

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 7, 2018

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Important Dates

- 11/8: School Pictures
- 11/9: 2nd Grade All Saints Presentation, 1 PM
- 11/9: End of Marking Period 1
- 11/9: 4th Grade (Box Top Winners!) Dress Down Day
- 11/16: School Dress Down Day



School Picture Day is Thursday, November 8! Students in grades K - 7 should wear winter uniforms. Grade 8 boys should wear a white shirt & tie, girls should wear a white collared shirt.

Forms for PreSchool – 7 are due tomorrow! Picture make-up day is December 5.

FROM
THE
PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you will be able to join the 2nd grade on Friday afternoon when they present what they have learned about the Saints! We will meet in the Chapel at 1 PM.

Please note that on Friday, November 9, the winners of the Box Top contest will have their dress down day. On Friday, November 16, the whole school will have a dress down day, thanks to Monsignor Cronin! Please take note of the school's uniform code in regard to dress down days.

As indicated on the next page, Bishop Checchio is visiting St. James church for the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, November 17. We would love to have as many students, dressed in uniform, at the Mass as possible. We hope to form an "honor guard" of students for the Bishop. Take this opportunity for the students to see Bishop Checchio "up close!"

On November 19 and 20, parents are invited to attend our Parent-Teacher conferences. Monday, November 19 conferences will take place from 4:00 – 7:00 PM, and the November 20 conferences will be 1:30 – 3:30 PM. Look out for information for signing up for a time slot!

As we enter the holidays, please take note of the various events to help celebrate the season! Also, please note the date of the Christmas Pageant (Grades PreK 4 – 8), Friday, December 14 at 6:30 PM in the church. A form went home earlier this week asking families to indicate whether students would be in attendance. This is important as we begin rehearsals soon, so your quick response is very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Florendo

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Ryan's Story

<http://ryanpatrickhalligan.org/>

Parents are invited to Immaculate Conception School in Somerville (41 Mountain Ave) for a presentation by Mr. John Halligan on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 – 8:30 PM. The presentation will take place in the gym.

If you plan to attend, please email Mrs. Florendo so she can give ICS a count.

Parents and Friends are invited to attend the All Saints Presentation by our 2nd grade students on Friday, November 9 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel.

The Bishop is Coming!

Bishop Checchio will be the main celebrant at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, November 17. We would like to have as many students at the Mass as possible and to act as an honor guard for the Bishop!

St. James School of Religion

To all 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates and Families:

Please be advised the December 2, 2018 Retreat is now full. If you haven't yet contacted the School of Religion Office regarding a Confirmation Retreat selection, you are scheduled to attend the December 9, 2018 Retreat.

You will receive a reminder about the retreat you are scheduled to attend prior to the date.

Also, upon check-in on the day of the retreat, please be prepared to give your child's height (from head-to-toe) for their Confirmation robes.

Both retreats will require at least one parent or the Confirmation Sponsor to attend. Please contact the School of Religion Office via email at stjamesccd@yahoo.com with your retreat choice.

All requests will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Home-School Association

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Are you receiving emails from the Home-School Association? If you are not, please email hsa@sjsbr.org so they can add you to their distribution list!

Holiday Boutique

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SAINT JAMES SCHOOL GYM
10AM - 5PM
200 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge

FREE Event • Tricky Tray • Vendors

Please join us for a fabulous shopping experience. There is something for everyone on your holiday list. The vendor items for sale include but are not limited to:

Personalized Gifts & Accessories

Home Decor

Handmade Christmas Decorations

Glass Art

Special Event "Cakes"

Cosmetics

Rosary Beads & Accessories

Beautiful Jewelry



BONUS: Get your holiday shopping done while giving back! 15% of the vendor sales helps support Saint James School.

For additional information, contact sjsholidayboutique@gmail.com

Light Lunch Available

ADVENT

Hope. Love. Joy. Peace.

Let us all begin the holiday season by reminding ourselves of

"The Light of Christ"



The Saint James community would like to invite all St. James School, CCD Families & Parish Families as we celebrate the beginning of the Advent season.

Join us for a creative gathering in our

St. James Family Advent Wreath Making Event!

~ A blessing of the wreaths will also take place. ~

~ Light refreshments will be served. ~

Sunday, December 2nd | Anytime between 1:00-3:00pm | The Parish Center

Pre-registration is required | \$35 per family (for materials)

Please return this portion to the SJS Office with the \$35.00 fee in an envelope marked: Attn: HSA - Kelley Henry by Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Make checks payable to St. James HSA. Thank you!

Family Name _____

Home Phone # _____

attending Adults: _____ Children: _____

_____: No, we are unable to attend, but would like to pick up the materials **NOTE: If you would like an Advent Wreath kit but cannot attend, you can pre-register and stop in to pick up your kit with your last name on it during the event, or after the event. They will be left in the main office of the school for pick up.

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Save
the
Date

Night Under The Stars N.U.T.S.

When: Saturday, March 30th - 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Where: Saint James School Gymnasium,
Basking Ridge, New Jersey

What is Night Under The Stars or N.U.T.S.?

Night Under The Stars or N.U.T.S. is our school's biggest and most important fundraiser and is held each spring. This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 30th in our school gymnasium at 7:00pm. The event will feature a LIVE Auction, Silent Auction, Raffle, Mystery Envelope, music by the Mr. LoveJoy Band, a signature drink, unlimited beer and wine, and passed hors d'oeuvres.

Why is the success of this event so important? Monies raised at this event are used to help offset the school's daily operating expenses.

Why is it important for you to support this event? Your support of this event is vital because Saint James School will only hold 2 fundraisers this school year. We are counting on each of our families to be involved and reach out to their friends, family, and employers for their support as well.

What can YOU do to make our event a success?

- ◆ Follow our Event page on FACEBOOK, Like it Share it. (Details to follow.)
- ◆ Sell as many Raffle Books as you can! Each student will be given 1 raffle book to sell. We encourage you to sell more!
- ◆ Get involved and be on our planning committee, it's lots of fun and you'll meet new friends!
- ◆ Volunteer to help at the event. See the [sign-up genius](#) to get involved!
- ◆ Plan on attending our March 30th event.
- ◆ Check with your employer on their policy for MATCHING DONATIONS.
- ◆ Reach out to your friends and family for sponsorship opportunities, donations either monetary or in kind.

Thank you for your support!

Congratulations to our Cross-Country Team!

At the SJA League Finals, Oak Ridge Park, Clark our runners placed 2nd in BOTH Girls JV and Boys Varsity. Patrick Griffin was named overall Varsity Champion!



The Importance of Study Skills

Study skills are the skills you need to enable you to study and learn efficiently. Study skills are the most important skills to master to get good grades. Honing your study skills not only helps you succeed academically, it will also help you do well in life. Without effective study skills you may become overwhelmed and discouraged. The good news is that these skills can be learned in a short time and applied to every grade level in every subject. You have to be persistent at practicing and using these skills until they become second nature to you. Some of the benefits of improved study skills are reduced test anxiety, increased confidence, competence, and self esteem.

Study skills lessons are incorporated throughout the year at St. James across the grade levels, however there are many ways you can work at home with your child to improve their study skills. Remember this is a learned skill, anyone can have good study skills!

<http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/study-skills-for-middle-school-and-beyond/>

