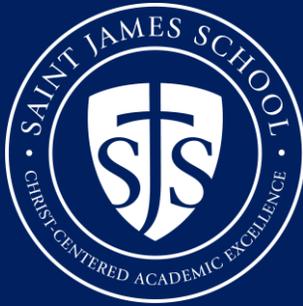


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Important Dates

10/5: 10:15 School Mass; 12:45 dismissal
10/8: NO SCHOOL
10/11: High School Information Night, 6:30 PM



STOP!t™

Should you wish to watch the video that introduced the Stop!t app to our students, please click [here](#).

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with sadness that I report the resignation of our PreSchool teacher, Mrs. Kerry Shannon. Mrs. Shannon has been an integral part to building the early childhood education program to the loving and nurturing program it is today. I hope you will all keep Mrs. Shannon in your prayers as she continues on her journey!

I am happy to announce that Mrs. Jo Maffey, a former Saint James School teacher will be our long-term substitute in the PreSchool until a replacement can be named. Mrs. Maffey is very excited to be returning to Saint James and has begun meeting with Mrs. Shannon to ensure that the transition is smooth for the children.

This week, we held an assembly for the middle school students to discuss bullying, the differences between bullying, conflict, and teasing, and everyone's responsibility when incidences occur. Students heard from Mr. Costantino, Mrs. McInerney, and myself how important it is to tell an adult if something happens that makes them uncomfortable or they witness something that is wrong. In that assembly, we also introduced the Stop!t application. This, we hope, will not replace our students' reporting or talking to their parents, teachers, Mrs. McInerney or me, but will be available if they feel that they want to remain anonymous in their reporting. The most important message, I felt, that the children heard is that every adult in this building loves them and is here for them!

We appreciate all of your support and love!

Mrs. Florendo

Sister Joann's Bulletin Article

In today's Gospel Jesus says:

“Whoever receives a child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

At Saint James School, Mrs. Florendo and I walk in and out of the classrooms on a very regular basis throughout the day. This helps us to better understand what is happening not only in supervising the teaching of curriculum, but it helps us to appreciate our students for who they are, how they receive the instruction from their teachers and how they relate to each other in the classroom. While we both enjoy our classroom visits we hope at the same time that we are providing support to both our teachers and our students. This practice of walking around the classrooms helps me appreciate and value our teachers and students in a much deeper way!

I'd like to do a **SHOUT OUT** to our teachers at Saint James School. I am proud to say that each one is caring, concerned, interested, and creates a learning environment in their classroom so that each student can learn and become successful. I read this definition of a good teacher:

A good teacher is one who:

- knows the subject matter
- cares about and does their best to understand the students
- encourages good behavior and learning through positive comments and actions
- can structure a class so students can learn well
- teaches with a variety of modalities so that all students, regardless of how they learn, are connected to the lesson
- holds themselves and the students to high standards
- loves learning and encourages students to learn
- shows respect to everyone in the class, and in return expects respect to be shown to everyone.

At Saint James we do have teachers who model this definition of a teacher and who strive to live the Gospel message that is proclaimed today! Kudos to our teachers!!

Sr. Joann Marie Aumand, SCC
Director of Saint James School



Home-School

MOTHER & SON FUN NIGHT

Sunday, October 14, 2018

5:00PM-7:00PM

Branchburg Sports Complex

47 Readington Rd., Branchburg, NJ

\$20 per person

Laser Tag, GaGa Pit, Photo & Pizza

RSVP by October 10th to jamilelli80@gmail.com

Contact Julie Milelli for any questions at the email above.

The HSA is launching its 2018-2019 Boxtops for Education campaign!

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.

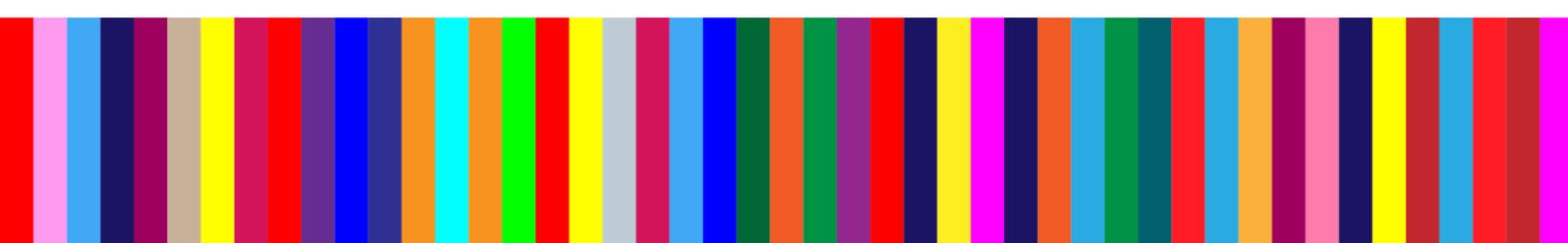
Send them in to your student's homeroom by **Tuesday, October 23!**

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.



