



*Growing Together:
Faith, Family and Friends*

St. James Catholic School Weekly News

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UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, August 26th

6:50 PM ~ PTO Meeting

Parent Information Night ~ Social Hall
NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Friday, August 27th

9:00 AM ~ School Mass - 8th Grade

Wednesday, September 1st

1:15 PM ~ STUCO Speeches

Thursday, September 2nd

7:00 PM ~ John Halligan Bullying Program
for Parents at St. Therese, Parkville, MO

Friday, September 3rd

9:00 AM ~ School Mass - 7th Grade

STUCO Elections

12:00 ~ Dismissal

NO EXTENDED CARE

**For information on the School Calendar
and Lunch Menu please be sure to check
the school website.**

Strategic Plan for Catholic Schools

Our diocese has journeyed toward a *Strategic Plan for Catholic Schools* for over the past two years. The diocese has contracted with national consultants and worked with hundreds of local Catholics to define our problems and discern solutions. In its entirety this plan truly reflects stewardship. In its simplest form stewardship is a way of life that involves recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and we must be grateful to God for the gifts we have. We show our gratitude to God by giving back a portion of our time, talent, and treasure. We are here to do God's work on earth and God has blessed us uniquely and specifically so that we can help with His work on earth.

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Our vision is for our schools to be distinctly Catholic, academically excellent, and fiscally stable. A special report on the *Strategic Plan for Catholic Schools* will wrap The Catholic Key on the September 10th issue. Our school meeting for parents will be held on Thursday, September 30th at 6:50 PM in the social hall. We would like at least one parent from each family to attend this informational meeting to hear the plan that will be in place for the 2011-2012 school year. Please R.S.V.P. to Vicki Fischer in the school office at 781-4428, ext. 211.

JOHN HALLIGAN BULLYING PROGRAM

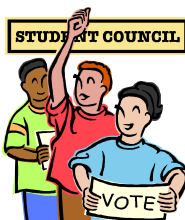
We are very excited to have John Halligan present to our students, staff and parents of Northland Catholic Schools on Thursday, September 2nd and Friday, September 3rd. Please join John Halligan as he shares his personal experiences and speaks out in the fight against bullying. We want every parent to come and hear this informative session so you can be supportive of providing a bully free environment for all of our students. For more details on Mr. Halligan please visit his website: <http://www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org/>.

Please see below for meeting dates and times.

- September 2nd – 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM for 5th/6th grade, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM for 7th/8th grade at St. Pius X High School.
- September 2nd – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM is the parent night at St. Therese Church. (please stop by the St. James table before the program begins and receive a tickets, so your student may be out of uniform the next day.)
- September 3rd - High school presentation in the morning St. Pius X High School
- September 3rd - Teacher workshop 1:15 PM - 3:15 PM at St. Patrick's School

STUDENT COUNCIL

STUCO speeches will be held on Wednesday, September 1st, at 1:15 PM. Speeches must be turned in to Mrs. Chavez by Tuesday, August 31st, for approval. Good luck to all the students who are participating in this year's Student Council! We are excited to have a great year!



DENTAL SCREENING

The Dental Hygienist from Clay County Public Health Center will be conducting dental screenings for K-8th grade students on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. The screening will include a visual inspection of your child's teeth and oral tissue.



A note should be sent to school if you **do not** want your child screened. There is no fee for this service. This is a screening only, not a complete exam. A note will be coming home today from CCPHC explaining the screening.

Café News

Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking for an opportunity to help at St. James? Please volunteer to serve in the café. The hours are 10:50 AM to 1:00 PM, and you can work as little or as much as you would like. By doing so, you may enjoy a free lunch with your child the day you volunteer. In addition to your free lunch, your child (children) will be given a credit for the amount of days you volunteer. We hope you will consider this as all extra hands are a blessing to the staff. To sign up, please contact Sherri in the café at 781-4428 ext. 217.



Café Deposit Slips

Just a reminder, we now have deposit slips available on line (or in the office) for all deposits made to the café. This speeds up our book keeping process and helps us keep an accurate account. Please submit the deposit slips with your check or cash. We are still taking names for those families that would like to establish automatic withdrawal for your convenience. If you would like further information, please contact the café.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

The St. James play ground is in need of some TLC! We are looking for volunteers to come help with mulch/back filling and other jobs. This is a great opportunity to help maintain our playground and enjoy the weather! If you would like to help out please contact Steve Boos at 816-289-7131 or cathi.boos@homeinstead.com.

