



# St. James School Weekly News

May 8, 2008

## **UPCOMING DATES**

Friday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	First Installment of 2008-2009 School Fees Due
Friday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Passing of the Torch – 9:00AM Mass
Wednesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	New Parent Meeting – 6:50 PM
Tuesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Volunteer Meeting – 6:50 PM
Friday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School – <b>NOON DISMISSAL</b>

## **STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

Thanks to all of the parents who helped with Staff Appreciation Week!! Words can not express our sincere gratitude and appreciation!!! The PTO activity committee did an excellent job planning and handling the event. Organizers include: Anissa Majers, Lorraine Buchanan, Anita Hinck, Mary Pat Lanning and Rachel Richardson. They managed a team of ready volunteers and they wanted to thank the following individuals who contributed items or their time to make the week a success. Those individuals are listed below:

Dawn Floyd, Julie Presko, Kim Klosak, Diane Pletcher, Kellie Weimer, Debbie Eberth, Dyan Mojica, Jennifer Janning, Cristen Mendez, Debbie Bednar, Lisa Essig, Andrea Gomez, Pam Finn, Christine Bohr, Melanie Martin, Shaun Sauer, Misty Trinidad, Trish Griffey, Kathleen Ervie, Laurie McGuire, Martha Duffin, Amy Stute (parishioner), Lisa Nelson, Janet Zackert, Katie Cox, Robin Thomas, Lura McClenney, Jennifer LaBella, Robin Huber, Lisa Murphy, Kim Griffin, Lori Burns, Amie Tamburelli, Jane Reardon, Dianna Maggio, Joan Hussey, Shellie Kemna, Rita & Chris Lawson, Angel Yanez, Bridget Diederich, Shelly & Scott DeMayo, Deb Carey, Mary Sattler, Shavonne Danner, Tiffany Crockett, Marjorie Grothaus, Nikki Power, Peggy Jones, and so many more we cannot mention them all. We appreciate it!!!

## **THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS**

The Middle School students did a wonderful job presenting "Godspell, Jr.". We are so proud of the result and all the effort exerted by the actors, singers, musicians, crew members, and all organizers, who combined their efforts to produce a fabulous production. We also want to commend our music teacher, Cathy Barron, with this latest performance that showcases the talents of our students as they are allowed to undertake more ambitious music projects with each subsequent play under her direction. BRAVO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## **KINDERGARTEN SHADOW DAY**

The students, enrolled for next year's Kindergarten classes, spent the morning touring the school and meeting the Kindergarten staff. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped greet our guests and make the shadow experience successful.

### **SCHOOL REGISTRATION FEES**

As part of school registration, each family pays \$276 per student in school fees. If you did not pay these fees in their entirety at enrollment, you then split the amount into three equal installments to be paid later. The first installment of \$92 is due **Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. Future installments are due August 8<sup>th</sup>, and October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **DRESS CODE**

Our Diocesan School Office has a new guideline with regards to our dress code for the girls. The length of the girls' skirts needs to be at the knee. This new information is important, as you are getting ready to order uniforms for next school year. This policy will go into effect for the 2008-2009 school year. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Doherty. Thank you.

### **LIFETOUCH PICTURES**

Lifetouch Photography recently took group classroom photos of each class. We received those group photos back and if you would like to purchase your child's classroom photo, please send in your request to the school office. Pictures will be \$2.00 each and we ask that you send your money into the school office with a note indicating the student's name and teacher. Once orders are received with payment, photos will be sent home with your student.

### **SCHOOL BOARD OPENING**

The St. James School Board has two (2) open positions effective for 2008/2009 school year. Please prayerfully consider this important ministry. If you would like to submit your name as a candidate, call Mary Shea, School Board Member, at (816) 547-1089. Candidates serve on the board for a three-year term. Please have submissions turned in by Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Mark your calendars for the volunteer meeting to staff our volunteer positions for the upcoming school year. If you would be interested in seeking a position to learn more about volunteer openings, we urge you to attend the PTO Volunteer Meeting, Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, to sign-up. We hope that by beginning the process of finding volunteers prior to the back to school social or the parent information night, we can be a step ahead in the planning process for next year. The attached flyer will give more information about the meeting.

### **UNIFORM TRY-ON DAYS**

On Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

### **CAFÉ NEWS**

All families please check your child's lunch account ASAP. We are nearing the end of the school year and all negative lunch accounts must be paid in full. Please remember that a cheese sandwich will be served to any child with a negative lunch account balance. Positive account balances will be carried forward if your child is returning next school year. No refunds will be given unless your child does not return to St. James in the fall of 2008. Be aware that your child's grade card will be held if your child's account is in the negative. For those families who are returning for the next school year, we are continually looking at ways to improve school lunches.

### **EUCCHARISTIC FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE**

We invite you to attend the Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade that is scheduled for Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM at Kauffman Stadium. Flyers about the event were sent home with the students this week. Further information can be obtained at [www.eucharisticfamilyrosary.com](http://www.eucharisticfamilyrosary.com).

### **TALENT SHOW**

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

### **ATHLETIC NEWS**

On Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, after school Mrs. Compton and Mr. Campos will be holding a brief track meeting in which they will be collecting track uniforms. Turn in your uniforms and receive a treat!!! Parents may pick up their child that day at 3:30 PM.

We had a wonderful season and want to congratulate Lexie Oak, who broke the KCPL City record in the 100M Dash this season!! We also recognize the following athletes who placed at the City Track Meet.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tim Hannah - Mile
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tim Hannah- 800, Lexie Oak-100M, Bailey Thomas-High Jump
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Charlie Parrish- Mile & 800M, Emma Mallott-Softball Throw
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: 7-8 Girls 4x100 relay (H. Knapp, L. Oak, S. Walters, M. Carmichael)  
Olivia Jackson-High Jump, Krista Campos-Shotput, Lexi Oak-400M
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Austin Hinck-High Jump, Anna Koesterer-Shotput, Krista Campos-Discus
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place: 7-8 boys 4x100 Relay (M. Kim, B. Presko, T. Hannah, J. Hamerle)  
5-6 girls 4x100 Relay (O. Jackson, K Ross, H. Miller, N. Salazar)  
Lance Boehm-Softball Throw, Bryce Presko-60M
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls

### **MUSIC NEWS**

We have sent out information about an afterschool music program called “MIDI for Kids” that may be implemented at our school next Fall if we get enough yes votes to do so. To vote for the program you need to log on to the MIDI website which is located at [https://www.midiforkids.com/src/mfk\\_home.php](https://www.midiforkids.com/src/mfk_home.php). So far we have received 19 affirmative votes on-line, but more yes votes will be needed to initiate the program in our school. Remember that when you vote, you are not enrolling your child in lessons on-line, you are just expressing your interest in having the program offered here at school. Also note, that if the afterschool program is adopted, the electronic keyboards and guitars that will be needed for the lessons would be available to use during music classes.

### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of school for the 2007-2008 school year. We will be dismissing school at **noon** with **no extended care or lunch offered** that day. Final report cards will be issued that day also to students. However, if you have outstanding balances on any account we will need to hold the student’s report card in the school office until the amounts owed are paid. Thank you in advance for your helping us clear accounts for this school year.



# WANTED: VOLUNTEERS!

You are invited to our next PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:50PM in the Social Hall. Current PTO officers and members will be discussing volunteer opportunities for the 2008-2009 school year. New and current parents will become more familiar with ways they can contribute, in addition to being able to sign-up for areas they are interested in. Babysitting will be provided. Call the school office at 781-4428 by Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, to make your reservation.

