

## NEWS FROM THE HIGH HEAVENS

NO. 8

Thursday, March 13, 2014

### **“A CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITY”**

**REPORT CARDS ARE BEING SENT HOME IN THE FAMILY FOLDERS TODAY!!!**

**REMINDER – SPRING BREAK WEEK WILL START TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> (WITH EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:30PM) AND GO TILL FRIDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>. SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **MARCH FRIENDS OF AUGUSTA STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

The February Friends of Augusta Student of the Month is **DUKE LICHLYTER**. **DUKE** is definitely my most improved student of the school year. He has turned both his grades and behavior around completely. He is one of my most helpful students in class and is willing to help me or other students whenever possible. He is a great partner for students to work with; he is dedicated to working hard and not causing distractions in his group. We are very blessed to have Duke as a student at St. James Catholic School. Great job, Duke!

### **3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

On Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, in the School Community Room, starting around 8:00am, we will recognize the children for the efforts and academic achievement for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### **COUNCIL OF EDUCATION**

The St. James Catholic School Council will meet on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30pm in the School Conference Room. Anyone is invited to attend.

### **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS CLUB MEETINGS AND TOURNAMENTS**

Mrs. Reavis and Mrs. Standfast will be working with the “Battle of the Books” team members as they prepare for their tournaments. The dates for the tournaments and locations are:

**Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary-Derby**

**Wednesday, April 9<sup>h</sup> – St. Mary-Derby**

**Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – All Saints - Wichita**

Practices will be held after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:15-4:00pm every week.

### **SPECIAL NOTE FOR 2014-2015 KINDERGARTEN PARENTS AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP**

We are having a Kindergarten Round-up Parent Meeting on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the School Community Room.

We will be sub-contracting a company trained to screen and assess children for kindergarten to determine student's strengths and weaknesses. This will be our eighth year to do this.

**St. James Catholic School's Mission Statement:**

## **SPECIAL NOTE FOR 2014-2015 KINDERGARTEN PARENTS AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP**

On Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00am the actual screening will take place.

**If you have not yet scheduled a time for your child; please call Cathy in the school office as soon as possible. THE AFTERNOON TIME SLOTS ARE ALL GONE! You will have to sign up for a morning time and will have to bring your child back for class in the afternoon.**

There will be a \$50.00 fee per child. The school will pay \$15.00 **and parents pay \$35.00.** This fee will cover material(s), administration of the screening, a group meeting with the parents to explain the testing procedures, and an individual conference if the screening team believes it's necessary to conference with you.

The results that you will receive may include the following: your child's scores, recommendations, interventions and strategies (if needed), and graph showing where your child would fit as compared to the children screened that day.

On Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00pm, at a pre-scheduled time, the Screening Team will meet with those parents they deem necessary to discuss results in more detail. A team member will also be available to answer questions that any of the other parents have.

It is our hope that by using an unbiased trained group of professionals to administer the screenings it will be more "fair" to parents. These experts will let you know the specialty areas to "catch" children BEFORE they get to kindergarten and hopefully you will begin to use interventions to strengthen your child's weaknesses.

The \$50.00 charge is very "cheap" compared to sending your child elsewhere for professionally trained personnel and data. In recent years we have experienced more and more children attending St. James with special needs. Early intervention is a key in helping these children succeed. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Guy or Miss Yates.

### **PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

If you have not signed your child up for Preschool or Kindergarten for the 2014-15 school year, please come by the school office and take care of this as soon as possible. Please bring with you the "YELLOW" registration form, golden rod, pink, or blue preschool info forms, and your \$10 holding fee. **If you have gotten your \$10 holding fee in to us, but not the registration forms, please get them into us as soon as possible.** Please make sure you have copies of your child's **BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, AND BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE** when you register...we do not need the physical form and immunization sheet filled out right now, but will need them before school starts in August. Parents enrolling Kindergarteners for next school year should also get your "yellow" registration forms into the school office as soon as possible...this helps in ordering books for the next year.

### **STATE ASSESSMENT TESTING SCHEDULE – GRADES 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

The students and teachers are working diligently preparing for the State Assessments. Listed below is the schedule for State Assessment Testing that we will follow: **Reading Assessments – 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Tuesday/Thursday - April 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00am; Reading Assessments – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades - Tuesday/Thursday - April 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:40am; Reading Assessments – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday/Tuesday - April 11/15 – 10:30am; Math Assessment – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade – Monday/Wednesday – April 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> – 10:40am; Math Assessment – 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Monday/Wednesday – April 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am; Math Assessment – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Thursday/Wednesday – April 17<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30am; Science Assessment (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Only) – Friday/Tuesday - April 11/15 – 9:00am. **Please make sure that your child/ren get a good night sleep and a nutritious breakfast on these days!****

