



St. James School Weekly News

April 10, 2008

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, April 13th

Thursday, April 17th

Friday, April 18th

Tuesday, April 22nd

Thursday, April 24th

Donut Sunday

4th grade to Jefferson City

NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

STUCO Skating Party – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

CiCi's Pizza Night – 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM

OFFICE NEWS

MANY THANKS

After months of waiting, “moving day” finally arrived! In making this overwhelming task possible, we relied on countless volunteers. Our gratitude cannot be expressed in our simple thank you, however we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of the students and volunteers who took the time last Thursday after school to help relocate nine classrooms to their new home, in addition to emptying the storage units. What a huge undertaking! The smooth transition into existing and new space could not have occurred as easily without their help! Everyone is moved into their new locations, and we are adjusting nicely to our new surroundings. Thanks again to all of those who helped, and to those who sent well wishes of support.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY/CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

A HUGE Thanks from St. Pius X High School to St. James School for helping us raise more than our goal of \$10,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation! On Friday, April 4th the St. James students and staff dressed in jeans in exchange for a donation to the SPX CF walk. The St. James community raised over \$1,000!! WOW!! On Saturday, April 5th, the SPX students walked all night in the CF walk, which was started in honor of Senior Chad Sellhorst.. A special thanks also to SPX freshman and St. James graduate Conor Parrish, for coordinating the effort to join St. James with St. Pius X for this worthy cause. This event is close to the hearts of so many SPX students who have known Chad and his family for many years and have supported him through the tough times of his illness. The St. Pius X community truly appreciates the support of St. James School!

NO SCHOOL

We will have **no school** on Friday, April 18th, as this is a professional development day for our staff. Students can enjoy the day off that Friday and we will see you back in school on Monday, April 21st!!!

FATHER TOM

We wanted to report that Father Tom is doing well after having a procedure to clean out his right carotid artery on Tuesday. He is resting at home and plans to return to conducting his mass schedule as planned for the weekend masses starting Saturday, April 19th. The students have made get well cards in the classrooms to wish him well and we are looking forward to a speedy recovery!!!

PTO NEWS

LIVE A LIFE OF NO REGRETS

We were pleased to welcome Robert Rogers this past Monday, April 7th. He presented very inspirational assemblies to students 2nd–5th grade and to Middle School during the school day. The school staff appreciates PTO and their sponsorship of the evening presentation for parents. If you would like to find out more about Robert's ministry, you may log onto his website www.intothedeep.org. His message "Know God, No Regrets" is inscribed on bracelets students received this week.

2008-2009 AUCTION REQUEST

The PTO Board is still seeking individuals who will chair next year's school auction. Our school auction is a source of funding for our PTO budget, which supports many improvements and enhancements within our school. Past auction proceeds have supplied us with funds for many improvements in our facility and classrooms, such as playground equipment, library books, and most recently funding for new computers for our new Media Center. We do rely heavily on continued support of the auction by our school families to make each year a success. We realize that chairing the auction is a huge commitment, and we wish for parents to prayerfully consider their ability to do so. The earlier individuals commit to the project, the better it is for planning purposes. With that, please contact Lisa Essig,, if you are interested.

DONUT SUNDAY

St. James School is helping once-a-month for Donut Sunday after the 7:30 AM and 9:15 AM Masses. The next Donut Sunday will be Sunday, April 13th. Fourth and Fifth grade classes will be serving donuts and drinks after these Sunday Masses. The Head Room Parent from each class will contact and coordinate volunteers for Donut Sunday helpers. Thank you for your time in helping our Parish.

AROUND THE SCHOOL...

HEALTH SCREENINGS

On Monday, April 14th, we will be conducting Health Screenings for Grades 1st–8th. We will be doing Vision, Height and Weight Screenings. In addition, we will do Spinal Screenings for all girls in grades 6th–8th and boys in 8th grade. Grades 3rd–8th will also do some fun hand washing activities.

Students usually enjoy the health screenings and none of the screenings will be uncomfortable or painful. Privacy and confidentiality are taken into account for each student. A consent form for the Spinal Screening will be sent home with the 6th–8th grade girls and the 8th grade boys. Referrals will be made for vision and scoliosis if further testing is recommended. If you have any questions about the health screenings, please feel free to call Mrs. Hannah in the Health Room by calling 781-4428, extension 214.

UNIFORM TRY-ON DAYS

On Tuesday, May 20th, and Thursday, May 22nd, school uniform try-on will take place from 3:15PM to 7:00PM. Uniform sales will take place in the newly remodeled uniform store that is located across from the school cafeteria. Teachers will be on hand to take and fill your uniform orders during the designated sale time. Please make time to take advantage of the early sale.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

There will be a "Protecting God's Children" class held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Smithville from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 12th. You can register on-line for this class at virtus.org.

PIZZA NIGHTS

The next pizza night is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th, at CiCi's Pizza in Liberty from 4:30 to 8:00 PM. A portion of all sales made during that time will be allocated to the school, and as such we encourage you to enjoy an evening eating out with your family while benefitting the school at the same time.

SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

Greater Kansas City Science Fair

Last week our Middle School students participated in the Greater Kansas City Science Fair at Union Station. We applaud their efforts and would like to share the results as follows:

David Beyer was deemed an overall 2nd place winner from all inventions submitted in the 5th grade portion of the science fair.

Lance Boehm was awarded an "Outstanding Invention" recognition by the Kansas City Bar Association Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Committee at the Science Fair for inventing the "Mini Trash Caddy".

David Beyer	1 st Place
Caleb Kizzire	1 st Place
Lance Boehm	1 st Place
Emma Pletcher	2 nd Place
Marissa Hearn	2 nd Place
Olivia Wilson	1 st Place
Hannah Power	1 st Place
Jimmy Carmichael	1 st Place
Mary Henn, Katie Witherow	2 nd Place
Olivia Jackson, Anna Coday, Jessica Jeong	2 nd Place
Brandon Simmons, Shelby Hennen, Molly Benoit	2 nd Place
Chelsey Purcell, Katie Ross, Anna Koesterer	2 nd Place

LOVE AND LOGIC

Saturday, April 12th, Jim Fay and Charles Fay, Ph.D., will be offering Love and Logic Parenting sessions at the Valley View United Methodist Church, Overland Park, KS. Information about the sessions and how to register is available at www.loveandlogic.com.

WANTED: AUCTION T-SHIRTS

The 8th grade class already had determined that they will be making a quilt as their classroom contribution for the 2008-2009 auction. The quilt will be made out of auction t-shirt logos from prior years, and as such coordinators are looking for donations of t-shirts to use for the quilt. If you have a t-shirt to donate you can send in your item to the school office in a bag labeled 8th grade auction. We want to get started ASAP on this "Hot Auction Item" for the next school year. If you have any questions, contact Robin Huber @ 415-0435 or 868-7223. Thank you so much for helping our next year's 8th grade class!!

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

We're getting into the swing of things.....as St. James Parish will be hosting the 2008 Golf Classic, sponsored by Roger's Sporting Goods on Friday, June 6th. Attached to the newsletter is the entry form along with detailed information regarding the St. James School Endowment Fund, which is strongly supported by the Golf Classic. Independent contributions may be made to the Golf Tournament. Please contact Jim Newell, 781-4343, ext. 204, to do so. Registration forms can also be downloaded from our school web-site. Sign up your team today!