

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
JANUARY 30, 2019

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Important Dates

- 1/31: Spirit Games in the Gym, 1:00
- 2/1: School Mass, 10:15
- 2/1: Early Dismissal, 12:45
- 2/1: Family Movie Night, Chapel Auditorium, 6:30
- 2/1: Re-enrollment forms due at \$200 per child

FROM
THE
PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We began the week on Sunday with a wonderful presence at the 9:00 Mass and the energy continued right into our Open House where we welcomed many prospective families who were very impressed by our student tour guides, teachers, parents, and facilities.

I'd like to congratulate Katie Walto, 1st Place, Tim Pinheiro, 2nd Place, and Donnie Catanese, 3rd Place winners of the school Geography Bee! Katie will continue on to the next level of competition – good luck! On Tuesday, all of our students enjoyed a visit from “Rocket” from the Harlem Wizards who had a great message about – Behavior, Effort, Attitude, Respect/Responsibility equaling Success (BEARS). He did some fun tricks, too! On Tuesday afternoon, all students (and many teachers!) enjoyed a rousing game of school-wide BINGO! We had many student winners and we raised money for the Missionary Childhood Association, too! On Wednesday morning we enjoyed a presentation from the Junk Jam Band whose message was all about re-using materials – when we throw something “away” it never really goes “away” it just goes “away” from us so we should, instead, try to re-use those things! The students enjoyed an ice cream social at lunch time thanks to Zita’s Ice Cream (the Elefante family) and our parents who patiently served it!

Two more days to go of fun and celebration! We will end the week with a school Mass and putting together the “take-home” breakfast bags for the Morristown Soup Kitchen.

I was forwarded this [article](#) from the Diocese Office of Schools and thought you might find it interesting!

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.

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!

Catholic Schools Week

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SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week Schedule

Sunday, January 27	Monday, January 28	Tuesday, January 29	Wednesday, January 30	Thursday, January 31	Friday, February 1
<p>Opening Day!</p> <p>9:00 AM Mass to Open Catholic Schools Week Students should attend wearing school uniforms <i>Church</i></p> <p>10 AM – 1 PM Open House for Current and Prospective Families <i>Gymnasium</i></p> <p>1:15 PM Alumni Basketball Game <i>Gymnasium</i></p>	<p>Thank you to our Parents!</p> <p>Wear Winter Uniforms</p> <p>8:50 – 9:30 AM Thank you breakfast for current parents <i>1st Floor Hallway</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Geography Bee, Grades 4-8 <i>Gymnasium</i></p> <p>Scavenger Hunt Grades PreK-3 <i>School</i></p>	<p>Thank you to our Support Staff!</p> <p>Dress Down Day – wear your favorite teams' gear!</p> <p>10:00 AM Presentation by the Harlem Wizards <i>Gymnasium</i></p> <p>Lunch Faculty Luncheon sponsored by the Saint James Knights of Columbus</p> <p>1:00 PM School-wide BINGO \$1.00 per board to benefit the Missionary Childhood Association</p>	<p>Thank you to our Students!</p> <p>Dress Down Day</p> <p>9:30 AM The Junk Jam Band Grades PS – 8 <i>Gymnasium</i></p> <p>Lunch Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>Thank you to our School!</p> <p>Wear your SJS gear</p> <p>1:00 PM Spirit Games <i>Gymnasium</i></p>	<p>Thank you to our Teachers!</p> <p>Wear Winter Uniforms</p> <p>10:15 AM School Mass and Blessing of Throats <i>Church</i></p> <p>12:45 PM Dismissal Faculty Luncheon</p> <p>6:30 PM Family Movie Night <i>Parish Auditorium</i></p>

Weeklong Service Project to support the Morristown Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center

Middle School Missionary Disciples' "Escape Room" Fundraiser for Missionary Childhood



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Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Collections for the Weeklong Service Project:

Students will collect food and bags for Take-home Breakfast Bags, assemble bags, and deliver them at the end of the week.

PreSchool and PreK: Brown Paper (Lunch) bags

Kindergarten and 1st Grade: Small boxes of cereal

2nd and 3rd Grade: Shelf-stable milk boxes (individual size)

4th and 5th Grade: Fruit cups

6th Grade: Boxes of granola bars

7th Grade: Juice Boxes

8th Grade: Brown Paper (Lunch) bags

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



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 Seamus 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**

(315) 350-0092

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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*****

Night Under the Stars packets were sent home with your children on Wednesday, January 16.

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!

25 Tips To Make Kindness Your Superpower!

You will never regret being kind! Every day our lives serve as either a warning or as an example to others, choose to be kind!

Here are 25 ways to be kind:

1. Use social media to promote positive messaging and compassion. Stand up for kindness.
2. Give someone a genuine compliment.
3. Offer a hug or embrace for no reason.
4. Make peace with someone who has hurt you.
5. Help someone with their homework.
6. Say thank you and please every day without fail.
7. Listen to a friend, or someone who needs it.
8. Help someone out in a practical way, such as offering help moving, cleaning up or babysitting.
9. Go on a complaint-free diet.
10. Encourage a friend or family member when they are uncertain or unmotivated.
11. Smile and make someone's day a little brighter.
12. Volunteer your time or give to charity.
13. Send a kind email or card.
14. Invite someone new into your tribe; alleviate loneliness for just one person.
15. Hold the door open for the person behind you.
16. If you see someone being bullied, stand up for them.
17. Strike up a conversation with a stranger.
18. Let someone ahead of you in line.
19. Be generous with words of praise and appreciation.
20. Pay for the person behind you in line.
21. Pray.
22. Give someone a place to stay.
23. Say "I love you" more often to your family and friends.
24. Serve as a mentor. Generously share what you know and make it easier for someone else.
25. Commit to consistent self-care for yourself.

Dedicate yourself to inspire kindness. Be more active in your efforts — not because you have to, but because you want to. And not because you've experienced kindness from others, but because being kind is the way of the heart.

Kindness is always a choice. The more conditioned we are to respond with kindness, the more natural it becomes.

Source: mindbodygreen.com

