

NEWS FROM THE HIGH HEAVENS
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Friday, November 20, 2015
"A CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITY"

**THE GREATEST GOOD YOU CAN DO FOR ANOTHER IS NOT JUST TO SHARE
YOUR RICHES, BUT TO REVEAL TO HIM HIS OWN.**

Dear Jaguar Parents,

Effective communication and teamwork is essential to promoting student success. This includes communication between parents and the school. Today is a good time to take a look at the quality of your communication both with your child's teacher(s) and the school.

Communication between parents and the school is intended to have your child's best interest as a goal. Parents can take an active role in creating a strong communication link with the school.

Here are some things that contribute to effective communication:

- 1) You are the primary educators of your children. View your child's teacher and the school as partners in your important work. **PLEASE DON'T GOSSIP ABOUT OUR TEACHING STAFF, OR BETTER YET, PLEASE DON'T LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE'S GOSSIP, ISSUES, AND CONCERNS THAT UNDERMINE OUR SCHOOL STAFF.**
- 2) Be aware of school-wide communications such as newsletters, weekly reminders, texts, SchoolReach/School Messenger, and emails to better understand the overall operation of St. James Catholic School. This should provide you with an overall feel for how things are done.
- 3) Be sure to read any and all communications from your child's teacher. And do not hesitate to communicate with your child's teacher when you have any questions or concerns. Although it is sometimes easier to default to the position of "no news is good news," this will not ultimately benefit your child. If an issue arises, visit with your child's teacher first, in lieu of several other parents then the teacher.
- 4) Remember, it is much easier to address a small problem than a larger one. If you have a particular concern, don't wait to voice it. There may be a quick and simple solution to a small problem, whereas once something has developed into a major issue, it may be very difficult to resolve successfully.

**RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
PARENTS AND ST. JAMES WILL NOT ONLY
CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL,
BUT WILL ALSO MODEL FOR YOUR CHILD THE WAY
THAT PEOPLE SHOULD TREAT ONE ANOTHER. WHAT
BETTER LESSON COULD A CHILD LEARN?**

The St. James Mission Statement is....

WEATHER CONCERNS

In the event that weather necessitates the closing of school, St. James Catholic School will abide by the decision of the Augusta Public School system (USD 402). If Augusta (USD 402) is closed, St. James will be closed also. Announcements will be made on the following radio stations: KTLI/Light 99, KKRK, KRZZ, B-98 FM, KZSN, KEYN, KFDI, T-95, KHCC. Television stations are: Channel 3 (KSNW-TV), Channel 10 (KAKE-TV), and Channel 12 (KWCH-TV).

THANKSGIVING BREAK – REMINDER!

This is a reminder that there will be **NO SCHOOL**, Monday, November 23rd through Friday, November 27th for Pre-K through 6th grades at St. James Catholic School. School will resume on Monday, November 30th. **TEACHERS WILL BE ATTENDING A DIOCESAN TEACHERS MEETING AT BISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY.**

THANK YOU.....

CON OTTO for Coordinating our Hot Lunch Program as a volunteer.

ALL THE PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND VISITORS that helped make the “Fall Parties” such a big success. Fun was had by all!!!!

ALICIA CRAFT and **LEAH BROWN** for organizing our Little Flower Girls Club each month.

LEAH JEFFERIS for setting up and running the 1st Quarter AR Store.

PATTEN FAMILY and **HENRY & BARB RATCLIFF** for volunteering to fold and stuff letters for our Parish School Auction.

THERESA SPELLMAN for organizing our Scholastic Book Orders.

PAT LOWRANCE for working with the readers for daily mass.

THOSE WHO DONATED GLOVES, MITTENS, COATS, AND SWEATERS for the St. James PTO sponsored Coat & Mitten Drive.

ANDREA PLETCHER for serving lunch on Wednesday.

AMANDA and **MATTHEW GILLIAND** for serving lunch on Fridays.

JESSICA CAREY for doing PE with our Preschoolers.

PAT BRADEN for shelving and organizing books in our Library...you did a beautiful job.

JERI BIEHLER, DANE PLETCHER, and DYLAN STANDFAST for coaching our students in the STEM Program.

CHEYENNE BECKER, TANNER BECKER, ALLIE KAVALAUSKAS, and CHARLIZE LICHLYTER (FORMER ST. JAMES STUDENTS) for volunteering to do general tasks for the school office, lunch program, and teachers on their day off.

Thank you for your stewardship!

***SAVE THE DATE* KINDERGARTEN THANKSGIVING PLAY**

Come see the Kindergarten class perform the First Thanksgiving for the students and parents on Monday, November 30th at 8:00am in the School Community Room!

