

# SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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## Important Dates

- 9/4: First Day of School (K-8)
- 9/5: Welcome Back Coffee (at drop off)
- 9/7: PreK Meet and Greet (9-10:30 AM)
- 9/10: PreK First Day of School
- 9/20: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (6 PM)  
Back to School Night (6:30-8 PM)
- 9/29: Fall Festival

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's almost time to welcome back our returning students and families and welcome some new ones!

We have been very busy this summer preparing for the 2018-2019 school year and I think you will all be pleasantly surprised by both the visible and not-so-visible changes.

I am honored to start my second year as your principal and my goal is to make this year an even better one than last year! I spent the summer doing research, reading, and THINKING about Saint James School, leadership, and school programs and am very excited to put some of the things I learned and thought about into action.

Read on for more information about our investment in our programs in the 3- and 4-year old programs, the update to the Middle School schedule to allow time for extension and intervention time, our facility updates and staff changes.

To the left of this column, please take note of some of the important events coming up! See the school website for or give us a call for more information.

Mrs. Florendo

**SLIGHT CHANGE TO DAILY SCHEDULE!**

**SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8:30 AM**

**PRAYERS WILL BEGIN AT 8:40 AM**

**CLASSES WILL BEGIN AT 8:45 AM**

**STUDENTS WILL BE MARKED LATE AT 8:40 AM**



# Pre-K Program



## PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

During the 2017-2018 school year our PreK teachers, Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Melcher, and Mrs. Florendo researched various PreSchool curriculum programs with a goal of investing in a program that would provide structure, rigor, and various activities for the varying developmental levels of our students. We are happy to announce that we have decided to invest in the Mother Goose Time curriculum!

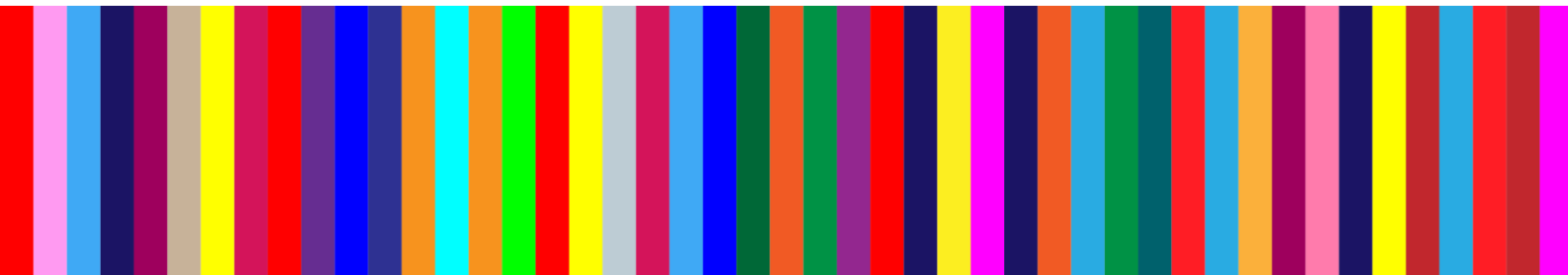
This program a research-based program that nurtures the whole child in all areas of development: social-emotional, physical, language and cognitive. The curriculum uniquely weaves 33 key skills into playful games and hands-on projects.

Your child explores the world through carefully designed thematic investigations. These themes help children know who they are, love others and make healthy life choices. Each day, your child will sing songs, create art, investigate STEM projects, play math and literacy games, read books and build friendships.

The curriculum system offers many opportunities for you to stay connected and extend the child's learning into your home. You will receive a monthly newsletter and daily notes with tips on questions to ask your child about their day as well as fun ideas to do together.

Additionally, we create an individualized Portfolio to celebrate your child's growth overtime. Learning is a process and we are excited to celebrate every special moment with you! For more information about the Mother Goose Time curriculum, visit their website at:

<https://www.mothergoosetime.com/>



# Middle School Program

During the 2017-2018 school year, Mrs. Florendo observed the middle school program and decided to make some changes in order to address the needs of all of our students. Therefore, there are a few changes to report!

