

NEWS FROM THE HIGH HEAVENS
NO. 3
Thursday, October 15, 2015
"A CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITY"

Dear Jaguar Parents,

YEAR OF THE FAMILY SURVEYS

The Diocese of Wichita is requesting all parents (both husband and wife) to fill out an online survey this fall. Parents will need to fill out two if you have children in both elementary and high school. As of Tuesday 9/22, we have had 12% of our Pre-6th grade families fill out the survey. We're trying to get good information and your views to help assist in planning and improving our parish school.

You may look or take the surveys using the links below:
Elementary Parent Survey: <http://www.quia.com/sv/698856.html>
High School Parent Survey: <http://www.quia.com/sv/705254.html>
These surveys are available NOW through October 30th.

If you don't have access to a computer, you may use one here at school. Call Cathy or Mr. Guy to make arrangements. If you would like a hard copy, please read section SURVEY ACCESSABILITY on page 7. Again, we encourage everyone Catholic or not; preschool through sixth grades; single, married, or divorced to take the survey.

SPECIAL THANK YOUS TO THE FOLLOWING

TERESA SPELLMAN for setting up and taking care of Pre3-5th/6th grades Scholastic Book Orders. This is a big job and everyone is grateful.

PAT LOWRANCE for helping with the children with their Mass Readings.

CON OTTO for volunteering in the kitchen.

BETH HALL, ANDEE KANT, KELLY MCCLURE, DARCIE PHILLIPS, ALISSA SMITH, for serving lunch and watching the children last Friday for Teachers' Lunch Off.

ANDREA PLETCHER for coordinating the pictures on the electronic bulletin board in the school foyer.

THERESE ALLEN for helping coordinate group pictures after Mass with all students and staff.

Our St. James Mission Statement:

SPECIAL THANK YOUS CONTINUED

ALLIE KAVALAUSKAS and **CHARLIZE LICHLYTER** for volunteering as student aides for the teachers.

JAKE AND NICK MCCLURE FAMILIES for their use of the truck and trailer for the Homecoming Parade last Friday.

DREW AND KRISTI WILSON for providing Chili for the Hot Lunch Program last Monday. It was delicious!!!

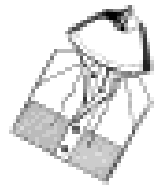
FALL FUNDRAISER PICK-UP

You **MUST** pick up your Fundraiser products today, October 15th between 3:00 and 5:00pm. If you are unable to pick up the product, please make arrangements for someone else to pick it up for you.

Congratulations to the St. James Catholic School PTO and students. The parade float won third place and \$50.00 for their efforts. It was a beautiful float!



COAT & MITTEN DRIVE NOW until October 31st



It is time to clean out those closets and check to see if those coats and mittens still fit!

Please bring clean, outgrown outerwear (i.e. gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, coats, sweaters, etc.) to the boxes that are located in the school entryway (beneath the Electronic Bulletin Board). **All items will be donated to the Augusta Community Caring Center.** Sponsored by the **St. James PTO.** If you have any questions, call the school office at 775-5721.

END OF FIRST QUARTER

Last Friday, October 9th marked the end of the first quarter. Wow! How time flies. It definitely has been a very busy and active first nine weeks with the reviewing of old skills from last spring and learning of the new ones. **THE SCHOOL STAFF WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT** you have given your child/ren and faculty. If you have any concerns, please contact your child/ren's teacher or myself. We pray that your continued **COOPERATIVENESS, KINDNESS, SUPPORT, UNDERSTANDING, and PRAYERS** for the second quarter will be even better than the first quarter. **Report cards are going home today in the Family Folders.** Overall the school staff and I are pleased with the way things are going at this time. We **THANK** our volunteers tremendously. We appreciate their assistance whole-heartedly. I personally believe that we are working on common issues that are for the advancement, safety and progress of our students and school. Our most important aspect of our school is the religious environment. The fifth/sixth graders lead us in the "Angelus" at noon and Mrs. Allen is truly a blessing. She is helping our staff/students increase our Catholicity by leading the Rosary on Mondays during the month of October. The religious environment and Catholicity of our school are enhancing daily. We will always continue to enhance on a daily basis of **WHAT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is supposed to be. St. James Catholic School is a Catholic Learning Community and we will always continue to enhance this process.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are going home today in the family folders.