KINDERGARTEN/5TH/6TH PUMPKIN PATCH

FIELD TRIP THANK YOU:

To our drivers: **MICHELLE BERGKAMP, JESSICA CAREY, AMANDA GILLIAND, ALAN GREEN, CHRISTINE & MIKE HAZARD, MARGARET HUGHES, LEAH JEFFERIS, CHRISTI KIRKPATRICK, AMY LOWE, IRMA MIRANDA, CON OTTO, HOLLY SCHAFFNER, CHRISTINE SIMS, and CINDY SPEERE.**

Thank you to these families who graciously brought us snacks, water and/or juice: **CAREY, HUGHES, KANT, KIRKPATRICK, PLETCHER, SIMS, and SPEERE FAMILIES.**

Thank you to **ED RATCLIF AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** for letting the us use your coolers again this year!

Thank you to the **ST. JAMES PTO** for providing \$1 per attendee so we could make it affordable for our families. Thank you for your continued support of our Kindergarten & 5th/6th grade annual trip!!!

If you have any pictures please send them to Miss Yates: byates@sjcsks.org.

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION

The celebration for November and December Baptismal dates will be held on Friday, November 20th at the 8:00am Mass. Congratulations to all the November/December Baptism recipients.

CARRIAGE CROSSING PIE AND POPCORNER POPCORN PICK-UP

Reminder - pickup for Carriage Crossing Pies and Popcorner Popcorn is scheduled for 3:00pm the Friday, November 20th. Please remember to pick-up your pies between 3:00 and 5:00pm.

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 ☺** Saturday – November 21st 5:00pm – Ellie Craft, JD Biehler, and David Ebenkamp; Sunday – November 22nd 10:30am – Michael & Solomon Korte.

CHILDREN AND COATS

Please remember to dress your children appropriately with coats and mittens if needed. The classes will be going outside for recess unless the weather does not allow it. Just because it is cold does not mean they will be staying inside. It is good for them to get out and get the sun and exercise. If your child is not dressed appropriately with coats for the temperatures outside, they will not be allowed to go outside. So, please make sure to dress them according to the weather.

Thank you for your cooperation! **NOTE: PUT NAMES ON CLOTHING SUCH AS GLOVES, SCARVES, COATS/JACKETS, HEAD GEAR, AND ST. JAMES HOODIES/SWEATSHIRTS. THIS HELPS IN GETTING THE ITEMS BACK TO THE RIGHTFUL OWNER.**

YOUR NOVEMBER PRESCHOOL PAYMENTS ARE DUE!!!!

AM and PM Preschool (5-day) - \$185.00 - All Day Preschool (5-day) – \$550.00. If you have not paid your October/November Preschool payment you will have a reminder in the Family Folders. Please take care of this ASAP.

Please pray and discern about your STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT for the upcoming year and fill out the forms. All parishioners who have students at St. James Catholic School are required to fill these out and return to the church office every November...please help us out and return your time/talent/treasure sheets at all weekend Masses on Commitment Weekend, November 21st & 22nd! You are also welcome to return it to the school office anytime between now and Commitment Weekend.

ADORATION HELP NEEDED

Miss Yates has a holy hour of Adoration at St. James' Adoration Chapel during the school year on Mondays. If you would be willing to share the hour from 4:30-5:00pm, please kindly let her know via email (byates@sjcsks.org). Help would not be needed on holiday/summer breaks.

Thank you, and have a blessed day!

CONFESSIONS FOR 3RD-6TH GRADES

Confessions for 3rd-6th grades are scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th after 8:00am Mass.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri. November 20 th	November/December Baptismal Celebration – 8:00am Mass – Church Carriage Crossing Pie/Popcorner Popcorn Order Pick-up – 3:00pm
Sun. Nov. 22 nd	STEM – Mindstorm Meeting – 6:00-7:30pm
Mon. Nov. 23rd -	
Fri. Nov. 27th	NO SCHOOL – Regan Catechetical Institute/Thanksgiving Break
Sun. November 29 th	STEM – Mindstorm Meeting – 6:00-7:30pm
Mon. November 30 th	School Resumes Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play – 8:00am – School Community Room
Tues. December 1 st	Parish Council Meeting – 6:30pm
Sat. December 5 th	First Reconciliation Retreat – 8:00-11:00am – Church/School Sacrament of Confession – Father w/Guest Priest – 3:30-4:45pm
Sun. December 6 th	First Reconciliation – 6:00pm - Church
Mon. December 7 th	Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Masses – 6:00pm – Church White Heart Rosary – 8:00am - Church Little Flower Girls Club – 3:20-4:30pm – School Community Room
Tues. December 8 th	Holy Day of Obligation Masses – 8:00am & 7:00pm – Church Friends of Augusta Student of the Month Luncheon – Noon – AHS School Council Meeting – 5:30pm – School Conference Room
Wed. December 9 th	3 rd -6 th Advent Confessions – after 8:00am Mass – Church
Thurs. December 10 th	Christmas Program Rehearsal in Gym
Fri. December 11 th	Our Lady of Guadalupe Re-enactment – after 8:00am Mass – Church Our Lady of Guadalupe Dancers Dress Rehearsal (Perform for School Staff & Students) – Gymnasium – 9:00am Teachers' Lunch Off – K-2 nd – 11:15, 3 rd -6 th - 11:45 Christmas Craft Day – Kng-2 nd - 12:45-1:45pm; 3 rd -6 th – 1:45-2:45pm
Sat. December 12 th	Sacrament of Confession – Father w/Guest Priest – 3:30-4:45pm
Sun. December 13 th	New Sacrament of Confession Time – 9:00-10:00am

