

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
OCTOBER 31, 2018

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Important Dates

- 11/1: All Saints Day, 10:30 AM Mass
- 11/2: 12:45 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting
- 11/6: 8th Grade Field Trip, FDR Presidential Library
- 11/8: School Pictures
- 11/9: 2nd Grade All Saints Presentation, 1 PM
- 11/9: End of Marking Period 1



School Picture Day is Thursday, November 8! Students should wear winter uniforms. More details to follow!

FROM
THE
PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Halloween! Many thanks to those who decorated their cars and handed out candy at our Halloween parade today! The children had so much fun – and I think the adults did, too!

Please note that Picture Day is next week – November 8. Students should wear their winter uniforms for their school photos. More information will follow at the end of the week.

The 2nd grade will celebrate All Saints Day with a presentation in the Chapel on Friday, November 9 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome!

Please see the next page for information about how we will honor our departed love ones during the month of November. If you would like to add someone to our prayer table, please send it in with your children.

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Florendo

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Praying for our lost loved ones

We have set up a table in the main office for students to place prayer cards, pictures, or names on a piece of paper of those relatives or friends that have passed away. Each day in November, we will pray for the souls of those we have lost.

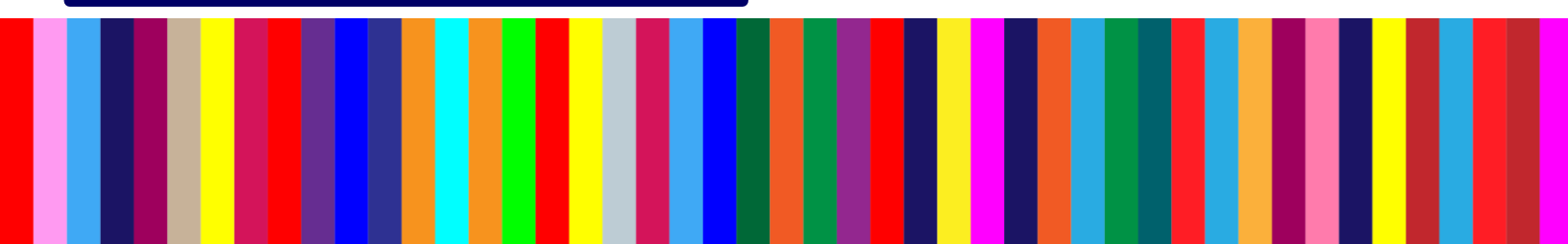
Please encourage your children to add to our table anytime after November 1.



Parents and Friends are invited to attend the All Saints Presentation by our 2nd grade students on Friday, November 9 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel.

The Bishop is Coming!

Bishop Checchio will be the main celebrant at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, November 17. We would like to have as many students at the Mass as possible and to act as an honor guard for the Bishop!



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Are you receiving emails from the Home-School Association? If you are not, please email hsa@sjsbr.org so they can add you to their distribution list!

Holiday Boutique

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SAINT JAMES SCHOOL GYM
10AM - 5PM
200 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge

FREE Event • Tricky Tray • Vendors

Please join us for a fabulous shopping experience. There is something for everyone on your holiday list. The vendor items for sale include but are not limited to:

Personalized Gifts & Accessories
Handmade Christmas Decorations
Special Event "Cakes"
Rosary Beads & Accessories

Home Decor
Glass Art
Cosmetics
Beautiful Jewelry



BONUS: Get your holiday shopping done while giving back! 15% of the vendor sales helps support Saint James School.

For additional information, contact sjsholidayboutique@gmail.com

Light Lunch Available

**Box Tops Contest
Winners!**

Congratulations to the 4th graders who collected the most box tops! They win a dress-down day!

Altogether, 3,983 box tops were collected for a total of \$398.30 for the school!

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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!



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

Congratulations to our Cross-Country Team!

Greystone / Central Park, Morris Plains, NJ, Sunday, October 28, 2018--The St. James Spartan runners had their finest performance of the season, racking up 7 more medals after seeing the meet postponed on Saturday due to heavy rains. This was the longest course of the season with the 3-4 grade squad running a mile for the first time. Each of the grades ran their longest distance of the season on a hilly and often wet course.

"Johnny D" DiDomenico once again won the fun run with Mason Mendez coming in a close second in a field of more than 30.

