



# St. James School Weekly News

October 4, 2007

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## **UPCOMING DATES**

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

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Out of Uniform Day (Details Below)

## **AUCTION ITEMS DUE**

School Board Meeting – 6:00 PM

PTO Meeting – 6:50 PM – Social Hall

First Quarter Ends

3<sup>rd</sup> Installment of School Fees due

## **FIRST QUARTER ENDING**

Our first quarter ends Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, and grades will be sent out with the report cards that will be issued Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Remember that in order for your child to receive their report card **all school accounts** need to be paid which includes lunch, extended care, morning care and fee amounts owed.

## **INSTALLMENT FEES DUE**

On Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, the third installment of registration fees is due. Installments equal \$88 per student, and payment can be remitted to the school office.

## **OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TO SUPPORT CANCER RESEARCH**

Students who bring in a monetary donation in support of cancer research will earn the privilege of being out of uniform all day on **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. All donations will be sent directly to Mayo Clinic's Cancer Drive, as a way to recognize that October has been designated as cancer awareness month. Make checks payable to Mayo Clinic with Cancer Research in the memo. Through research and prayerful support to patients and their families suffering from this disease, we hope to lessen their burden. Thank you for your support.

## **PTO MEETING**

On **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, there is a PTO meeting scheduled for 6:50 PM in the Social Hall. Attachments to this newsletter include the agenda for the PTO meeting, minutes from the last PTO meeting for your review, as well as proposed revisions to our bylaws. We will have babysitting available for the meeting and ask that you call the school office by 9:00 AM on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> with the name and ages of the children who will be in need of this service. This will help determine how many rooms and babysitters we need that evening.

## **CICI'S PIZZA**

Thanks to all of you who attended the latest pizza night at CiCi's Pizza. As a result of your visit, we earned \$237 for the school. Congratulations to Mrs. Cissell's Kindergarten

class who had the most students in attendance that evening and will earn a pizza party compliments of CiCi's.

### **SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES**

On **Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**, we have scheduled picture retakes for those who were absent or want a photo retaken. If your child is having a retake, please have them bring the original photos to the photographer on Monday.

We also have another tentative day scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday preschool or pre-k students who would not normally be at school on Monday. If you need to have your picture retaken on the October 25<sup>th</sup> date, please inform the school office to indicate whether or not we need the photographer to return for the second retake day.

### **HONORING OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

A reminder to our school families, on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, there will be a Eucharistic Adoration and Global Living Rosary event held at St. Therese Parish in Parkville. This is one of the events planned to bring awareness of praying the rosary and spread the message of world peace as symbolized by Our Lady of Fatima.

### **ATHLETIC NEWS**

**Upcoming deadlines - basketball registration ends Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**, and we need to have your payment, permission to play, and registration forms turned in by that date in order for your child to play basketball. Registration forms are available on the school website or in the school office.

### **ARTIST OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Katie Ross who was named Artist of the Week for her project entitled "Tint and Shade". Katie and her classmates were asked to complete an assignment that would demonstrate how to gradually change a colored object to show the various tints and shades of their chosen color. Katie chose a cross as her object and enlarged it as she went across the paper to fill the space of the page while changing the tint and shade of the object. Perfect painting, Katie!!!

### **PENNY CARNIVAL**

Back by popular demand...the Middle School is in the planning stages for the Penny Carnival that will take place on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Carnival will take the place of having individual Halloween parties for students in the Preschool through fifth grade classrooms. We will be asking families to donate items needed for the carnival and those items can be sent to Mrs. Compton's homeroom by October 25<sup>th</sup> for planning purposes. If you have any questions or comments on what you can bring please e-mail Mrs. Compton at [cynthia.compton@stjames-school.org](mailto:cynthia.compton@stjames-school.org). The items that we need to obtain are as follows:

Popcorn

Chips

Carnival Prizes  
Candy

Small cans or Liters of Soda  
Gatorade/Lemonade

Cupcakes  
Vanilla Ice Cream  
Assorted Cookies (No Peanut Butter Cookies please)

Plain Sugar Cookies

### **FREEDOM HOUSE**

See the attached flyer for the Open House that is scheduled for Freedom House of Liberty on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM - 4:00 PM. All are welcome to stop by and see the new building!!!