The middle school bell schedule is changing to the following:

- 8:30-8:45: Homeroom
- 8:45-9:27: Period 1
- 9:27-10:09: Period 2
- 10:09-10:51: Period 3
- 10:51-11:33: Period 4
- 11:33-12:21: Period 5: Recess/Lunch
- 12:21-12:49: **Extension/Intervention** \*
- 12:49-1:31: Period 6
- 1:31-2:13: Period 7
- 2:13-2:55: Period 8
- 2:55-3:00: Homeroom

\* **Extension/Intervention** period: This will provide an opportunity for students to “dig deeper” into a topic OR get extra help in an academic subject (Math, Literature, Science, Social Studies, or Writing). Students will see each teacher for one extension/intervention class per week.

## NEW CLASS!

We are excited to announce that the middle school students will experience a new “special” class that will meet once per week.

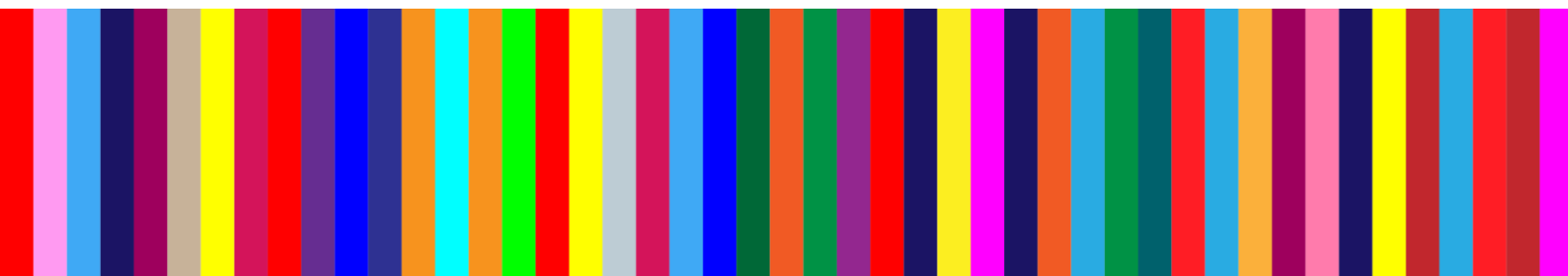
**ORGANIZATION AND STUDY SKILLS**, where students will explore ways to organize their work, learn what type of learner they are, and investigate and employ study strategies will be taught by Miss Christina Duffy. Miss Duffy has been working all summer on the curriculum for the program and is very excited to introduce these very important skills to the middle school students!

## Virtual High School

We are happy to announce the return of Virtual High School to Saint James School!

This program, offers selected 8th grade students the opportunity to experience semester- or year-long high school courses that will engage the students and foster their enthusiasm for learning. Students were encouraged to choose courses that will allow them to pursue their passions.

