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St. James Catholic School Happenings

What's New?

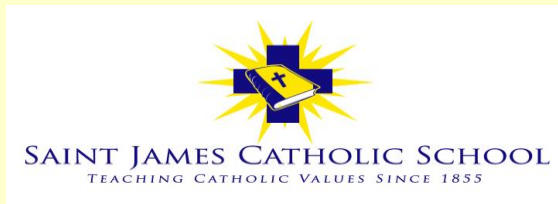
Dear Parents and students,
I cannot believe how quickly the weather has changed! It is chilly outside! I guess this means it is off to the apple orchard for some warm cider and apple picking! I cannot wait to go! Fall is such a pretty time of year with all the changing colors of leaves!

With all of that said-Please be sure your children are dressed for the weather. We will go outside unless it is raining.

There will be a student Offertory Collection each Thursday when students enter church. Students are encouraged to begin the practice of stewardship by regularly contributing coins or dollars. Collections will be given to the Perrone Scholarship Fund at St. James School. The last two weeks we have raised \$44.42. Thank you for your generous donations.

Our St. James Bruins Soccer teams are competing well. Many of the games are nail biters! Please show your school spirit and come out to SportsCore 1 for the games. You will find the times of the games on the school calendar on SchoolSpeak! We would love to have you cheer on your classmates!

Our students welcomed Father Jacobs with a big Thumbs up! Each class took a picture and left a thumb print with their names in a booklet made by them. Father will be praying for a different child each day.



United in Faith Appropriation

The Diocese of Rockford established the United in Faith (UIF) and endowment for Catholic Education. This month the UIF Committee distributed a portion of the fund to all Diocesan Catholic Schools. St. James School has received an apportioned amount of \$34.99 per student (161) for a total of \$5,633.92.

Scoopie Night

We are looking for volunteers to help out at our annual Scoopie Night on September 22nd from 5-8 PM. Please see enclosed flyer for more details.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Stephanie Perez at homenschool@stjamesrockford.org

St. James School Mission Statement

St. James School is a Catholic faith community, which nurtures the talents of God's children through the education of their minds, bodies, and spirits

DWP Listening-Skill #1

During the month of September each classroom will be working the Discipline with Purpose skill: Listening. "Listening is a foundational skill which all the other skills within DWP build." There are 6 steps to this skill.

1. Stop what you are doing or saying.
 2. To clear away distractions
 3. To look at or toward the person speaking.
 4. To be able to tell the person what you heard.
 5. To be able to ask questions about what you did not understand.
 6. To be able to do the task the person has requested.
- Ask your child how they are using this skill at school.

Iowa Test of Basic Skills

Students in grades 3, 5, and 7 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (I.T.B.S.) for two weeks, beginning on September 22nd - October 3rd. Parents are asked to avoid scheduling appointments during school hours during these three weeks. In addition parents, please encourage your child to get proper rest and eat a good breakfast during these test days. They will also need several soft lead pencils (#2 - most school pencils are #2), and an eraser. Having a book to read when finished with a test early is also helpful.

SchoolSpeak

I know that many of you are enjoying SchoolSpeak and all the tools it offers to our St. James families. Please be sure that if you are having any issues to stop in the office to see Mrs. Olson or ask your child's homeroom teacher. We are eager to help and if we cannot answer your questions, there are many resources we can tap to get you the answers you need. Middle School, as you have found out, is now able to post grades. The issue that we were having has been solved and SchoolSpeak is now working well. Our classroom/school newsletters, grades, lunch balance (which shows negative when you HAVE money in your account), school/classroom calendars, lunch menu and any announcements can be found on SchoolSpeak. Please, once again, ask if you need any help!!!

SCRIP!

Did you know...

- Over \$10,000 was paid out in tuition credits to 54 families in the past year
- Our families bought over \$275,000 in Scrip
- Our top sellers were Woodmans, Walmart, BP, Kohls and Mobil
- 28% of Scrip purchased was either Reload or Scripnow
- 12 families earned credits from more than \$400 to over \$1200 in the past year
- You can still apply your credit to your Boylan tuition as well as St James Tuition

Please continue to participate and THANK YOU for all you have done in the past years.

Your Scrip Coordinators

St James Catholic School, Rockford

Reminders to Students

- Bring in lunch money for the week.
- Have your homework completed on the day it is due!
- Reminder that eligibility will be looked at by the teachers in grades 5-8 of any student playing soccer.
- Continue to bring in plastic bags for Cornucopia. The box is outside the office.



Reminders to Parents

- 1. Please be sure that when you come to school you need to buzz in and tell us your name.**
- 2. Also be sure to check-in at the office and pick up your visitor's badge.**
3. Check www.schoolspeak.com for updates on your child's grades, lunch money totals and anything new at St. James.
4. Do your best to get your child to school on time!
- 5. As a reminder parents, please be conscious of what you post on social media. If you ever have an issue with something that is happening in the classroom, please take the issue to the teacher, not social media. Most problems can be taken care of with a quick conversation, phone call, or email.**

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 9/16

Come to eat and meet your child's teachers at Back to School night! Food will be served at 5:30, meeting to begin at 6:00.

Thursday 9/18

9 AM Mass 7th Grade hosts- We hope to see you there!

Friday 9/19

All Chocolate money is due into the office! Progress reports can be found on SchoolSpeak

Monday 9/22

ITBS testing begins today for grades 3,5,7
Race for Education flyers being sent out this week.
Scoopie Night 5-8 PM North Main Culvers

Thursday 9/25

Mass today 9 AM we hope to see you there! 2nd grade to host.

Fundraising Events for St. James

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

The Home & School Association has kicked – off their 1st fundraiser of the school year which is the World's Finest Chocolate Bar sale! Each candy bar sells for a dollar and there are 60 bars in each box. We custom made our boxes this year and increased the number of caramel bars, since in years past those are the ones that people crave! Each student who sells 2 boxes will receive an Out of Uniform day. The top seller will receive \$25, second place will receive \$15 and third place overall will receive \$10. The top seller in each classroom will receive lunch at Capri with Mrs. Olson! Keep selling those chocolate bars!!!

Race for Education: October 10, 2014

Thank you for those who have sent in their labels as this is a big fundraiser for our school! The flyers will be mailed out the week of September 22nd.

Meditation

Perfect Obedience

Just as sin came into the world through Eve's no to God, salvation came into the world through Mary's yes. She is "blessed" not just among women but among all of humanity. We see in Mary the perfect disciple, the perfect humility, the perfect obedience.

— from A 40-Day Spiritual Workout for Catholics