



St. James Catholic School Weekly News

Growing Together: Faith, Family and Friends

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Dates to remember:

Friday, October 14th

9:00 AM ~ All School Mass-7B
Grandparent's Day Celebration

Monday, October 17th

3:15 PM ~ MIDI

Tuesday, October 18th

3:15 PM ~ Chess Club
4:00 PM ~ Band

Thursday, October 20th

8:00 AM ~ 8th grade retreat to

Conception Abby

8:50 AM ~ 2nd grade study trip to

Liberty Symphony

11:30 AM ~ 5th grade study trip to Liberty

Water Plant

3:15 PM ~ MIDI

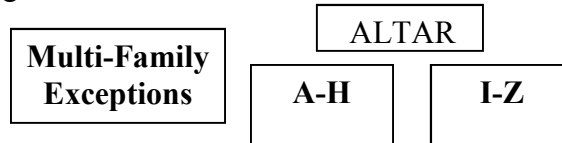
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**For information on the School Calendar or
Lunch Menu check the school website.**

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Grandparent's Day is this Friday, October 14th. If you have not yet returned the RSVP, please let the office know ASAP. We are planning according to the numbers received. The fun-filled morning will begin for students in preschool, pre-k and kindergarten at 8:15 AM. Their grandparent celebration will end at 9:00 AM so that those grandparents who will be attending Mass may proceed to the church in order to meet older siblings. (Preschool, pre-k and kindergarten classes will not attend Mass.) As grandparents or guests arrive at church, they will be assigned a section based on the grandchild's LAST name. Children will meet them in church before Mass begins. Please see the seating chart below and make note of the section for Multi-Family Exceptions.

After Mass, grandparents will visit classrooms 1st—8th grade for refreshments and visits. These visits will conclude at 11:00 AM. Children that have permission from a parent will be allowed to leave with their grandparents. They must sign out with their homeroom teacher.



We look forward to this wonderful event!

SMART POINTS

Hy-Vee, Proctor & Gamble and Sara Lee have partnered up to provide at least 200 SMART Board™ interactive whiteboards to local schools like ours. SMART Boards 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 Proctor & 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! Below is a list of just some of the Proctor and Gamble products:

Bounce Cheer Dawn Joy Swiffer Tide Puffs
Pringles Vicks Zest Pantene Scope Cascade Febreze

For a list of more Proctor and Gamble products please visit www.hyvee.com.



REPORT CARDS

Our first quarter will end tomorrow, Friday, October 14th. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, October 21st. Please remember that in order for your child/ren to receive a report card all school accounts need to be paid. This includes: Café, morning care, extended care, tuition, and school fees. If your student does not receive a report card please contact the school office.

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 for St. James students, in lieu of individual classroom parties, so each class is able to participate. 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.



Art News

Be on the look out... the "Christmas/Winter Card" projects are coming home! All St. James students in preschool-8th grade will be bringing home their special art project this week. They have designed the front cover of the cards that may be purchased by family and friends! This is an optional fundraiser and we hope you enjoy these products! Please your make payment by check to: Mountain Color.



All orders must be returned to school by Tuesday, October 18th. Orders will be delivered close to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The PTO and Ms. Biggs 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 X High 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.

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 St. James 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 in October or November and proceeds will benefit Bright Future's Fund and the Catholic schools in Joplin that were affected by the tornado last spring. Thank you in advance for your support.



9/27/11 Blood Drive Results

We had an awesome turnout at the last blood drive at St. James. There were 128 registered donors and the Community Blood Center staff collected 119 units of blood. We had 12 first-time donors.



What made the difference? We also had a special group of children who participated in this drive.....St. James students! Students in Kindergarten-4th grade were given "Hero" coupons and were asked to pass them out to friends and family and encourage them to donate blood in their place. The following student "Heroes" deserve a round of applause:

Kayden Apple, Alex Bigler, Anders Brown, Gracie, Leo and Danny Burns, Madison Carey, Cecilia Davidson, Bobby Fischer, Ally and Marissa Florido, Lily Floyd, Bella Gerling, Aaron and Zachary Goens, Nicholas Gray, Frank and Haley Janacaro, Alek Kapetanovich, Jenna and Ryan King, Luke and Peter Mallon, Tessa McCabe, Kalia Morris, Preston and Parker Murphy, Mercedes and Chloe Orness, Isabella and Korynn Peregrine, Kelly Ryan, Austin and Jordan Sellmeyer, Johnny and Elizabeth Witherow.

Thank you students for helping to save lives! You should be proud of your efforts!