Home-School

Rosary Coast to Coast

On Oct. 7th at 4pm EST - the Rosary Coast to Coast campaign will unite Catholics across the U.S. and around the world in prayer for the soul of our country wracked by moral decay and spiritual decline.

Catholics will gather on October 7th, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, along American coastlines and borders, in churches, in the public square, as families, in front of state capitols or in front of computer screens to view the live-stream of the National Rosary Rally at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

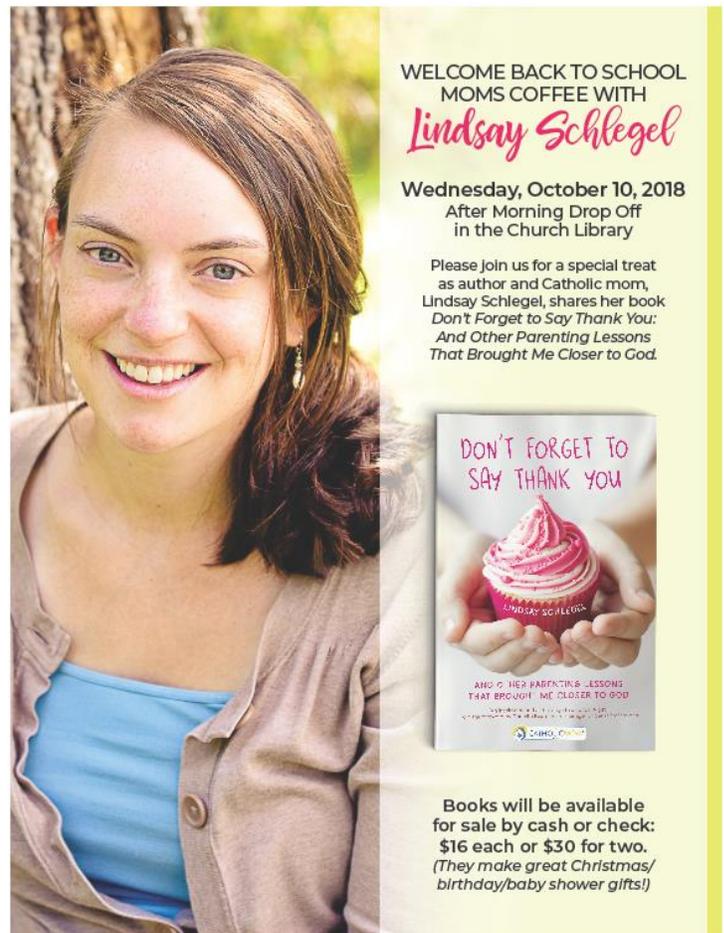
Be a part of Our Lady's army and pray the rosary by joining with families in front of St James Church on Sunday 10/7 at 4pm. On Oct. 7th at 4pm EST - the Rosary Coast to Coast campaign will unite Catholics across the U.S. and around the world in prayer for the soul of our country wracked by moral decay and spiritual decline.

More than 1,100 rosary locations across the country in all 50 states will be lifting up their hearts and voices to Our Lady of the Rosary to turn back the moral tide of the nation.

Help Needed!

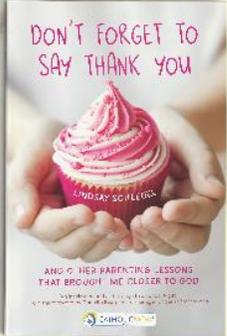
Are you interested in volunteering to help with our recess and cafeteria periods?

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

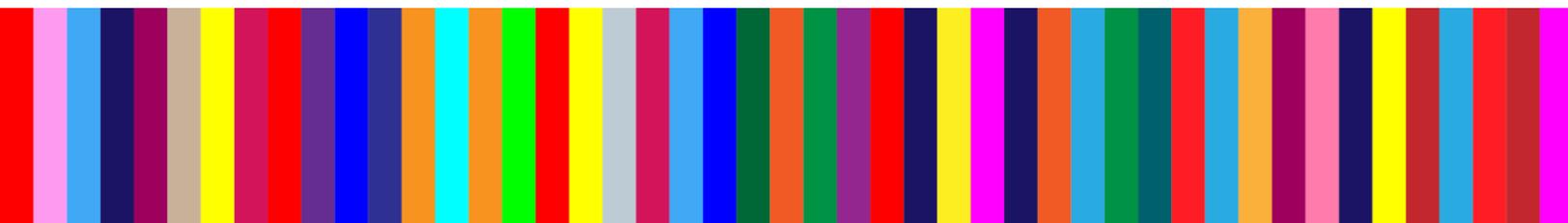


WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL
MOMS COFFEE WITH
Lindsay Schlegel
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
After Morning Drop Off
in the Church Library

Please join us for a special treat as author and Catholic mom, Lindsay Schlegel, shares her book *Don't Forget to Say Thank You: And Other Parenting Lessons That Brought Me Closer to God*.



