

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL  
JANUARY 9, 2019

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**Important Dates**

- 1/11: 10:15 AM Mass;  
Re-enrollment forms due @ \$125 per child
- 1/18: 12:45 Dismissal;  
March for Life, Washington DC
- 1/21: Faculty Retreat, No School for Students
- 1/27: 9:00 Mass Opens Catholic Schools Week
- 1/27: 10:00 – 1:00 Open House
- 2/1: Re-enrollment forms due at \$200 per child

**March for Life**

**Friday, January 18**

A bus will leave St. James' parking lot at  
6:30 AM and return at around 9 PM.

Contact Paul at

[paulncarola@yahoo.com](mailto:paulncarola@yahoo.com)

908-917-2227 or 908-647-3376.

IDWA Testing

March 11 - 15, 2019

More information will follow.

FROM  
THE  
PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

A quick reminder that enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. Please take advantage of the lower registration fees and send in your forms before Friday. All forms, tuition rates, and information about our Refer-a-family program are on the school website [here](#).

While I'm probably "teaching to the choir," I saw this article called "[10 Reasons Why Catholic Education Still Matters](#)." Share it with a friend!

As we get closer to Catholic Schools Week, I have been thinking about the wonderful gift that is a Catholic education – especially here at Saint James School. The article states in Reason #1 that "*students learn that God is present and active in their lives and in the world. They learn to recognize the "footprints of God" in their daily experiences, especially in the midst of life's challenges.*" So true! And, what a powerful gift we are providing our youngsters as they learn and grow in today's world – a faith that there is a God that loves them beyond all measure and that they have a friend to lean on in Jesus Christ.

Thank you, very much, for your ongoing support and for your commitment to a Saint James School education for your children!

Have a fantastic week!

Mrs. Florendo

# School Happenings

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## **Soles for Souls!**

### **Donate your Gently Used Shoes for a Great Cause**

The Challenge Club at St. James Church is collecting gently used men's, women's and children's heels, boots, flip-flops, sneakers, soccer & football cleats, dress shoes, etc.

Donations will help individuals in developing nations start and sustain small businesses to provide crucial necessities for their families.

The sale of just one pair of shoes can provide 5 meals for a family in need. 20 pairs can provide one year's worth of shelter for a family. 30 pairs can generate enough income to send a child to school for a year.

Challenge is a positive and dynamic club where girls in grades 5-12 learn about their Catholic faith, grow in their relationship with Christ, get to know other Catholic girls, help in their community and have lots of fun! Come to a meeting to check it out! For more information, email Jeanine Agugliaro at [jagugliaro@aol.com](mailto:jagugliaro@aol.com) or Beth DiDomenico at [bethdido@hotmail.com](mailto:bethdido@hotmail.com).

*Please Place Shoes in Box in School Entrance from January 9<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>*

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS COMING SOON**

The week begins with the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, January 27. We'd like to see ALL of our students at the Mass. The class with the highest participation will earn an extended period of recess!

Mass will be followed by an Open House for all of our current families and for prospective families. See your child(ren)'s classrooms! Bring a friend!

Schedule of events for the week will be posted on the school website this week!

## **Introducing the Tuition Transfer Grant for new students!**

Students transferring to Saint James School in grades 1 – 7 from a public or non-Catholic, private school are eligible to receive a transfer grant worth \$1,000 in the first year and \$500 in the second year.

### **Tell a friend!**

(Of course, you benefit through the Refer-a-Family program at \$500 per family, up to 3 families!)

Re-enrollment forms were sent home via USPS before Christmas.

Take advantage of the early registration fee and return the blue registration form, bus and textbook forms before Friday, January 11.

Take advantage of the Refer-A-Family program to reduce your family's tuition bill!

# Home-School Association

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## 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!

## "Park and Pray" Wednesday Rosary

The SJS Spiritual Committee holds a "Park and Pray" Rosary at 2:30 in the Chapel every Wednesday throughout the school year. As a school family, we come together to **pray for our children, families, school and** special intentions. Please join us to recite the Rosary out loud or in silence whenever it fits your schedule.

**All are welcome!**

*At St. James School, we are blessed to have a traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima that is available for families to have in their home for a week. It is a wonderful experience to learn about Fatima with the DVDs, pray the rosary together and feel the joyful presence of Mary in your home. If you would like to have the statue, please email Beth DiDomenico at [bethdido@hotmail.com](mailto:bethdido@hotmail.com)*



## Treat Yourself and Your Spouse.... Spiritual Date Night

**Please Join Us for Refreshments,  
Conversation and an  
Inspirational Talk**

*"Living the Great Mystery of  
Married Love"*

**Presented by Sean and Jean Marie  
Flaherty**

**When: Saturday, February 2nd  
Time: 7:00pm**

**Where: St. James Parish Multipurpose  
Room**

**Cost: Free**

**(Optional BYOB, Appetizer or a  
Dessert)**

**Hosted by the St. James School  
Spirituality Committee**

**Please RSVP to Beth DiDomenico-  
[bethdido@hotmail.com](mailto:bethdido@hotmail.com)**

**(315) 350-0092**

# 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

### 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!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2393  
ANNUAL  
BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST**

**Sunday January 13, 2019  
St. James School Gym, Basking Ridge, NJ**

Registration starts at 10:00 AM; Contest starts at 10:45 AM

**Cost is FREE**

Boys and Girls ages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (age as of 1/1/18)

Will compete by age and gender. Best score wins.

All participants get recognition.

Winners move on to the District Finals to be held in February.

For Registration Information

Call Glenn Marzoli at 908-512-1119



## 20 Tips for a Positive New Year

These suggestions will help you and your children start off the new year right!

- 1. Stay positive.** You can listen to the cynics and doubters and believe that success is impossible or you can know that with faith and an optimistic attitude all things are possible.
- 2. When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement:**  
My purpose is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Take a morning walk of gratitude.** Call it a “thank you walk.” It will create a fertile mind ready for success.
- 4. Instead of being disappointed about where you are...think optimistically about where you are going.**
- 5. Eat...**breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.
- 6. Remember that...**adversity is not a dead-end but a detour to a better outcome.
- 7. Focus on...**learning, loving, growing and serving.
- 8. Believe that everything happens for a reason.** Expect good things to come out of challenging experiences.
- 9. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control.** Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
- 10. Mentor someone...**and be mentored by someone.
- 11. Live with the 3 E's.** Energy, Enthusiasm, Empathy.
- 12. Remember...**there's no substitute for hard work.
- 13. Zoom focus.** Each day when you wake up in the morning ask: “What are the three most important things I need to do today that will help me create the success I desire?” Then tune out all the distractions and focus on these actions.
- 14. Implement the No Complaining Rule.** Complaining is like vomiting. Afterwards you feel better but everyone around you feels sick.
- 15. Read more books than you did last year.**
- 16. Get more sleep.** You can't replace sleep with a double latte.
- 17. Focus on “Get to” vs “Have to.”** Each day focus on what you get to do, not what you have to do. Life is a gift not an obligation.
- 18. Each night before you go to bed complete the following statements:**  
I am thankful for \_\_\_\_\_.  
Today I accomplished \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19. Smile and laugh more.** They are natural anti-depressants.
- 20. Enjoy the ride.** You only have one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy it.