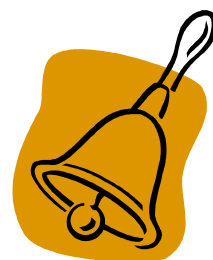


MUSIC NEWS

Mrs. Barron is starting a handbell/ tonechime choir for 4th-8th graders. Practice will be on Tuesdays after school until 4:15 PM. We will begin on Tuesday, September 7th. Students will meet Mrs. Barron in the concession area right after school and practice will be in the church. If your child is interested please have them contact Mrs. Barron.

The following practice

dates are: Tuesday, September 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Tuesday, October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. Tuesday, November 2nd, 9th, and 30th. Tuesday, December 7th, and 14th. Tuesday, January 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. Tuesday, February 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Tuesday, March 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th. Tuesday, April 12th, 19th, and 26th. Tuesday, May 3rd, and 10th.



The performances as of right now will

be: Friday, October 8th, Grandparents Day Mass 9:00 AM, Monday, November 1st, All Saints Day Mass 9:00 AM, Saturday, January 29th, Catholic Schools Week Mass at 5:00 PM, A possible trip during Catholic Schools Week to play for the residents of Our Lady of Mercy, The Passion Play on Thursday, April 21st, at 10:00 AM, and Friday, May 13th, 7:00 PM Graduation Mass.

St. James Ministries Fair

Where: St. James Social Hall and School Hallways

When: Saturday, August 29th, after the 5:00 PM Mass, and Sunday, August 30th, after the 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, and 11:00 AM Masses.

Why: To enlighten you about the many wonderful ministries at St. James and to invite you to explore the possibility to find a ministry that is right for you.

Bonus: The Knights of Columbus are serving breakfast on Sunday, so come socialize, eat, and be enlightened.

What would St. James Do with Half a Million Dollars?

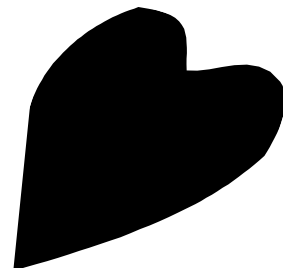
To vote for St. James School

In order to participate in the Kohl's Cares For Kids, you must be a member of Facebook.

- ◆ Go to www.facebook/kohls.com
- ◆ Search School: St. James School (Clay) Liberty, MO
- ◆ Click on the allow button. (This will only allow Kohl's to access information for gaming purposes.)
- ◆ From this point you will be able to vote five times for St. James School.
- ◆ When finished voting please click on the share button and send this to all your facebook friends!

**We need each St. James
Family to gather 50 votes
to make
it to the top 20!**

Together we can!





Auction/Bazaar NEWS



Don't forget to go online or stop by the office and order an auction/bazaar t-shirt!

St. James School Auction
Saturday, November 6th, 2010
6:00 PM

Calling all drivers! St. James is shifting into high gear and we could use some more Pit Chiefs. Please call Jennifer Janning at 816-415-3983 or Olga Zavala at 816-260-1049 if you would like to join the team. We are looking for the following:

Daytona Pit Chief - (Super Silent)
Taladega Pit Chief - (Toys & Gifts)
Bristol Pit Chief - (Sports Memorabilia, Outdoor Hobbies)
Grab Bag Pit Chief
Solicitor Pit Chief
Advertiser Pit Chief

For more information regarding what each job entails please visit our website or contact Jennifer Janning.

Our meetings are at 6:30 PM in a middle school classroom. Following are our meeting dates:

September 8th
September 22nd
October 6th
October 20th
November 3rd



St. James Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 20th, 2010
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

We are so excited to begin our planning for this year's Holiday Bazaar! We have invited a new guest this year so be on the look-out! Below is some information on the Bazaar. Please feel free to contact Vicki Fischer in the school office at 816-781-4428 ext. 211 if you have any questions.

NEEDS

Do you have a special skill or make Creative Crafts? Well if you do, sign-up to be a vendor! Please check out the school website for Booth Renter details or call the school office at 816-781-4428 ext. 211.



SMALL MALL ITEMS

We are in NEED of items for our Small Mall. These items should be around a \$1.00, and come in groups of 10 or more. Items donated will count as part of your family donations. Following are some examples:

- Candles
- Dish towels/Hand Towels
- Coloring books/Large Fat Pencils
- Nail polish
- Gloves and hats - especially for boys/men
- Angels/Snow Globes
- Notepads
- Cookie Cutters
- Finger nail clippers
- Flash lights (Small)
- Tool kits