekly News

March 13, 2008



UPCOMING DATES

Friday, March 14 th	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry--5:00PM to 8:00PM
Friday, March 14 th	3 rd Quarter Ends
Monday, March 17 th	Wear your St. Patrick's Attire!
Wednesday, March 19 th	3 rd Quarter Report Cards Go Home
Wednesday, March 19 th	Living Stations of the Cross – 9:00AM
Thursday, March 20 th	Holy Thursday/NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 21 st	Good Friday/NO SCHOOL
Sunday, March 23 rd	HAPPY EASTER
Monday, March 24 th –Sun., March 30 th	Spring Break/NCEA Convention
Monday, March 31 st	Classes Resume 7:50AM

OFFICE NEWS

TUITION BILL PROPOSAL

Like last weekend the Knights of Columbus representatives will be on hand after each Mass to collect signatures of registered voters on petitions, which support the call for tax credit contributions to non-profit organizations. When approved by voters on November 4th, 2008, you as a Missouri Income Taxpayer will be able to claim Missouri tax credits along with your current income tax deductions. This will benefit many Not-For-Profits such as Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and hundreds more. Assuming passage of the Missouri-Constitutional Amendment individual and corporation contributors and donors to “Not-for-Profit Organizations” would receive a 50% state income tax credit in addition to current federal and state income tax deductions allowable.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: MONDAY, MARCH 17TH

Students and teachers are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this coming Monday by wearing fun, festive attire! Come ready to show your “Wearin’ O’ the Green” spirit, as each classroom will choose one *lucky* winner in our special out-of-uniform event. Don't forget the green!

2008-2009 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

The deadline for current school families to register for the 2008-2009 school year has passed. Letters have been mailed to families who have not yet returned enrollment. Families should notify the office personnel by Friday, March 14th, regarding their intentions for next year. This will enable enrollment to open up to new families once class sizes are determined.

McTEACHER NIGHT SUCCESS

Thanks to all of you who attended McTeacher Night last Thursday. We collected \$500 from our portion of the evening sales. Proceeds from this event support our teacher/staff professional development fund which provides valuable training for our teachers.

H.O.P.E./DREAM COMMITMENT

Certificates purchased under the H.O.P.E./DREAM program beginning March 1st will be credited to your \$1,200 commitment for the 2008—2009 school year. Remember that when you buy grocery certificates to Price Chopper or Hy-Vee, you can also purchase \$5.00 coupon books for those stores. We sell those coupon books as a fundraiser for our new building, and 4 out of each 5 dollars sold is given back to the parish for our building fund, so we greatly encourage you to buy the grocery coupon books as it is a win-win situation for all involved.

To promote coupon book sales, we are drawing for a lovely Holy Family statue on March 19th, St. Joseph's feast day. To be eligible to enter this drawing, you need to have purchased three of the grocery coupon books before that date. Good luck!!!!

RECYCLING CONTEST UPDATE

Our school is entered into a paper recycling contest that will be ending March 31, 2008. Please deposit paper into the green/yellow recycling bins that are located at the outside edge of the parking lot to help us win the paper drive and the prize money that follows. If you would like to chart the progress of our school you can track our recycling efforts at the following site www.PaperRetriever.com/SchoolsOnGoal/Progress.

LENTEN NEWS



GO FOR THE GREEN FOOD DRIVE

We want to thank all of the families who contributed to the “Go for the Green Food Drive”, which ended this past Tuesday. We were able to collect over four barrels of food for Harvesters which is a food pantry that provides emergency food assistance to Kansas City's hungry. Thank you for helping support this worthy cause during Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus will host its next Fish Fry dinner on **Friday, March 14th** from 5:00PM to 8:00PM in the school gymnasium. Several new menu items have been added! The response to the dinners already hosted has been tremendous. We encourage you to attend a dinner with your family to help support this organization. Thanks to our school staff for providing desserts for each Fish Fry.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation for grades 2nd—8th will be held Monday, March 17th. Grades 2nd—4th will attend the first service at 9:30AM, and the 5th—8th graders will attend a second service to follow.

LIVING STATIONS

On Wednesday, March 19th, our 7th grade class will be presenting the Living Stations of the Cross beginning at 9:00AM in the church. The 2nd and 5th grade classes will be our choir for The Stations. Please join us for this moving presentation, focusing on the heart of Christ's journey to the cross.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS

Third quarter ends **Friday, March 14th**. Report cards will be issued **Wednesday, March 19th**. Remember that in order for your child to receive a report card **all school accounts** need to be paid, which includes lunch, extended care, morning care and fee amounts owed.

SPRING BREAK

Everyone is looking forward to Spring Break. School will not be in session beginning Holy Thursday, March 20th through Sunday, March 30th, in observance of the Easter Holiday followed by Spring Break. Enjoy the time off with your family and friends!!! Have a healthy and safe break and we will see you when classes resume on Monday, March 31st at 7:50AM.

NCEA

During Spring Break several St. James Staff members will be traveling to the National Catholic Education Association's annual convention. This year the convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The support our families show at restaurant nights, Knight's of Columbus dinners/Cake and Pie auctions, and more supports the professional development fund which enables the funding of such events. Please pray for the safe travel of our teaching staff.

SPECIAL SPEAKER

Our St. James PTO will be sponsoring a guest speaker on Monday, April 7th. It is our privilege to have Robert Rogers with us for the day. He will speak with the students in the afternoon and then speak with the parents in the evening. His topic is "Living a Life of No Regrets". Please mark your calendars and join us in the church. The evening presentation will begin at 6:50PM. Babysitting will be provided. Please call the school office by next Wednesday if you need babysitting services.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Basketball

Basketball season has ended and students are asked to return their basketball uniforms to their coaches or the school office for check-in. Please have laundered uniforms returned in bags indicating the name of the student using the uniform. Please know that report cards will not be issued to students that have not returned their uniform.

Track

Track season is underway for students in 4th—8th grade! Practices began Monday, March 10th. This week we will not have track practice on Friday, March 14th due to the Fish Fry. If you have not paid for track, please send your fees into the school office. The cost is \$25.00, plus an additional \$7.00 fee if your child would like to participate in the marathon program. Practices will be held after school on Mondays and Fridays, from 3:00 to 4:15PM.

NEWS FROM THE ARTS

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Brian Kim who was named Artist of the Week for the project entitled “Yarn Painting Cross.” Brian and his fifth grade classmates learned about the history of yarn painting and were asked to design a yarn object. Brian picked a color scheme and his layout of yarn to make an interesting design on his cross. Great work, Brian!!!

ART SMART SUMMER CAMP

Come join the fun, use your imagination and become Art Smart by attending Art Camp this summer at St. James!!! Art Camp is scheduled for June 30th - July 3rd from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon daily for children currently in 2nd – 5th grade. Keep your child’s art skills sharpened at Art Camp by creating two and three-dimensional artwork while experimenting with a variety of materials. Look for more information to come in future newsletters. Thank you, Miss Karen Biggs.

MUSIC NEWS

Middle school students have been busy rehearsing for their play, Godspell, Jr. Here are a few updates to our rehearsal schedule:

Monday, March 17th - Rehearsal with only the soloist from the company (Anna Yanez, Katie Witherow, Jordan Wight, Brandon Simmons, Corey Simmons)

Tuesday, March 18th – (Everyone will rehearse in the Company and Crowd) We will be going over all the songs with our instrumentalist.