



St. James Catholic School

Weekly News

Growing Together:
Faith, Family and Friends

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October 6, 2011

Dates to remember

Friday, October 7th
NO SCHOOL

Professional Development Day

Monday, October 10th

9:00 AM ~ 7th grade study trip to
Renaissance Festival

9:30 AM ~ 8th grade study trip to
Folly Theatre

1:00 PM ~ Praise & Worship Assembly
Grades 2nd-8th
3:15 PM ~ MIDI

Tuesday, October 11th

9:20 AM ~ Kindergarten study trip to
Shatto Dairy Farm

9:40 PM ~ 3rd grade study trip to
Historic Liberty Square
3:15 PM ~ Chess Club
4:00 PM ~ Band

Thursday, October 13th

3:00 PM-4:00 PM ~ STUCO Meeting –
Library
3:15 PM ~ MIDI
4:00 PM ~ Band

**For information on the School Calendar or
Lunch Menu check the school website.**

TRASH BAGS

The office is now selling orange pumpkin trash bags! This is an inexpensive and fun way to hide those fall leaves and decorate your yard! They are only \$1.00 per bag. We also have the white and yellow rolls of bags for \$9.00 a roll. These can be purchased in the school office.



SMART POINTS

Hy-Vee, Procter & Gamble and Sara Lee have partnered up to provide at least 200 SMART Board™ interactive whiteboards to local schools like ours. SMART Board's engage students in exciting new ways, inspiring a higher education within a more creative environment.



Plus, this year the participants with the most points earned from winning schools will win an iPad tablet, 16GB with Wi-Fi (Black), for a child attending the winning school. The approximate Retail Value ("ARV") of each iPad tablet prize is \$500.

This program began on October 1st and ends on December 30th, 2011. At Hy-Vee you can earn "SMART Points" when you purchase Procter & Gamble and Sara Lee products. Just find the promotional code printed on the separate receipt and visit www.hy-veesmartpoints.com. From there, select St. James School. Please be sure to share these details with your family and friends. We are competing with local schools in our area. St. James won a SMART Board last year thanks to your support! It was a savings of \$1,500! Good Luck!

GREAT JOB DO-DADS!

A huge thank you to all of our Do-Dads for the unbelievable amount of work they accomplished on our school playground this past weekend. Several Do-Dads, coordinated by Nathan Shay, and equipment and labor provided by Tim Cates and Collins and Herman, worked extremely hard to fix a reoccurring drainage problem. In the past, when it rained, students were unable to play on the playground for several days because of large, standing puddles. Many hands worked together to dig, remove the edging and the tire shreds, make repairs, install new drainage, add gravel, skim the hill, replace edging, and replace dirt and tire shreds.

Our students will now enjoy their beautiful playground once again. Rain or shine! THANK YOU to ALL the dads for a job well done!!!



Art News

Coming your way soon...All St. James students in Preschool-8th grade are currently designing a picture for the front of a set of greeting cards. The beautiful cards may be purchased by family and friends. The theme of the artwork is winter or Christmas. You can use the beautiful cards on Christmas presents and/or send out as your own Holiday cards! Student's artwork will be sent home for you to view in mid-October and orders may be placed. The students are working very hard and our goal is to have the cards finished and delivered to you around Thanksgiving time. All proceeds will be used by the PTO to offset the cost of purchasing clay/ceramic projects for art classes. Please watch for more information in the next few weeks!



PENNY CARNIVAL

On Friday, October 28th, the school will celebrate Halloween with our middle school students providing our annual Penny Carnival! The Carnival will be held during the school day, and in lieu of individual classroom parties, each class will be participating. Please contact your homeroom parent, or teacher to sign-up to be a parent helper. We will also be asking for donations from the school families to help make this event a success. We would like each family to bring a bag of candy in addition to the following donations:



Pre-School & Pre-Kindergarten: Pretzels or Goldfish

Kindergarten: "Popped" Popcorn & Individual Fruit Snacks

1st Grade: Any kind of Cookies

2nd Grade: Cupcakes

3rd Grade: Brownies

4th Grade Ms. Jones: Pack of Juice Boxes

4th Grade Mrs. Parrish: 1/2 gallon of Vanilla Ice Cream

5th Grade: Water, 6 pack of small soda cans

Thank you so much for the donations and help. We can't wait for our 2011 Penny Carnival! If you have questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Compton at Cynthia.compton@stjames-school.org.

Spirit Day!

On Friday, October 21st, we will be showing our SPIRIT at St. James! This will be a St. Pius X or St. James Spirit wear day! So wear your blue and gold or blue and white or even your football or volleyball jersey! To be out-of-uniform all students are asked to bring a donation. All Northland Catholic Schools will be hosting an out-of-uniform day and proceeds will benefit the Catholic schools in Joplin that were affected by the tornado last spring. Thank you in advance for your support.



ATHLETIC NEWS

It's time for basketball registration! Online registration for 2nd-8th grade girls & boys basketball began Saturday, October 1st and runs through Thursday, October 27th. The cost to participate is \$70.00. Please logon to the St. James website, sports link, to access registration.



The Parochial League of Kansas City is requiring a new procedure with the online registration process. One parent from each family **MUST** attend the Parent Like A Champion Today (Sports As Ministry) training. All coaches must attend Play Like A Champion (Coaching as Ministry). When a parent registers their child for basketball they will be asked if they have attended the training. If not, they will be required to register for a PLC training before they will be allowed to register their child/children. This new process will pertain to all sports. The \$10.00 training cost per family has been waived due to an anonymous donor.