Mika Vanderwesthuizen came in 5th place in the girls 3-4 division. In the boys 5-6 division, Chase Lynch came in 2nd place and Caylor Mendez earned his first medal of the year, coming in 15th. In the girls 5-6 division, the team had a tight clustering in high spots with Ellie DiDomenico coming in 13th, Olivia Milelli coming in 15th (and getting her first medal of the year) and Meaghan Wizeman coming in 16th. In the boys 7-8 Division, Patrick Griffin came in second, while Adian Kurlyko came in 8th.

Once again, there were many personal bests among all the runners. St. James fielded a sizable team despite the schedule change. A true testament to the dedication of these athletes.

*The team had a special guest attending the meet this week. **Mr. Cos**, came out to see the team and it clearly had a positive effect on the team! It is not so easy to give up many hours on a Sunday afternoon, and the team responded well to the extra support.*

Next week is the final meet of the season. The CHAMPIONSHIP RACE will be held in Clark, NJ at 9 AM on Sunday, November 4.

Talking to Kids About Tragic News Stories

Unfortunately tragic news stories are commonplace these days, and often times children are made aware of these events with or without their parents consent or prior knowledge. When something big happens in the world, use this no-scare guide to explaining current events.

Talking about the news with a 7- or an 8-year-old is tricky. "You want him to have a general understanding of what's going on in the world, but you don't want to bombard him with information," says Elena Jeffries, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and co-founder of Positive Developments, in Millburn, New Jersey. Try these strategies to walk that fine line.

In fact, past research has found that about a third of grade-schoolers regularly watch TV newscasts, and today's 24/7 media environment means that kids can be (and probably are) continually bombarded with the disturbing sights and sounds that come from being surrounded by that type of exposure. Although there's no way (and no reason) to insulate your child from every outlet, you can ensure that he gets a safe dose of reality by taking certain precautions.

Pick the Right Medium

TV news is generally the worst choice for kids this age because it tends to run and re-run the same graphic images, whether it's the footage of the Boston Marathon bombs or destruction from a tornado. "Children tend to think these bad events are happening over and over, which can increase their fear and anxiety," says Dr. Jeffries. If you want to introduce your child to TV news, DVR it as you watch on your own. Then play back only those parts that you want her to see. But it's best to share the news with your child through newspapers, websites, and magazines. "You'll be able to screen them first and decide which stories to share," says Dr. Jeffries. Also log on to news websites that are written with kids in mind such as timeforkids.com or sciencenewsforkids.org.

Offer Context

Kids this age generally don't understand the enormity of the world. "It's hard for them to distinguish between something that's happening in the Middle East and what's going on in their town," says Britton Schnurr, Psy.D., school psychologist at Lynnwood Elementary, in Schenectady, New York. When you talk about bad news abroad, show him how far away it is on a map or a globe.

Prepare Your Kid

It's best if your child hears about news from you first. If you suspect that a tragedy may be discussed at school or at a friend's house, talk about it with her beforehand. And if she does end up learning the news elsewhere? "Before you jump into the conversation, find out exactly what she knows already," suggests Cynthia Harbeck-Weber, Ph.D., a child and adolescent psychologist at the Mayo Clinic Children's Center, in Rochester, Minnesota. "Then clear up any misconceptions she has and answer questions." Kids process information over time, so she may ask you more questions as the week goes on.

Point Out the Good News

Unfortunately, it doesn't get enough attention. "Seek out positive stories to share with your child," says Dr. Jeffries. "Happy events are ideal to talk about and still expand your child's worldview." That's what works for Nicole Jennings, of Columbia, South Carolina. "I pick up where Sara's second-grade teacher leaves off. After the class discussed the presidential inauguration, we let her watch a bit of the coverage," says Jennings. "We also like to follow news about Duchess Kate, so sometimes I'll let her see stories about the royals."

Do Something

"Kids are action-oriented. One of the best ways to help them process current events is to find a way to tie it into their lives," says Dr. Harbeck-Weber. If a tragedy happens, point out all the people who are volunteering and come up with ways that your family can lend a hand. For instance, your son can set up a lemonade stand to benefit the American Red Cross or make cards for kids in the hospital. Becoming involved will help him develop a sense of interconnection with the world.

Source: parents.com