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH/APRIL**

Fri. March 14<sup>th</sup>

**Pre-registration forms due without penalty – these are the white**

**Pre-printed forms sent home in your family folders again today!**

**EARLY DISMISSAL – 12:30PM!!! LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.**

Dino Days – K-6<sup>th</sup> – 9:00-11:20am

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH/APRIL CONTINUED

Fri. March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry – 5:00-8:00pm – School Gymnasium
Sat. March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Father Lisle's Birthday and Priesthood Anniversary Celebration – 2:30-4:30pm
<b>Mon. March 17<sup>th</sup> –</b>	
<b>Fri. March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL</b>
Mon. March 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Resumes
Tues. March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Mr. Guy Battle of the Books Practice – 3:15pm – Music Room
Wed. March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Battle of the Books Competition – St. Mary's -Derby
Thurs. March 27 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter AR Store – Afternoon Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Miss Shaw
Fri. March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Preschool Open House – Pre3 – 8:00-9:20am and 9:30-10:50am Pre4 – 12:00-1:30pm and 1:45-3:15pm Stations of the Cross – 2:30pm- Church and 7:00pm – Church Fish Fry – 5:00-8:00pm – School Gymnasium
Mon. March 31 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly – 8:00am – School Community Room
Tues. April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Mr. Guy <b>STATE READING ASSESSMENTS – 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am; 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – 10:40am</b> Battle of the Books Practice – 3:15pm – Music Room
Wed. April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Battle of the Books Practice – 3:15pm – Music Room
Thurs. April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Miss Shaw <b>STATE READING ASSESSMENTS – 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am; 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – 10:40am</b>
Fri. April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Stations of the Cross – 2:30pm – Church and 7:00pm - Church
Mon. April 7 <sup>th</sup>	White Heart Rosary – 8:00am – Church <b>STATE MATH ASSESSMENTS – 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am; 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – 10:40am</b>
Tues. April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Mr. Guy Friends of Augusta Student of the Month Luncheon – Pizza Hut – Noon Battle of the Books Practice – 3:15pm – School Library School Council Meeting – 5:30pm – School Conference Room
Wed. April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Screening Parent Meeting – 6:00pm – Community Room Kindergarten Round-up – 8:00am-3:00pm – School Community Room <b>STATE MATH ASSESSMENTS – 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am; 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – 10:40am</b> Battle of the Books Competition – St. Mary's Derby Kindergarten Round-up Results – 6:00pm – School Community Room -If deemed necessary – an appt. will be set with the child's parents
Thur. April 10 <sup>th</sup>	First Communion Parents Meeting – 7:00pm- Church
Fri. April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Miss Shaw <b>STATE SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS – 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am</b> <b>STATE READING ASSESSMENTS – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30am</b>
Mon. April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Stations of the Cross – 2:30pm – Church and 7:00pm - Church NUT Day – For \$2.00 you can wear a nice pair of blue jeans and St. James T-shirt/Uniform Shirt/Sweatshirt
Tues. April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Little Flower Girls Club – 3:15pm – School Community Room Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Mr. Guy <b>STATE SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS – 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am</b> <b>STATE READING ASSESSMENTS – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30am</b>
Wed. April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Battle of the Books Practice – 3:15pm – Music Room
Thurs. April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Battle of the Books Practice – 3:15pm – Music Room <b>SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION – HOLY THURSDAY</b> Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Miss Shaw <b>STATE MATH ASSESSMENTS – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30am</b>
<b>Fri. April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – GOOD FRIDAY</b>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH/APRIL CONTINUED

Mon. April 21<sup>st</sup>

### **NO SCHOOL – EASTER MONDAY**

Tues. April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Mr. Guy

Battle of the Books Practice – 3:15pm – Music Room

Wed. April 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **STATE MATH ASSESSMENT – 3rd – 10:30am**

Battle of the Books Competition – All Saints Catholic School - Wichita

Thurs. April 24<sup>th</sup>

Religion Quiz Bowl Practice – 7:30am – Music Room w/Miss Shaw

Fri. April 25<sup>th</sup>

April Baptismal Celebration – 8:00am Mass – Church

**Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conference – 12:30pm – Lunch will be served**

**Parent/Teacher Conference – 12:30-3:30pm – Teacher or Parent requested**

Religion Quiz Bowl – Holy Cross in Hutchinson – 1:00pm

### RELIGION QUIZ BOWL

On a Friday in April or May the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Religion Quiz Bowl teams will travel to St. Joseph – Ost, Mount Hope, KS to compete in the Religion Quiz Bowl. We will need drivers, as well as judges and helpers during the Religion Quiz Bowl Meet. If you can volunteer – please contact Mr. Guy at the school office. The Religion Quiz Bowl will start approximately 1:00pm.