Books will be available for sale by cash or check: \$16 each or \$30 for two. (They make great Christmas/birthday/baby shower gifts!)



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

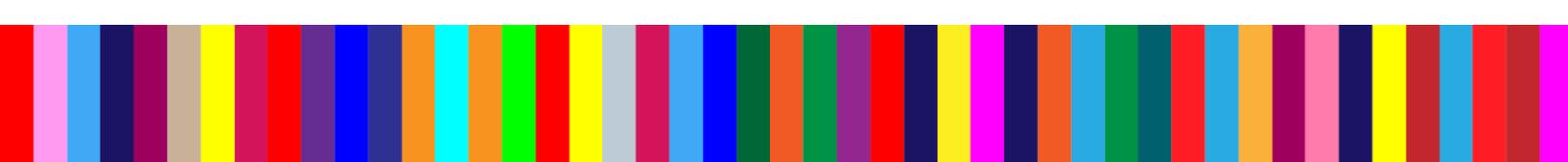
Congratulations to our Cross-Country Team!

The St. James Spartan Runners had their first meet of the season on Saturday, September 29. The meet was hosted by Assumption School and was held at Loantaka Park in Morristown. Although the weather was optimal, the course conditions were very muddy and there was even a downed tree on the course, but our runners were not intimidated by the tough conditions.

The team had a lighter than normal participation rate due to the Fall Festival celebration at St. James, but for those who were able to run, it was a day to remember. Several runners were running their first meet ever and the first time runners were nothing short of amazing. And even with the shortened squad, St. James came up with 3 medals and numerous personal best times.

Mika Vanderwesthuizen had a brilliant 4th place finish in the girls 4th grade race, followed closely behind by Natalie Hillebrecht who finished 6th.

In the girls 5th grade race, Jillian Paolino had a medal finish due to an explosive finish where she passed several runners to earn her first medal of the season. These were very well earned medals.



50 Fun Questions to Get Your Kid Talking

Children ask questions—lots of questions. But you can turn the tables! Here are 50 fun suggestions to get a conversation started.

It's important we let kids know their imagination—and desire to know more—is a wonderful thing, and it turns out we can help achieve this not just by answering our kids' many questions, but by making a point to ask them just as many questions in return. After all, it's proven that kids mimic the words, patterns, routines, and behavior of their parents. So move beyond the basic "How was your day?" and consider this list of 50 questions to help get your kids talking:

1. What do you like daydreaming about?
2. What makes you happy?
3. What have your friends been up to?
4. If you could do anything right now, what would you do?
5. What do you look forward to when you wake up?
6. Do you ever think about renaming the colors of your crayons?
7. What character makes you laugh the most?
8. If you opened a store, what would you sell?
9. What's your Superhero name and what powers do you have?
10. You're at the beach. What's the first thing you do?
11. If you could grow anything in the yard, what would it be?
12. What makes you feel brave?
13. What makes you feel loved?
14. How do you show people you care?
15. What does it feel like when I hug you?
16. If your stuffed animals could talk, what would they say?
17. If you could give \$100 to a charity, which would you choose?
18. How would you design a treehouse?
19. What do you enjoy giving people?
20. Did you smile or laugh extra today?
21. If you wrote a book, what would it be about?
22. If you drew everything that came to your head, what would you be drawing right now?
23. If you designed clothes, what would they look like?
24. How do you best like helping others?
25. Pretend you're a chef, and tell me about your restaurant. What foods do you serve?
26. What do you think you're going to dream about tonight?
27. What makes you feel thankful?
28. Where would you like to travel? How would you get there?
29. What sounds do you like?
30. If you made a cave in the woods, what would be inside it?
31. If you could ask a wild animal any question, what would you ask?
32. You're outside for a whole day: what would you do?
33. What makes the best fort?
34. What makes you feel energized?
35. If you were in a play, what would your character be like?
36. How do you think animals communicate?
37. What are some of the best things about nature?
38. You're a photographer for a day, what would you take pictures of?
39. What's a memory that makes you happy?
40. What bugs you?
41. Describe a great day. What are you doing that makes it special?
42. What animal would make a great driver?
43. What makes your friends so awesome?
44. What makes you so awesome?
45. Do you have any inventions in your brain?
46. Do you think it'd be fun to learn another language?
47. What are three things you want to do this summer?
48. If you could make up a new holiday, what would it be?
49. What makes someone smart?
50. If you had friends all over the world, how would you keep in touch?

Don't worry if your child isn't initially excited about answering your questions—and don't rush her to answer or move on to another one too quickly. Letting your child take his time shows that you're genuinely interested in what he has to say, and not just robotically asking.

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