

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
JANUARY 2, 2019

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Important Dates

- 1/11: 10:15 AM Mass
- 1/18: 12:45 Dismissal
- 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

Re-enrollment forms have been sent home via USPS. Please return the blue registration form, bus and textbook forms as soon as possible.

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

FROM
THE
PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and had some time to reflect on your experiences of 2018 and your goals for 2019.

My parish posted the following prayer on Facebook the other day and I wanted to share it with you:

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,
I pause to give thanks.

Thank you for being with me every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things new and for giving me the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings.

Remind me of your presence in the days to come, even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness.
Be glorified in my life this year.

-Amen

Many blessings in the new year!

Mrs. Florendo



THANK YOU!

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! May this New Year of 2019 be filled with blessings and many happy moments for your entire family.

I want take a moment to thank each of you for your *presence* at St. James and for your *presents* at Christmas time. Your kindness to me was so generous and I'm so grateful for your kindness to me.

Thank you so much for each and every gift.

May God continue to bless each of you as you journey through this New Year.

Love,

Sr. Joann Marie



From the Religious Education Office

Sunday, January 6, 2019

2nd Grade Retreat for all students preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion (CCD, FCC and SJS) and at least one parent from **11:30AM-1:30PM** in the school gym. At least one parent/guardian must attend.

Thursday, February 7, 2019

2nd Grade Parents' Meeting at 6:15PM in the school gym.

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10AM in the Church.(All 2nd grade students - CCD, FCC and SJS)

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 (Family Centered Catechesis and St. James School Students)

Rehearsal for First Holy Communion from 4-5PM in the Church.

Saturday, May 11, 2019 (Family Centered Catechesis and St. James School Students)

Celebration of First Holy Communion, 10AM Mass in the Church

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with us via stjamesccd@yahoo.com or 908-766-4774, ext. 30 or 32.

School Happenings

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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!

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!

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 \$1,000 per family, up to 3 families!)



"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

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



Happy New Year!