### **AUCTION NEWS**

#### Auction Dates to Remember

Auction 2-007 is **Saturday, November 3, 2007**, which is a little over **FOUR** weeks away! Check the Auction page on the school web site for detailed information, and don't hesitate to send your questions to [auktion@stjames-school.org](mailto:auktion@stjames-school.org) Also note that:

- **Tomorrow, Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - all auction items are due**
- **Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – all reservations for tickets/seating are due**

#### Reservations Needed

Due to Diocesan Event Insurance and Liberty Fire Code Provisions, we are required to provide an attendance count for all events open to the public. Therefore, **reservations are needed to attend the auction or to reserve table seating in the Live Auction section.** Admission to the auction is \$20.07 per person, and the price includes admission, buffet, and a drink coupon for the purchaser. Reserving a table costs \$207, and the price includes admission, buffet, and a drink tickets for (four) people. Please remit payment to the school office as soon as possible as the deadline for reservations is **October 24, 2007**. Reservation forms can also be turned in at the October 9<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting or at the Auction Area that will be staffed before and after Masses to take reservation forms, sell raffle tickets, etc.

#### Operation MoneyPenny

Remember collection for Operation MoneyPenny ends **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**, when we will compile the results of this auction fund drive. We are excited to announce that the prize for the grade raising the most money will be a classroom lunch, plus an afternoon movie with snacks.

#### Pre-Auction Positions Available

There are a few new Pre-Auction volunteer opportunities available, that consists of: manning the auction area in the narthex before and after Masses, delivering auction posters to local businesses, or transporting auction items to the school on set-up day. If you still need to sign-up for auction volunteer hours and can help with these assignments please contact Shellie Kemna at (816)734-5983.

### Gift Gathering Parties

What a good idea....The gift gathering parties that were hosted for the auction this year were a hit and we will continue to have them as part of the auction process in the future. We want to thank all of you who participated in those events and made them a great way to collect merchandise for the auction while providing an opportunity to gather with fellow St. James families and friends of our school.

### Live Auction Update

Please look at the attached Live Auction flyer that highlights some of the exciting items that auction attendees can purchase during the Live Auction portion of the events planned for our Auction 2-007 fundraiser. Hope to see you there!!!!

### MUSIC NEWS

Choir practice starts Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 AM in the church. Handbell Choir begins Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 PM. Students in this group are asked to congregate in the entrance area of the school, to allow Mrs. Barron time to come in from parking lot duty and begin practice.

Parts have been assigned for the upcoming musical “Go Fish” that will be performed by our kindergarten, first, and second grade students. Children with speaking parts should have a copy of the script and a letter of acceptance/refusal that needs to be signed by a parent and returned to the school office by **Friday, October 5th**. If you do not have internet access, please give Mrs. Barron a call at 781-4428, ext. 216, and leave her a message on her voicemail to let her know if you need an additional paper copy to send home with your child.

Each class has specific costumes based on their characters: kindergartners are either Crabs or Red Snappers and your teacher will be letting the students know what part they will play. The kindergarten teachers are working on how to make the headdress for the crabs so wait until they finalize plans before starting a costume. In addition, a few of our kindergartners will also have to have a costume for being part of the eel.

All first grade students will be sea horses and there will be four first graders who also need to have a costume to be a sword fish. The majority of second grade students will be clown fish. A few of the clown fish will have speaking parts. Costume information will be detailed out, under the music news section on the school website.

### ART NEWS

Creativity is flowing in the Art room at St. James School! First through eighth grade students are starting off the year by designing the cover of their own sketchbooks. Soon we will begin making more in-depth projects and an overview of those projects may be found on our school website under the Art section. All students will be working with a variety of media, learning key concepts, and the elements/principles of design.

The biggest change this school year is for our Middle School students, who will alternate quarterly between art and other special classes such as computer during that time period. I am very excited to get the year started with your children and invite you to stop by our Art room or look in the hallways to see the work done by our talented group of budding artists!!!! Miss Biggs

**YOU ARE INVITED**

Take it easy & let us prepare your Sunday dinner! A spaghetti dinner, sponsored by Tri-County Ladies Auxiliary for Knights of Columbus 3414, will be held at the Knights Hall at 3401 N. Kensington, behind Happy Rock Park in Gladstone on Sun., Oct. 14th. A social hour at 4:00PM will be followed by dinner, served at 5:00 PM. The menu consists of spaghetti & meat balls, salad, bread, dessert, and drink, all for \$10. No special price for children, but you may ask for a second plate to split a meal. All proceeds will be donated to charity. Please call (816)436-4730 for reservations by Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.