

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL  
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### Important Dates

- 12/20: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Retreat
- 12/21: 9:30 AM Mass; 12:45 Dismissal
- 1/2/19: Classes resume

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!

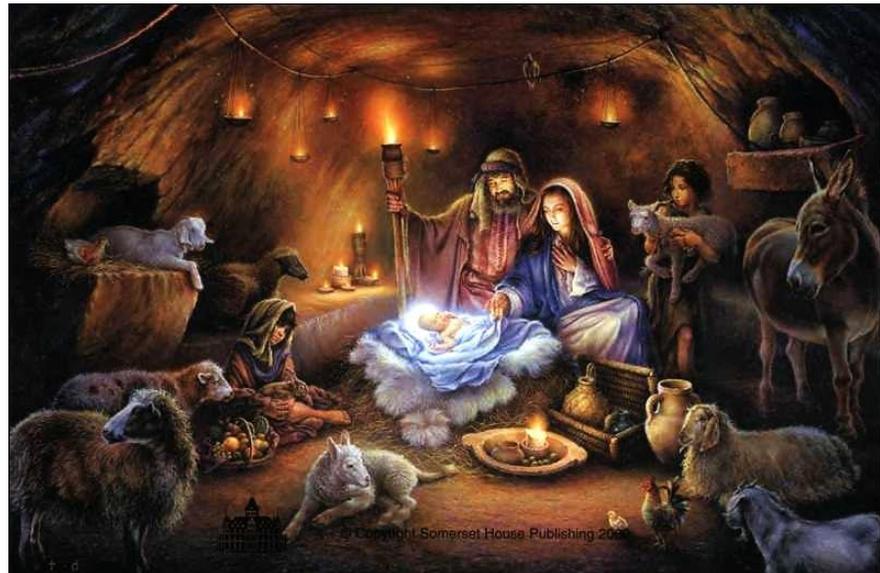
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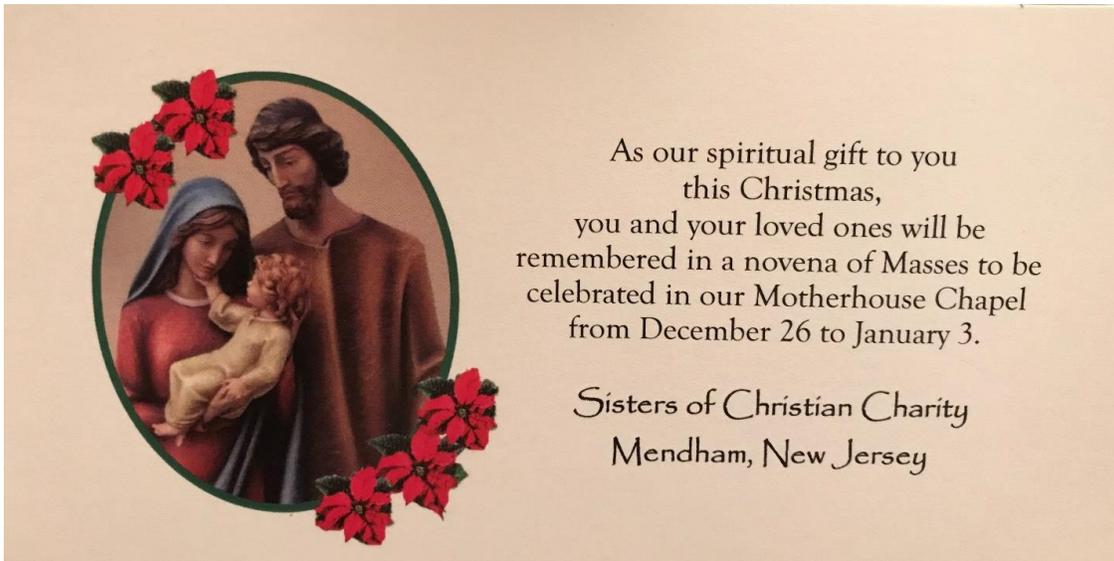


Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wishing you all a very, Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year! Have a relaxing and rejuvenating break. See you all on January 2.

*Mrs. Florendo*





**Dear Parents,**  
**Merry Christmas to you and wishes for a Blessed and Happy New Year!**  
**You and your families will be in my prayers**  
**as we celebrate this special Feast of Christmas.**  
**Your family names are on our Motherhouse Altar**  
**throughout this 9 day novena.**  
**Thank you for all your support and love!**  
**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](mailto: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!

### Step-up Day!

On Monday, our students spent one period in their next year's classroom. They heard from the teachers about what they will learn next year and completed an activity related to that curriculum. The students had lots of fun spending time in their next-step!

*Parents, we need your help!*



*Thank you to those who have completed our AdvancEd survey! For those who haven't, please do so as soon as possible. The survey will close before Christmas.*

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/84135/p33469>



## "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](mailto: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



## The Importance of Spending More Quality Time with Your Kids

Families are busy these days. After work, school, extra-curricular activities, meetings, housework and the other inevitable realities of life, there isn't a lot of time leftover for quality time to spend with your children.

By spending quality time with your kids, they receive many benefits. Here are a few of them, why they are important, and how to make quality time.

**Feeling Loved and Important** - This is important for any person at any age. Feeling loved, valued and important builds self-esteem and self-worth, which is necessary for a fulfilling life.

**Model Good Behavior** – Children often mirror their behavior after that of the people they spend the most time with. If they aren't spending time with you and learning good behavior, habits and morals from you, who are they learning it from?

**Learn Children's Strengths**– When you spend quality time with your children, you can start to identify their strengths, as well as begin to identify areas for improvement. Through this, you can help them grow as a person by building on their strengths and helping them reach their full potential.

**Voice Thoughts and Feelings** – Think back on the time when you were growing up. There are many things that happen throughout your child's and teenager's lives that they need to talk about. By spending quality time with your children, you are giving them the comfort level and time to share these things with you.

**Develop Stronger Relationship** – One of the best, and most obvious things about spending quality time with your children is developing stronger relationships with them. Be sure that both parents are spending individual time with each child. This will help not only build memories, but also build trust.

All of these weave together and are an integral part of having a healthy family dynamic and happy children. The benefits are endless, so set aside one-on-one, quality time with your kids.

## Quality Time Ideas- What Does It Look Like?

- Cook or bake together.
- Work on homework.
- Play sports.
- Try their hobbies.
- Attend a concert, show or movie together.
- Shopping trip.
- Have a movie or game night.
- Go on a bike ride or walk together.
- Read a book together – this works great for younger children.
- Make a craft or start a project together.

Source: [collegenanniesandtutors.com](http://collegenanniesandtutors.com)