FIRST QUARTER AWARDS ASSEMBLY

The first quarter Awards Assembly for Kindergarten through 6th grade is scheduled for Monday, October 19th after White Heart Rosary (approx. 8:40am) in the School Community Room.

Please come and help give the children recognition for their hard work.

WHITE HEART ROSARY

White Heart Rosary will be recited every Monday morning during the months of October at 8:00 a.m. in the Church. We are led by Therese Allen and the students. Everyone is invited to attend the rosary. Feel free to sit with your child's class.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Kindergarten, 5th, and 6th grade will be going to Applejacks Pumpkin Patch on **Friday, October 23rd**. I sent the permission slips out to those who had not yet turned them in to us last week in the folders...Please get your permission slips and money back to the school office ASAP!!! Last day to turn permission slips in is Monday, October 19th. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to drive your stewardship is greatly appreciated!

YOUR OCTOBER PRESCHOOL PAYMENTS ARE DUE!!!!

AM and PM Preschool (5-day) - \$185.00 - All Day Preschool (5-day) – \$550.00.

FALL PARADE/PARTY SCHEDULE

Friday, October 30th

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| 1:30-2:00 p.m. | Students change into costumes (no early arrivals please). |
| 2:00-2:45 p.m. | Start parading around classrooms and then to LakePoint Nursing Home |
| 2:45-3:10 p.m. | Classroom Parties – PLEASE DON'T START THE PARTIES BEFORE THE PARADE!!!! |

If your child/ren dress-up for the Fall parade please use sound judgment. **We don't want children to dress up like "death" and "bloody monsters". No toy guns, knives, swords, etc. A wonderful idea for a costume might be dressing up as a Saint in honor of All Saints' Day.** I would like to suggest that the students and parents think carefully when selecting a costume for the parade. How would you like St. James students to represent our School/Catholic Church to the community and to their classmates? I believe that last year during the Fall Party that the children and parents did a wonderful job with their costumes. We want this to be a **"fun"** activity for the students. We hope for a *successful* Fall parade and party.

PRESCHOOL FALL PARTIES

The Fall Party for all St. James Catholic Montessori Center students (Morning & Afternoon) will be held in the School Community Room on Friday, October 30th from 4:00-4:30pm!!!

Father Schemm invites all the youth of the parish as well as all the young at heart to visit the rectory Saturday, Oct 31st as we celebrate All Hallows Eve. Father will hand out treats starting after the 5:00pm Mass till the treats run out. Remember Saint and Angels get double treats!!!!

LUNCH GUESTS

Parents/Siblings/Grandparents are always welcome to eat lunch with their child/ren. **Please, call the school office (775-5721) by 9:00am to make those reservations.** We have to call in our order and do not order extras to cover. Thank you so much for assisting us in this matter!

Remember to check-in at the school office when you arrive!

PARENT/GRANDPARENT/VISITOR CHECK IN-CHECK OUT

Please make sure to check in and to check out of the school office anytime, you are visiting or going to lunch with your child. There is a Check-in/Check-out (white) folder in the office. You will also need to get a visitor's sticker to wear while you are in the building. Please let anyone who might be visiting the school know about this policy. Thank you for your cooperation!

ROOM MOMS/DADS FOR 2015-2016

Pre3

Class Party Parent – Lyna Le/Heidi Thies
Yearbook Parent – Sally Korte
Auction Parent – Kelsey Zorn
Secretary Parent – ????

Pre4

Class Party Parent – Robin Sisk-Head/Payton Payne/Augustina Cox
Yearbook Parent – Jen McClure
Auction Parent – Meaghan McClure
Secretary Parent – Michelle Diller

Kindergarten

Class Party Parent – Danielle Kavalauskus/Amanda Gilliland
Yearbook Parent – Christine & Michael Hazard
Auction Parent – Amanda Gilliland
Secretary Parent – Leah Jefferis

1st Grade

Class Party Parent – Kim Cervantes
Yearbook Parent – Andrea Pletcher
Auction Parent – Drew & Kristi Wilson
Secretary Parent – Jen McClure

