



St. James School Weekly News

April 24, 2008

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, April 24th

Thursday, May 1st

Friday, May 2nd

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

May Crowning – 9:00 AM

Noon Dismissal – Professional Development Day

OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have received an envelope with incomplete registration papers from the school office, please fill out and return them to the school office as soon as possible. Remember that without all paperwork being completed and filed with the school office, your student is not registered for school next year. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

HOPE/D.R.E.A.M. cards are sold after each mass. A few willing volunteers are needed to sell cards for the Saturday Mass. The commitment would be for one mass per month, and the time would be approximately 15 to 20 minutes per session. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail Barbara Henry at behenry@kc.rr.com. Thank you!!

“TARGET”ING ST. JAMES

As our school is a participant in Target's "Take Charge of Education Program", we recently received a check for approximately \$800 from this program. Check amounts are based off of a portion of sales from shoppers registering at Target. To enroll for the program, individuals need to open a Target credit card account and assign our school as the designated recipient. By using the card, participants contribute 1% of their purchases to the school. If you do a great deal of shopping at Target, please take a look into this program that will benefit the school while you shop. Thank you.

PIZZA NIGHTS

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

LIFETOUCH PICTURES

In April we had Lifetouch Pictures take group classroom photos for our students. At that time, some students had their individual pictures taken also. Proofs for the individual photos have been sent home with students, but we have not received the group classroom photos back yet for distribution. We ask those individuals who had individual pictures taken to either turn in order forms with payment to the school office or return the unwanted photos to the school office. Thank you.

AROUND THE SCHOOL...

GOING TO TOWN DAYS

Many special thanks go out to the teachers, students, and families of 2nd grade students who completed "Going to Town Days" yesterday, Wednesday, April 23, 2008. The planning efforts of all paid off to create an enjoyable and creative learning opportunity. Kudos to one and all!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

Ticket sales for the Middle School Musical, Godspell, Jr., opened this past Monday. This year we will have two performances of the play and encourage people to buy early for planning purposes. Ticket order forms are available in the school office or on our website. Once the money and order form is received tickets will be sent home with the youngest child. Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards supporting the music program. (To provide for microphones, musicians' stipend, etc.)

As tickets are being sold to both performances, there will not be a free preview for the entire school as there has been in the past. Hence, there have been inquiries as to whether students can attend the matinee performance. Yes! If you are interested in taking your child to the matinee performance, please realize that tickets must be purchased. All students that have a ticket for the matinee must have an adult accompany them. Please be sure that you send a written note to your child's teacher informing them of your plans. Since Middle School students are a part of the production they will be attending both performances but no ticket is required.

MAY CROWNING

On Thursday, May 1st, we will be having May Crowning. The service will take place at 9:00 AM in the church and everyone is invited to join us. In honor of this day, we will have an out-of-uniform day for all students. We ask that students wear appropriate dress clothes, as we want to look our best for this special day. **NO JEANS PLEASE.** We also would like to have each student bring a fresh flower to place before our statue of the Blessed Mother. All grades are invited to recite the rosary at 8:40 AM before the service begins and each student will be given a rosary to do so.

NOON DISMISSAL

On Friday, May 2nd, school will be dismissed at **noon** as professional development training is scheduled for our teachers. There will be extended care for students from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM that day. If you will need extended care that afternoon please sign-up on the list started in the extended care sign-out book. **School lunch will not be served, and as such students need to bring a sack lunch from home for the extended time.**

We will still have a 9:00 AM children's mass that will be assigned to Mrs. William's 4th grade class.

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.

TALENT SHOW

The school talent show is scheduled for 1:15 PM on Thursday, May 29th, after our Field Day activities. Practice will be May 8th, from 3:15 PM to 5:00 PM.

LIBERTY4THFEST

Liberty4thFest was held for the first time last summer at Fountain Bluff Sports Complex here in Liberty to replace the traditional Liberty Fireworks Display. The festival not only celebrates our freedoms as Americans, but also is to highlight the Liberty community.