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 bags for \$9.00 a roll. These can be purchased in the school office.



"Start Spreading The News" I ♥ St. James! Saturday, November 5th 6:00 PM

Pre-Auction Events!

"DO DADS" NIGHT

All dads are invited to come to "Do Dads Night" at St. James Thursday, November 3rd! We will need help setting up lights, tables and chairs, and placing tarps for the bar area. Dinner and beverages will be provided. Please NO CHILDREN.

Saints in the City!

Ladies' Preview Night is back. Join us from 7:00 PM -9:00 PM on Friday, November 4th. Enjoy the taste of the town and drinks while you get a sneak peek at what this year's auction has to offer! Don't miss the good company and the great door prizes we will be giving away! This is a FREE event for all adult ladies. NO ONE UNDER 21! We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions please contact Alicia Brown.

VIP Raffle Giveaway!

***(The VIP Raffle Giveaway does not include the New York Trip.)**

At the start of the Live Auction, one lucky winner will have the choice of a *Live Auction item they wish! Good Luck!

Raffle Tickets are now on sale! Tickets are \$50.00 each. There is no limit. Please stop by the school office to purchase one!

Thank you to all the parents that came to Tuesday night's PTO meeting. We had a great meeting packed with important information regarding the new program we have introduced this year at St. James, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. OBPP is a universal, school-wide effort that involves all adults & students in our school community. Research shows bullying prevention needs to happen on multiple levels to be effective. The four Olweus program components consist of: School, Classroom, Individual, Community.

The St. James OBPP team introduced the definition of bullying, what roles students play in a bullying situation, and the school rules about bullying. We will share over the next few weeks very important information that as parents is key in your discussions with your children at home. Knowledge is power! Please be sure to visit the school website and click on the Olweus link that can be found on our home page.

Olweus Definition of Bullying:

“Bullying is when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself.”

The Voice of our Students

We believe that the voice of our students is the most important, so we challenged our students to create a poster about bullying so their voice could be heard throughout the school! These posters will be posted up around the school. Below are the two winners of the contest. Congratulations to:

Tori McCabe, PreK with
Big Buddy Gurman Thabel, 5th grade

Claire Jackson, 8th Grade





Sneak Peeks at this year's Big City Event!



Each week we will be featuring a few items from this year's auction catalog! Please be sure to share all these exciting items with all the guests you will be bringing to the auction!

New York...New York...A Trip to the BIG Apple!

Now you can fly all the way to the Big Apple to Start Spreading the News! Go to the city that never sleeps on us! \$1000.00 in Southwest Airlines Vouchers, \$750 in Hotel Gift Cards to Marriott Hotels. Four Good Morning America VIP Meet and Greet tickets! As a Good Morning America VIP Guest you will receive a tour of the studio, control room and audio room. What would a trip to New York City be without a show? Now live on Broadway....Mary Poppins! We have two tickets for you to experience this amazing event! We don't want our guest to miss out on a single thing that New York has to offer so we are adding two CITY PASSES so you can enjoy all the major attractions like the Empire State Building, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, The Museum of Modern Art, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Top of the Rock! Don't miss the chance to experience all the cultural and food New York City has to offer!



Campout At The Kansas City Zoo

An outdoor adventure awaits the whole family in a secret campground hidden at the center of the zoo. We'll explore the world of night creatures with fun activities and then sit back and roast marshmallows over an open fire. In the morning, we'll chat with zookeepers as we have breakfast with the chimpanzees. The campout is for 20 people. Please look in this years auction catalog for more details.



Santa & Mrs. Claus Come to Visit

What's that sound? Is it sleigh bells? Santa and Mrs. Claus are making one special visit this year, and they could come to your home! Enjoy a magical evening with Santa and Mrs. Claus as they come to your home for a fun filled visit! Sing songs, snack on cookies & hot cocoa, make crafts and listen to stories! Each child will receive a small gift, and the family will receive a picture book so the memories of this evening will forever be captured. No more than 10 children please. Date must be booked two weeks in advance. Christmas Eve or Christmas Day is not available.



Escape to Beautiful Breckenridge Colorado

Hit the slopes or tip toe through the wildflowers in summer...you choose! This Breckenridge, Colorado town-home has it all: Four bedrooms and a loft, outstanding views, and a swirling hot tub waiting for you after a day on the trails! You can easily take the whole gang! Don't forget, there is plenty for everyone to do in Breckenridge: Sit back and relax, do a little shopping in town, commune with nature or you could kick up your heels and hit the resort town nightlife. Enjoy your 5-day/4-night stay anytime of the year, with the exception of holidays.