2nd Grade

Class Party Parent – Danielle Kavalauskas/Justin & Darcie Phillips
Yearbook Parent – Christi Kirkpatrick/Kathleen Fleming
Auction Parent – Jeri Biehler
Secretary Parent – Colleen Beckley

3rd Grade

Class Party Parent – Allissa Smith
Yearbook Parent – Kathleen Fleming
Auction Parent – Chrissa Webster
Secretary Parent – Leah Brown

4th Grade

Class Party Parent – Justin & Darcie Phillips
Yearbook Parent – Michelle Bergkamp
Auction Parent - Joyce Standfast
Secretary Parent – Joy Stephenson

5thGrade

Class Party Parent – Amy Lowe
Yearbook Parent – Christi Kirkpatrick
Auction Parent – Cindy Speere
Secretary Parent – Jeri Biehler

6thGrade

Class Party Parent – Amy Lowe
Yearbook Parent – Michelle Bergkamp

ROOM MOMS/DADS FOR 2015-2016 CONTINUED

6th Grade

Auction Parent – ????

Secretary Parent – ????

Dear Parents,

As you can see, we are still missing an Auction Parent for 6th Grade and a Secretary Parent for Pre4 and 6th grade. We need your help to make this year successful. Please contact a St. James PTO Officer if you can help out with these positions. To the parents that already have jobs, we will be contacting you with information about your class helper assignment that you signed up for.

Thanks, St. James PTO

VIRTUS – SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SESSION

It is a requirement of our Diocese that anyone who wishes to volunteer in school activities where they will be around our youth (school volunteer, school parties, school picnic, field trip, drivers),

MUST attend a VIRTUS session and have a background check completed. Attendance at a VIRTUS session is REQUIRED PRIOR TO VOLUNTEERING OR WORKING IN OUR SCHOOL. This includes classroom parties like the Fall parties coming up the end of October.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

- Thur. Oct 15th Fundraiser Pick-up – 3:00-5:00pm – School Foyer
Report Cards go Home!
- Mon. Oct 19th White Heart Rosary – 8:00am – Church
1st Quarter Awards Assembly – approx. 8:40am – School Community Room
- Tues.-Thurs.
Oct 20th -22nd No Mass
- Thurs. Oct. 22nd Fall Fundraise Limo Ride/Lunch – 11:00am
- Fri. October 23rd October Baptismal Celebration – 8:00am Mass
Pumpkin Patch – Kng, 5th & 6th grades – 9:00am-12:30pm
- Mon. Oct 26th White Heart Rosary – 8:00am – Church
- Fri. Oct 30th Last Day for the St. James PTO Coat & Mitten Drive!
Pie/Popcorn/Fudge orders and money due!
Fall Parties – 1:30p – start changing into costumes/2:00p – start parade
around classrooms and over to Lakepoint
Preschool Fall Party – 4:00-4:30pm – School Community Room
- Saturday, Oct. 31st **Drop by the Rectory to see Father for your Treat!!! After 5:00pm Mass until
candy runs out...Saint and Angels get double treats!!!!**
- Mon. Nov 2nd No Buses Running
White Heart Rosary – 8:00am – Church
- Tues. Nov. 3rd Family Game Night – 5:30-7:30pm
Parish Council Meeting – 6:30pm
- Wed. Nov 4th Lifetouch Retakes – Pre3-6th grade – 10:45am-Noon
- Fri. Nov. 6th Stewardship Fair Set-up
- Sat. Nov. 7th Stewardship Fair – Before/After 5:00pm Mass
- Sun. Nov. 8th Stewardship Fair – Before/After 8:00 and 10:30am Masses
- Mon. Nov 9th “NUT” Day – Wear Jeans and a St. James t-shirt or sweatshirt for \$2
Little Flower Girls – 3:20-4:30pm – School Community Room
- Thurs. Nov 12th 2nd Quarter Progress Reports go Home in Family Folders
- Sat. Nov. 14th Stewardship Fair – Before/After 5:00pm Mass
- Sun. Nov. 15th Stewardship Fair – Before/After 8:00 and 10:30am Masses