Students in 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade participate in league play held at St. Pius High X School. Students in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade, girls and boys, participate in the Kansas City Parochial League. Games are held at various diocesan schools throughout the metro area. Both leagues begin play on Saturday, January 7th, 2012.

St James' coaches will meet in the middle of November to determine practice nights and times for all levels. Individual coaches will be responsible for contacting participants with practice information. Questions? Please contact Alicia Brown at aliciapetteybrown@kc.rr.com or Cindy Compton at cynthia.compton@stjames-school.org.

Give It A Shot!!! Second grade girls & sixth grade girls need a coach. Please contact Alicia Brown if interested, for additional information.

Zumba At St. James!

Casa De Fitness brings you the hottest fitness workout...Zumba to St. James! Zumba is a 60-minute aerobic-dance program featuring a variety of rhythms from all over Latin America. You'll get a taste of everything-merengue, salsa, flamenco, samba, tango, reggae, cumbia, calypso, cha cha, belly dancing, and more! Move, Sweat, Laugh & Groove!



What are the benefits? It's fun, it burns approximately 600 calories per hour, and it's a great cardiovascular exercise with moderate impact and a great way to relieve stress. The Zumba classes are in 8 consecutive week sessions beginning on Tuesday, October 25th. They will be the following 8 Tuesdays from 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM in the social hall. The cost is \$40.00 per person. This comes out to be only \$5.00 a class.

If you would like to join the St. James Zumba Class please call the school office by Monday, October 17th to reserve your spot. For more information about Zumba and/or studio locations please call Michele Brancato at 816-694-8939.

100% of Catholic School 8th Graders Plan to Switch Schools Next Year but Don't Know Where to Go Now You Know: Open Houses Set for October 30th

Even though students just got back to school, Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph will be open on Sunday, October 30th. The event allows future students and parents to explore options of attending a Catholic high school.

Guests can tour facilities and meet teachers, students and administrators at:

- Archbishop O'Hara, 9001 James A. Reed Road, in Kansas City - 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM
- Bishop LeBlond, 3529 Frederick, in St. Joseph - 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM
- Cristo Rey of Kansas City, 211 W. Linwood, in Kansas City – Noon – 2:00 PM
- Notre Dame de Sion, 10631 Wornall Road, in Kansas City – 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM
- Rockhurst, 9301 State Line Road, in Kansas City – 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM
- St. Mary, 622 North Main, in Independence – 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM
- St. Pius X, 1500 NE 42nd Terrace, in Kansas City – 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM
- St. Teresa's Academy, 5600 Main, in Kansas City – 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM

“For many parents, the primary question is: ‘Why should I send my child to a Catholic high school?’” said Dr. Daniel Peters, superintendent of schools. “Among the most compelling facts is that 99% of last year’s graduates are now enrolled in college or university,” he said.

Tracking confirms that 99.9% of the Class of 2011 met all academic requirements and received diplomas. At 24.8, Catholic high school students’ college entrance examination scores track well-above the state average of 21.6. Numerous dual enrollment and Advanced Placement courses allowed 67% of the class to achieve college credit as high school students.

“We believe that our Catholic schools – from early childhood to high school – offer students an environment that helps them become competent, independent and productive members of their communities,” said Dr. Peters

Last fall, more than 5,000 people attended an open house. All schools are accredited and offer college preparatory curricula, extra-curricular activities and sports.



“Start Spreading The News” I ♥ St. James !



AUCTION TO DO LIST

***Sign-up for volunteer hours:** Each St. James family is required to volunteer two hours. This can be during pre-auction planning, auction night or post-auction clean-up. Please go to the web-site to sign-up today! Just click on the Auction 2011 tab and click on volunteer.

***Purchase Tickets:** Each St. James family is required to purchase two tickets to the auction. This includes all parents working the night of the auction. Please contact Vicki Fischer in the school office with questions.

***Reserve a babysitter:** To attend any of the following auction events you must be over 21 years of age. This includes Thursday’s Do-Dad’s Night, Friday set-up, Saturday auction night, and Sunday clean-up. Since none of these times are available for student service hours, we will be offering hours for those students that help with our thank you notes after the auction. Look for the time and date in future newsletters.

***Purchase a VIP Raffle Ticket:** At the start of the Live Auction, one lucky winner will have the choice of a Live Auction item! (The VIP Raffle Giveaway does not include the New York..New York Trip.) Raffle Tickets are now on sale! Tickets are \$50.00 each. There is no limit. Please stop by the school office to purchase one! Good Luck!

***GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN!**

WE FILLED THE TANK!

~Together We Did ~

Congratulations to all of our students for filling the tank. The students have earned the week of the auction out-of-uniform, beginning October 31st through Thursday, November 4th! Since Monday is Halloween, what a great way to start our week by wearing your black and orange!

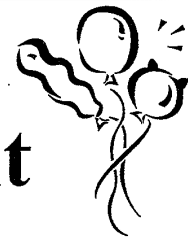


The tank will be auctioned off at this year’s school auction for one lucky winner to cash in!

Autism Works

Open House Family Event

October 8th Saturday 2 ~ 5 p.m.



A Family
Connection On The
Spectrum



Autism Works
915 East H Highway
Liberty MO 64068

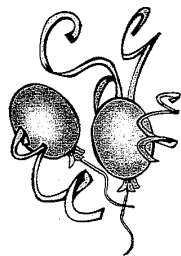
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- Refreshments
- Resource Information

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