This year, the Liberty4thFest committee held a poster contest with Liberty area 4th and 5th grade students and one of our own is the winner!!! Congratulations to 4th grade student, Lexi Cox, for her Personal Best effort! Look for her poster around Liberty as the Liberty4thFest advertisements emerge.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

All students K—8th are busy this week creating long term projects and/or ceramic projects. Therefore, we do not have a particular student to congratulate for Artist of the Week at this time. I am very proud of all of the students' hard work on their current projects, which include the following: Kindergarten—Ceramic Tiles; First Grade—Pinch Pots; Second Grade—Blessing Cups; Third Grade—Coil Pots; Fourth Grade—Shaker Spheres; Fifth Grade—Bears/Whales; Sixth Grade—Egyptian Vases; Seventh Grade—Tint/Shade Paintings; and Eighth Grade—Ceramic Crosses. These projects show the LIFESKILL of patience, by taking time to create the projects, letting them dry and fire them in the kiln. Please be looking for your child's wonderful artwork, which will be coming home in a few weeks!!
Miss Biggs

SUMMER SCHOOL

St. Charles Barromeo Catholic School will once again hold summer school for Northland Catholic School students. Class will be held for kindergarten readiness (prek) through 8th grade. Class sizes are limited to 15 students per classroom. Summer school will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 9:00AM to 11:30 AM beginning Monday, June 16th to Thursday, July 17th. The charge for the class is \$180 per session. Enrollment fees are due by May 16, 2008. Enrollment forms can be obtained in the school office.

GET ON THE BRAIN TRAIN

Our school has the opportunity to bring a great after school music program to our students. The first step in determining whether it is beneficial to bring this program to St. James is to poll family interests. (Instructions on how the poll will be conducted follow.) Mrs. Barron has been meeting with a representative from the Midi for Kids program and is very excited about the possibility of offering this program. This would be for students from 1st—8th grade and you can choose keyboard (piano) or guitar. Go on the web site to read more about the program and what it offers to your students. We think you will be impressed. You might not be ready for lessons right now but your vote would help us become part of the program and be able to offer it for many years to come. We would appreciate your time in voting for the Midi for Kids program. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer that will lead you to the polling site. Please check out the flyer and go on the web site to enter your vote. Click on the schoolhouse and select a state, district (private MO) and school. As well as voting for the program, there is a comment box where you can state whether you would be interested in piano or guitar.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Our school has the opportunity
to apply for *MIDI for Kids*
After-School Music Programs!
*VOTE to bring this unique program to our
school!*

MIDI for Kids provides “BRAIN TRAINING” using *MUSIC* as the vehicle! Vote to bring “BRAIN TRAINING” to our school by going to www.midiforkids.com.

**Put your child on the “BRAIN TRAIN”
With MUSIC LESSONS from MIDI for KIDS!!**

- Music study encourages **higher level thinking skills**.
- Children studying music **score significantly higher on standardized tests**.
- Cross curricular connections with math and language **rewire your child’s brain for SUCCESS!**
- Music study develops the **cognitive thinking skills** and the ability to **organize thoughts and ideas into meaningful units**.

Five more reasons to bring MIDI for Kids to our school!

- Classes are on school premises with a MIDI for Kids certified teacher.
- Fun and exciting - Kids are motivated by other kids and fascinated with the “technology” side of music in small **KEYBOARD and/or GUITAR** classes using state-of-the-art MIDI equipment.
- Classes are 45 minutes long, once a week.
- Affordable Tuition and Materials- \$65 per month plus an annual enrollment and registration fee (payment plans available upon enrollment).
- Using MIDI technology, students learn to play by ear, improvise, and create in ensembles as well as read notation.

VOTE to bring “brain training” to your school at www.midiforkids.com.

In the upper left hand corner of the homepage, find *Click here to Register for Classes*. This will take you to *Find My School*. Select your *State, District, and School*, complete the information, and then press *Submit*.

Vote within the next 10 days!
(Number of VOTES determines interest and qualification for the program)