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CONTINUED

- Tues. Nov. 17th School Council Meeting – 5:30pm – School Conference Room –
Anyone is welcome to join us!
- Fri. Nov 20th November Baptismal Celebration – 8:00am Mass – Church
Pie/Popcorn/Fudge Fundraiser Delivery
- Mon. Nov. 23rd -
- Fri. Nov. 27th **NO SCHOOL – Regan Catechetical Institute/Thanksgiving Break**
- Mon. Nov. 30th School Resumes

PICTURE DAY

Any retakes or missed pictures from the first Picture Day will be taken on Wednesday, November 4th. Pictures will be taken from 10:45a – Noon. Anyone taking pictures may wear their school uniform or church clothes. If you plan to take retakes, you will need to bring back the original photos to the School Office ASAP. If your child missed the first picture date and you would like to order individual picture, please get with Cathy in the school office to get an order form.

FALL FUNDRAISER

The St. James PTO made \$2905.60 from our Fall Fundraiser. Fifty-six out of 125 students sold items making up 44.8% of our student body. Seven students will go out for a limo ride to lunch at McDonald's with Mr. Guy for selling 25 items or more.

Their names are listed below:

- First Grade: Dylan McClure
Second Grade: Adelaide Fleming and Bella Phillips
Third Grade: Maeve Fleming
Fourth Grade: Kaden McClure
Fifth Grade: Kiersten Lowe
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THE LIMO RIDE/LUNCH DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

The same seven students above will receive a Free Jean Day also for selling 15 items or more.

****THE FREE JEAN DAY FOR THESE 7 STUDENTS WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND****

TALKING TO TEACHERS DURING CLASSTIME – BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

When parents call the school office to visit with a teacher, a note will be sent to the teacher to return your call back as soon as possible. **Teachers will not be interrupted during class time for parent phone calls.** This is not fair to the children or the teacher who are in the middle of teaching their core curriculum.

If you are in need of a conference with a teacher about your child, please leave a message and the teacher will get back with you to schedule a time. **All of our teachers would prefer not to have an impromptu meeting during the morning or afternoon which is normally their planning time for class or time to help a student if they need to, or they may be on duty trying to keep an eye on our children and keep them safe.** Thank you for your cooperation.

AUCTION COMMITTEE HELPERS NEEDED – CAN BE DONE AT HOME

St. James Catholic School Auction Committee is looking for individuals to go through state, city, travel booklets/brochures/handouts that have been gathered and collected during this past summer. What we need is for someone to make a list of addresses and phone numbers from the brochures, etc. This can be done during the day at school or be done at home anytime. We also need someone who would be willing to write up solicitation forms for items that have been received throughout the year. **STUFFING ENVELOPES WITH LETTERS FROM STUDENTS.**

Please contact the school office @ 775-5721 if you can assist us.

FACEBOOK/PHOTOS DURING FIELD TRIPS

Please be cognizant of taking pictures of students during field trips. Some parents in the past may share pictures of students on their FACEBOOK page. Some parents wish not to have their child/ren's pictures on someone's FACEBOOK page without prior permission. Thank you in advance for your consideration with this issue in the future.

SERVER REMINDER

The following students or siblings of students here at St. James Catholic School are scheduled to serve during Weekend Masses, if you are unable to make it for your time, please call and find a sub. Please do not depend on there being another server at Mass to take your place... thank you for taking responsibility and finding a sub when you are unable to make it ☺ Sunday – October 18^h 10:30am – Grace & James Allen, Tommie Schaffner, and Cannon Carey.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The school directory was sent home in the Family Folders last week. The information has been taken from powerschool, enrollment sheets, and any information changes that have been given to Cathy in the school office. **Please check YOUR information over and make sure it is correct.**

If there are any corrections, please get with Cathy in the school office and let her know what they might be. We will get any changes out in the family folders so that the information in the directories can be updated. This information is greatly used by parents for birthday party invitations and school parties. Thank you for your cooperation!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY 2015

Mark your calendars! The annual Christmas Craft Day has been scheduled for Friday, December 11th. We will need lots of volunteers to help on this afternoon. Please contact Andee Kant at 204-8058 or Allissa Smith at 518-1545 if you would like to volunteer to help on Friday, December 11th.

SURVEY ACCESSIBILITY

To encourage more of our families to take the Diocesan Survey this year, we are trying to find ways for parents to fill out the survey.

