

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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Important Dates

- 10/14: Mother/Son Event, Branchburg Sports Complex
- 10/18: 7th Grade Retreat



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Great news! We will, once again, offer after-school enrichment programs for students in grades K – 5 from SmartyCat Kids. This Fall's offerings are "Fun With Physics" and "Comic Book Creation." The flyer is going home on Thursday, October 11, so please look out for it.

We are also offering clubs for our middle school students. The teachers are putting the finishing touches on those and the flyers will be sent out soon!

The AdvancED re-accreditation process is about to be underway! I hope you will join me in congratulating (and praying for!) Miss Kayla McDonald who will act as the Saint James School coordinator. We will, once again, go through the accreditation process along with all of the schools in the Diocese of Metuchen. Stay tuned for announcements from Miss McDonald as we begin the "learn and share" process - the initial steps to collecting information.

Thank you, all, for your continued support and dedication to our school and to Catholic education!

Mrs. Florendo

The Diocese of Metuchen Invites you to celebrate
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2018

Sponsored by the Pontifical Mission Societies

LET'S CELEBRATE AS A FAMILY!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

Gather at 10:30 AM

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi CYO

Main Street & Library Place, Metuchen

Join the *"Going the Extra Mile for Kids in Need of Jesus"* walk-a-thon

and celebrate 12:00 NOON MASS

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Celebrant & Homilist

Reverend John G. Hillier, Co-Celebrant

Cathedral of St. Francis, 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen

For more information click [here](#)



Call to Action

Human Life Action is joining with the New Jersey Catholic Conference to urge everyone to contact your State Legislators to stop A1504, the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act. All the information you need is provided below.



NEW JERSEY
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**ACTION
ALERT**

On Monday, October 29, 2018, the New Jersey General Assembly very likely will vote on the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act (A1504). The bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill individuals considered to have six months to live.

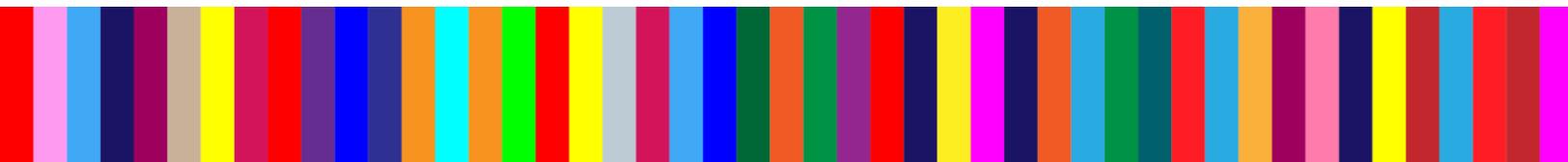
The facts are clear - in California, in Vermont and in Oregon - states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals expensive healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life.

In an era of cost control and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as a financial liability for the insurance company, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by reducing costs.

Please contact your state legislators and tell them that you oppose A1504.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.voterveice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/57657/Respond>



Home-School

Help (Still) Needed!

Are you interested in volunteering to help with our recess and cafeteria periods?

Contact Cindy Galiani at sjsplaygroundreminder@gmail.com for more information.

2018-2019 Boxtops for Education

The class that submits the most boxtops wins a free dress down day.

Please save these boxtops found on **hundreds** of grocery items because SJS will receive \$.10 in **FREE MONEY** for every boxtop we submit.

Send them into your student's homeroom by **Tuesday, October 23!**

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat!

Preparations are underway for the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 31.

Candy donations are being accepted at the school entrance until Friday, October 26.

We ask that all donations be peanut-free! (for a list of suggestions, see the H.S.A. email sent on October 1.





Basketball Sign-ups are underway!
See the Saint James School [website](#)

Congratulations to our Cross-Country Team!

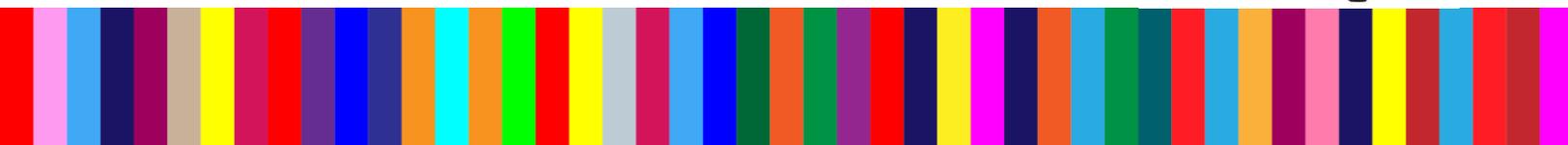
The Spartan XC Team had a tremendous showing at the OLS Meet in South Orange this Saturday, October 6. The Spartan Runners had 3 medalists and 3 top 5 finishers.

Mason Mendez came in second place in the Fun Run. Although no medals are awarded in this race, it was a great accomplishment and represents the solid future of the XC program at St. James.

Fiona Vaccaro came in 4th place in the girls 3-4 Grade Division and was the first 3rd grade finisher. This represents the 3rd top 6 finish in the past two weeks for our 3-4 Girls squad.

Patrick Griffin finished in 3rd place in the boys 7-8 Grade Division, picking up 4 places in just the last 200 meters. Michael Vaccaro also medaled in this race.

There were numerous personal best times and personal best places throughout the meet for St. James.



Being a Good Friend

Have you struggled with teaching your kids about friendships? Making friends (and keeping them) are important life skills to have. Here are some simple ways to help teach your child about being a good friend. The only way to have a friend is to be a friend.

Having good friends makes you happy. Friendships can be developed within families, in neighborhoods, in schools, and even over the internet. Being a good friend is not a skill that kids just pick up from hanging out with other children on the playground. Developing friendships takes a lot of work (both by parents and kids), but can be one of the most rewarding things to happen in a child's life.

How can we teach kids about friendship?

1. Clearly explain what good friends do.

Good friends...

- Remember important things (birthdays, accomplishments, etc.)
- Are reliable.
- Do kind things for one another and use kind language.
- Help out when a friend is sad or has a problem.
- Like to spend time together.
- Have fun with one another.

2. Read books about friendship. There are so many amazing friendships portrayed in children and young adult literature. Books show how friends can be very different from one another and still get along. They emphasize the importance of being kind, sharing, and working together to solve problems.

3. Role play how to be a good friend. Keep a running list of friendship scenarios (good and bad) that come up when kids are having playdates with their friends. Once you are home, role play the scenarios while your child watches, or include them in the positive role and have them practice positive friendship characteristics (sharing, saying kind words, sticking up for a friend, etc.). Typically don't role play the negative situations because you like to emphasize the skills you want to see. You can even write your own stories about the scenarios and read them again and again.

4. Set a good example and be a good friend yourself. This is one of the greatest ways to teach kids about being a good friend. Talk to your kids about your friends in positive ways. Make time for your friends and find opportunities to help them, and bring your kids along so that they can be involved too. Think about the characteristics you value in good friends and consistently demonstrate them yourself.

5. Spend time with friends and new people. It is hard to develop friendships if you aren't around people! Get out and get involved in your community. Go to parks, sign up for classes and sports activities, get outside and meet neighbors, volunteer at schools, and participate in church and town events. Also, spend time together as a family because it's important for your kids to be friends. Work together on home projects, play games, create, and do acts of kindness for one another.

Teaching kids to be a good friend will help them make lasting friendships throughout their lives. Life skills like these are important to learn at an early age because it will become more natural for your child the more they practice these skills.