### LITTLE FLOWER GIRLS CLUB

**The Little Flower Girls Club will meet on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:30pm!**

### AR STORE

We will have our AR Store for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Thank you to **Alicia Craft** and **Con Otto** for the set-up and helping the children select their prizes. The children in K-6<sup>th</sup> grades read books and take tests to receive points in order to receive prizes.

### FIRE & TORNADO DRILL & SAFETY TRAINING

Two fire drills were held one during February and one during March.

February 19<sup>th</sup> – 1 min. 10 sec. and March 10<sup>th</sup> – 1 min. 28 sec.

### STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are scheduling parent conferences for Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 3:30pm for K-6<sup>th</sup> grades (School will dismiss at 12:30pm). **These conferences are only for parents that wish to speak with a teacher, or a teacher that wishes to speak to a parent. Teachers' requests for conferences will be sent home the end of March. Please get these back to the school office as soon as possible...it is first come first scheduled. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED EARLY ON THIS DAY.**

If you are requesting a conference please fill out one of the forms included in the family folders today and get them back to the school office as soon as possible. We will try to be as cooperative as possible in accommodating your choices. First come-first scheduled. It is not just for children with low academics or discipline concerns either.

Teachers and parents should also meet just to reaffirm the positive areas of a child by your child's teacher. A confirmation note will be sent home with your child with the assigned time by Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please note that it's all right to have your child/ren attend the conference if you feel it will be more productive. The last day to schedule a conference will be Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon. If you can't meet on this day for conferences then please contact your child/ren's teacher directly and schedule another time. **SCHOOL WILL DISMISS AT 12:30PM that day.**

If you would like to request Mr. Guy to be present at your conference, please contact Mr. Guy or Cathy in the School Office.

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Teacher Request</b>	<b>Student Name</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Parent Request</b>	
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## **KINDERGARTEN PARENTS NIGHT OUT VOLUNTEERS**

A special thank you to the following individuals that helped set-up, worked the kitchen by preparing/serving/cleaning-up for the dinner, and helped babysit the children: **Terry Gray; Andee Kant; Angela Pennycuff; Cindy and Shawn Speere; and Grace, Joyce, and Marie Standfast.** Your stewardship made the night a tremendous success.

## **ST. JAMES PTO CANDY BAR SALES**

REMINDER: Please turn in candy bar money. If you still have candy bars, keep selling! If you need more candy bars, check in the office with Cathy and she will be happy to send a box home with you. Thanks!  
PLEASE HELP OUT IF YOU CAN TO SELL THE REST OF THE CANDY BARS!!!

## **BECOME A HOST FAMILY – INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE!!!**

Have you ever wanted to learn about other cultures? Travel to foreign lands? How about work as an ambassador in another country? As a volunteer host family for International Student Exchange, you can do all of these things without leaving your own home. We are currently looking for host families for the 2014-2015 school year, with 5, 10, and 12 month opportunities available. My goal as a local representative is to place Catholic students in Catholic homes. If you have any interest in opening your home and your heart to one of our students, contact Danielle Forbes at 201-4741 (home) 519-7608 (cell) or DLGagnon33@gmail.com.

## **YEARBOOK INFO!!!**

Yearbook Parents:

Just a reminder that there are only 8 weeks left of school. I would like to have your pages by May 2nd so that I can get the books put together before the last day of school. Please try to put as many pictures on a page as possible and electronic pages are preferred to give us the best quality pages. If you have any questions about what your pages need to have please email, call, or text Christi Kirkpatrick.

[belle.macsmom@gmail.com](mailto:belle.macsmom@gmail.com) or 316-259-9809

The Yearbook Parents are:

Pre 3 - Meaghan McClure  
K - Christi Kirkpatrick  
2nd - Michelle Bergkamp  
4th - Holly Schaffner  
6th - Teresa Reavis

Pre 4 - Andrea Pletcher  
1st - Kathleen Fleming  
3rd - Christi Kirkpatrick  
5th - Wendy Becker

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

The St. James Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 14 @ 5:00 pm-8:00 pm in the school gym. Donations: \$6.00 for fish, two sides and drink for adults, \$4.00 for 10 and under. The menu: Fish, Rice Pilaf, Mac & Cheese, Green salad, & Vegetable. No desserts since it is Lent.

## **FR. LISLE POTTORFF TO CELEBRATE 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY & 65 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD**

The family of Father Lisle J. Pottorff invites the parishioners of St. James to join in celebrating his 90th birthday, as well as his 65 years of priesthood. A reception in his honor will take place on Saturday, March 15 @ St. James Parish, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm with Mass @ 5:00 pm. In lieu of gifts, please bring remembrances and/or photos for a scrapbook. For those unable to attend, please send a card or remembrance to the St. James Parish office so it can be included in the scrap book.

Have a nice day!

Yours in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Richard Guy, Principal  
St. James Catholic School