Hence, there are two additional ways to take the survey:

- 1) Hard copies of the Family Survey will be located in the school foyer (entrance area), located on the round table. You may take the survey and when finished enclose the survey in the box located on the table; and
- 2) We will have a computer for you to take the survey online in the foyer. The computer will be on the cart located by the round table.

Again, we encourage everyone Catholic or not; preschool through sixth grades; single, married, or divorced to take the survey. The data we will receive will help our school and diocese to prepare for the future as well as address concerns that may be brought up.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The children have done a wonderful job remembering to bring some of their change/dollars on Fridays for the collection basket located in the back of the Church. Some children are writing petitions on a slip of paper and dropping it in the basket in lieu of bringing money. Some children are listing how they thanked God this week. Here are a few of the many "offerings" to God from our children at St. James Catholic School: "I cleaned my room without being asked;" "I did my best on the Iowa Tests;" "I played with someone who was lonely;" and "I said my prayers before I went to sleep." Thank you for reinforcing in your child/ren the value of giving to others, as well as their time, and talent. **Quote: "Give God What's Right – Not What's Left."**

Reflection: God gives what is right – not what is left at the end of the month.

NEW ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE BEING FORMED

St. James Catholic School has had an Enrollment Plan for several years. I am requesting to have 2-4 parents serve on an Enrollment Committee to assist in adding ideas to our current plan on how we can increase our school enrollment. We know in the near future we will be adding a new middle school. Yes, that will help our enrollment to some extent. Perhaps, we may need to communicate that we will accept non-catholic students in our school or perhaps, welcome children with special needs to our school. This committee will formulate ideas to incorporate into our current Enrollment Plan. The committee may only need to meet a few times during the next few months. We would meet at a time that is convenient for the members. We could meet during the school day, after school, or in the evenings. We won't meet any longer than 45/60 minutes. Please contact Mr. Guy or Cathy if you can serve on this short-term Enrollment Committee.

AR STORE

The St. James PTO is seeking someone to run the AR Store this year. Please contact Andee Kant at 316-204-8058, Alissa Smith at 316-619-5907, or Kelly McClure at 316-250-4689 if you can help out.

ALL SAINTS' DAY and ALL SOULS DAY

On November 1st, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. Each day we have approximately 125 little saints who pass through the entrance doorway to receive instruction that teaches minds for a lifetime and souls for eternity. We are here to encourage our children to be constant learners in their academics and catholic spirituality.

In November, the month of Poor Souls, we should reflect on our lives here on earth, as well as the Poor Souls that are waiting in Purgatory to move on to eternal life with Jesus. It's also a time to reflect on our family and friends and to pray that their souls will have an everlasting life in eternity.

As we pray for the relief of the Poor Souls in Purgatory, that they will soon enjoy their deserved blessedness, we continue in the purgatory journey to greater confidence in the perfecting powers of Christ.

Begging your prayers, be assured of our prayers in thanksgiving for your generous support of the work of St. James Catholic School. We thank God for all of his abundant blessings and ask Him to bless you for your charity. Thank you. May the Mother of Perpetual Help watch over us all, her little children, so that we may safely arrive home in the eternal joys, Our Father's Heavenly Kingdom.

Have a nice day,

Yours in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Richard Guy – Principal
St. James Catholic School



MRS. KELLY MCCLURE and DARCIIE PHILLIPS cooked and served lunch on Monday, October 5th.



PAWS students last week were KATERI MOSIER, who invited Mr. Guy to be her guest for lunch and RYLEE SANGER, who invited her grandmother, LINDA CASE, for lunch.

PETTING ZOO DURING THE BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURE DAY



ANDREW DAVIS, MAEVE FLEMING, CLAIRE BROWN, RYLEE SANGER, AND AG DAY INSTRUCTOR

PETTING ZOO DURING THE BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURE DAY CONTINUED



ANDREW DAVIS, ANNA KARKINS, KADEN MCCLURE,
AND GRACE STANDFAST.



ANNA KARKINS, KADEN MCCLURE, AND BRODIE PHILLIPS



EMILY BRUNDGE



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PETTING ZOO DURING THE BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURE DAY CONTINUED



MS. INKELAAR'S 4TH GRADE CLASS