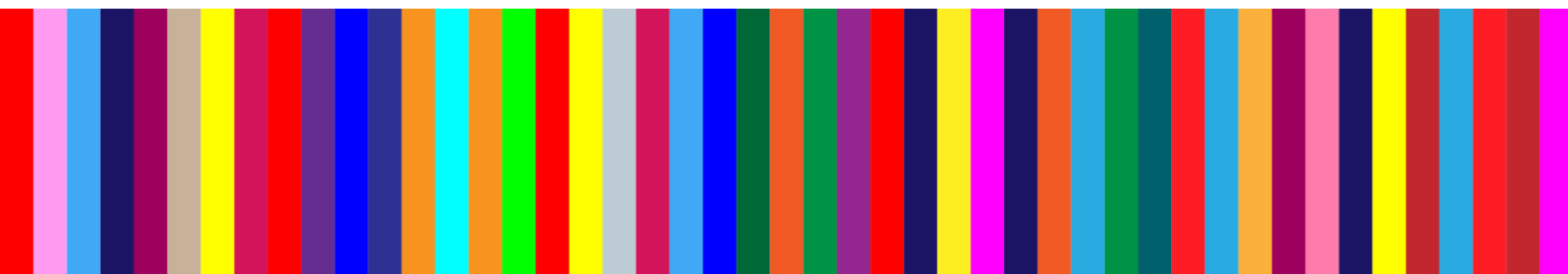
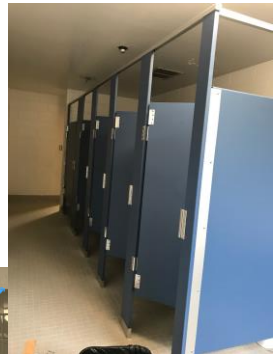
Saint James School is happy to partner with Union Catholic High School in this endeavor!



# Facility Updates

Over the summer, our facility was updated in the following ways:

- ✓ Hallways painted a cheery yellow
  - ✓ Stairwells painted a calming grey
  - ✓ Hallway ceiling tiles replaced and grids painted
  - ✓ Gym floor buffed and shined
  - ✓ Nurse and Principal office bathrooms renovated
  - ✓ Bathrooms on 1<sup>st</sup> floor renovated
  - ✓ Faculty room bathroom renovated and is now ADA compliant!
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- ✓ Saint James' icon – did you know that it is over 150 years old!?! – alcove freshened up with paint and a new light. Now we can actually see him!
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- ✓ Coming up in September: The conference room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is being converted to a chapel!



# 2018-2019 Faculty & Staff

Please welcome (and welcome back) the best  
faculty and staff in the whole, wide world!

Monsignor Sylvester Cronin, Pastor  
Mrs. Suzanne Florendo, Principal  
Mrs. Debbie Lewis, Executive Assistant  
Mrs. Ellen Corcoran, Technology Coordinator & Teacher  
Mrs. Kathleen Vogel, Lunch program  
Mrs. Donna Hendrickson, Nurse  
Mrs. Beth DiDomenico, Nurse  
Mrs. Kristin McInerney, Counselor

Sister Joann Marie Aumand, Director  
Mr. John Falcone, Director of Advancement  
Mrs. Linda D'Allesandro, School Secretary

PreKindergarten – 3 year olds: Mrs. Kerry Shannon, Teacher  
Sister Maria Burns, Aide  
PreKindergarten – 4 year olds: Mrs. Carolyn Melcher, Teacher  
Mrs. Pina Jambrina, Aide  
Kindergarten: Mrs. Mary Plaza, Teacher  
Mrs. Kathleen Knapp, Aide

Grade 1: Mrs. Frederica Quiterio

Grade 2: Mrs. Elaine Comer

Grade 3: Mrs. Danielle Harcourt

Grade 4: Miss Heather Leyhan

Grade 5: Miss Alexandra Donaldson

Grade 6 Homeroom and Middle School Writing/Grammar: Mr. Dennis Schneider

Grade 6 Homeroom and Middle School Social Studies: Mr. Nicholas Costantino

Grade 7 Homeroom and Middle School Mathematics: Mrs. Michele Freda

Grade 8 Homeroom and Middle School Science: Miss Kayla McDonald

Grade 8 Homeroom and Middle School Literature/Vocabulary: Mr. Kyle Kiernan

Middle School Mathematics: Mrs. Jess Hess

Middle School Religion and Organizational/Study Skills: Miss Christina Duffy

## Specials

Art: Mrs. Emily Recuperero

Library: Miss Alexandra Donaldson

Music: Mrs. Joyce Russell

Physical Education: Mrs. Liz Schmidt

French (Grades 7 & 8): Mrs. Marie Baeyens

Spanish (Grades K-8): Mrs. Dulce Mendez

