

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 6, 2019

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### Important Dates

- 2/7: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Retreat
- 2/8: Father-Daughter Dance
- 2/18: NO SCHOOL, President's Day

FROM  
THE  
PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Bishop Checchio's father, James Checchio on Monday. Please keep our Bishop's family in your prayers. Our students have created spiritual bouquets which are being sent to the Bishop and we hope they bring him comfort in the days to come.

What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week we enjoyed last week! We ended the week with a rousing afternoon of games and fun – and, yes, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders did beat the teachers in a fun game of volleyball! We'll do better next year! On Friday, every student put together at least one breakfast bag for the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center in Morristown. The director of the Center was so pleased to receive over 300 bags! I was so proud of our children as they really embraced this project and made a big difference in many peoples' lives.

Many thanks to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for the beautiful faculty luncheon that they hosted on Friday afternoon. It was a lovely event and was very much appreciated!

As I said last week, our Open House was very successful and we continue to receive inquiries and lead tours for families interested in Saint James School. Don't forget – YOU are our best marketing tool. If you know a family that may be interested in Catholic School for their child(ren), send them our way and get a break on your tuition!

Thank you very much for your continued support of Saint James School and everything we try to do for your children!

Have a fantastic week!

Mrs. Florendo

IOWA Testing  
March 11 - 15, 2019

More information will follow.

**THANK YOU!**

We raised \$2,050 during the  
NCEA Day of Giving last week!

Bishop Checcio has declared December 2018 –  
December 2019 as a year of spiritual awakening.

We are preparing for our Diocesan Consecration to Jesus through Mary which will take place on December 12, 2019. To prepare for the consecration we have been praying daily in our school and now *we are excited to announce the launch of the traveling kit*. The kit, which has been blessed by the Bishop, contains a beautiful crucifix and image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, prayer cards, holy water, rosary beads, as well as instructions on how to use the kit. Saint James School families are being invited to host the traveling kit for a week at a time. You may call the School Office (908) 766-4774 to arrange a date. You may pick up the kit in the School Office on Mondays and return the following Monday. What a wonderful opportunity for families to grow strong in faith, hope, and love for Jesus and Mary!

For more educational material, go to: <https://lightingheartsonfire.org/>

## Refer-a- Family Program

Enrolling your child(ren) at Saint James School indicates your commitment to nurture and provide them with a quality Catholic education. It indicates the value you place on having your child know and love Jesus Christ, develop life-long Gospel values, become a person of faith, and assist in building the Kingdom of God here on earth. Your dedication and involvement in the life of our school and parish continue to make Saint James an excellent Catholic school.

We are always looking to attract new families who would value the experience of a Christ-centered, academic excellence educational experience for their children. As a way to thank and acknowledge your role as an ambassador for our school, we created our "Refer A Family" program.

Here is how it works...

Refer a family to Saint James School and you will receive \$500 off your tuition. New prospective families must state the referral when completing our contact form upon visiting Saint James School, enroll in grades PreSchool – Grade 8, and complete the 2019-2020 school year. We will provide \$500 for each family referred up to 3 families in the form of a tuition credit up to \$1,500 (but feel free to recommend as many families as you like!).

We believe Saint James School provides a unique experience, and we value the support of our current families, parishioners, administration, faculty and all those who continue to support our mission!

## Box Tops for Education

The HSA is launching its last Boxtops for Education campaign of the school year! The class that submits the most boxtops wins a free dress down day.

Please save boxtops found on hundreds of grocery items. SJS will receive \$.10 in FREE MONEY for every boxtop we submit. Send them in to your student's homeroom by Friday, February 15th!



## Ticket Order Form

### WATCH THE HARLEM WIZARDS TAKE ON THE Flying Hoopsters

a.k.a Bernards Township Teachers  
*including our very own Mr. Cos!*

**DATE: SUNDAY MARCH 10th**

**WHERE: RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL GYM**

**TIME: 2pm (Doors open at 1pm)**

**\*\*These events usually sell out - so order your tickets soon before they are gone!\*\***

Great News! For each ticket purchased through Saint James School, our school gets a portion of the ticket sales!

### Don't miss out on the fun!

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Class of Youngest Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_ total

Number of Student\* Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_ total  
(\*Children 3 years and younger are admitted free)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to St. James HSA**

Please note: This is not a drop off event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**\*\*Order does not guarantee purchase. We will let you know if tickets are sold out\*\***

# Home-School Association

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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

\*\*\*\*\*BREAKING NEWS\*\*\*\*\*

Weekly drawings for the family prize patrol have begun. Sell your raffle tickets for a chance to participate!

### **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!**

## 3 Ways Kids Can Solve Friendship Conflicts

Help your child make up after an argument with a friend. Conflicts are common in children's friendships, but they don't have to mean the end of a relationship.

Here are three ways kids can move past disagreements.

### 1) Ask questions

When someone disagrees with us, it's tempting to just argue harder for our point of view. But arguments that sound like "Yes-No-Yes-No" go nowhere.

Asking questions can help kids understand better what the other person wants and why.

Asking questions beginning with "What" or "How" can help children see their friend's point of view. "What do you think?" "What do you want to do?" "How do you think we should do it?" "What do you like about that one?" "What don't you like about these ones?" Questions like these express caring about the other child's opinions. They can open the door to compromise or make it easier for your child to go along with what the friend wants.

Warn your child to be careful about asking friends "Why" questions those can sound critical. Asking, "Why did you do such a stupid thing?!?!" won't inspire a warm response from a friend.

### 2) Speak up

Sometimes children fume silently and then explode. Neither is helpful.

Instead, kids need to be able to ask clearly and kindly for what they want. Using "I" statements can help. When your child says something that begins with "I think..." or "I want...", it helps the friend understand your child's viewpoint.

Explain to your child that the friend isn't a mind reader. Although it may seem like the friend should just know what your child wants, it's kinder and more helpful to explain directly. Adding a "please" also makes it easier for the friend to listen.

### 3) Let it go

We, adults, tend to want to talk everything out, but kids often resolve conflicts by just separating for a few minutes, hours, or days, and then coming together again and just being nice to each other.

Everyone makes mistakes, and part of being a good friend is being able to forgive and move on.

For kids, making up with a friend after an argument may be as simple as just offering a friendly greeting the next day, giving the friend a compliment, or just sitting together at lunch or playing together at recess.

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