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

- Sun. December 13th Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration – Re-enactment & Dinner – After 10:30am Mass – Special dance performed by our own St. James Catholic School Students & Youth at Dinner
STEM – Mindstorm Meeting – 6:00-7:30pm
- Mon. December 14th Christmas Program Practice – 9:00-11:00am – Augusta High School Auditorium – Will need several drivers!!!!
Guardian Angels closes at 4:00pm today-please have your child/ren picked up by this time – normal late fees apply.
Christmas Program “Carriers of the Light” – 6:30pm – Augusta High School Auditorium – St. James Students be there by 6:10pm
- Tues. December 15th Adopt-A-Family Donations Due
Perform Christmas Play – Lakepoint Movie Theatre – 10:00am
- Wed. December 16th First Band Concert – Ewalt Gymnasium – 10:00am
- Thurs. December 17th End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
Christmas Parties – 2:30pm – Classrooms
- Fri. December 18th Faculty Formation Day at St. Joseph Convent
- Fri. Dec. 18th -
Mon. Jan. 4th NO SCHOOL - Christmas/New Year’s Break
- Sat. December 19th Sacrament of Confession – Father w/Guest Priest – 3:30-4:45pm
- Sun. December 20th New Sacrament of Confession Time – 9:00-10:00am
STEM – Mindstorm Meeting – 6:00-7:30pm
- Mon. January 4th Faculty Work Day

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

We plan to help out one family for the Adopt-A-Family again this year. We do not have the information to share yet. We will get the information to you as soon as possible. The tree will be placed in the school foyer with ornaments listing things that have been asked for the last week in November, please help out by purchasing and item or two on the Christmas Ornaments.

ADVENT

The Season of Advent is upon us in just one more week. This holy season helps us to prepare to enter more deeply into the reality of the Incarnation of the Lord, at Christmas. The first two weeks share with us the theme of the second coming of Christ and the last two weeks focuses our attention on the Nativity. As we prepare to celebrate the great Solemnity of Christmas, let us use this time to prepare our hearts through reconciliation with God and one another. **The sacrament of Confession is offered each day thirty minutes before daily Mass and on Saturday afternoon during Advent on Dec. 5, 12, and 19 from 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. with a guest priest.**

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Beginning on Dec. 8 Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Holy Year that will last until November 20, 2016. It is the Year of Mercy. Bishop Kemme has asked the diocesan parish priests to plan for the Holy Year by placing special emphasis in their preaching, liturgies, other celebrations of the Sacraments, and pastoral services on the mercy communicated to us through Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Father Schemm encourages you to hear and respond to the opportunities, throughout this Holy Year of Mercy, that will enrich your understanding of God's Merciful love. As a means to celebrate the Mercy of God Father Schemm will be offering the Sacrament of Confession, **beginning on Sunday Dec. 13 and every Sunday throughout the Year of Mercy from 9:00 - 10:00 am. This will give those that attend Sunday Mass more opportunity and convenience to receive the sacrament.**

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The next holy day is December 8th, as we celebrate the life of Mary, born without the taint of sin in her Immaculate Conception. This year the feast falls on a Tuesday. However, because this is the patronal feast of the USA, the Holy Day is OBLIGATORY. **Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception will be held on Monday, December 7th at 6:00pm. The Holy Day Mass schedule is Tuesday, December 8th at 8:00am and 7:00pm. SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION!!!**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PLAY/DINNER

Please join us for a re-enactment of the visit of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Friday December 12th after 8:00am Mass and again after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 14th. On Sunday, the celebration continues in the school gym as Mexican food will be available for a donation immediately following the re-enactment. Some of our St. James School children and St. James Parish youth will perform Mexican dances for our entertainment pleasure.

GUARDIAN ANGELS

Due to the Christmas Program on Monday, December 14th-children need to be picked up by 4:00 p.m. on this day to allow everyone time to get ready.

The same late fees apply as on a normal day if your child is not picked up by 4:00pm!

Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. James Catholic School Christmas Program "Carriers of the Light" will be held in the Augusta High School Auditorium Monday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. Children should report to the commons area of the high school around 6:10pm. Thanks to Mrs. Hilton for her time devoted to our Christmas program...it is sure to be a big hit!! **The plan is for the students to go over to the Augusta High School Monday, December 14th from 9:00-11:00am for a rehearsal on stage. We will be needing several parent drivers. A permission form is being sent home in the family folders today. Please send back to the school as soon as possible if you can help.**

The program is for Preschool through 6th grade students Preschool students will sit with the Preschool teachers and staff unless otherwise stated.

5TH GRADE FIRST BAND PERFORMANCE

The 5th grade band will have their First Performance at Ewalt Elementary on Wednesday morning, December 16th at 10:00am. All band member parents and family are invited to come watch their children perform.

HEALTH ROOM

Remember that if your child has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater, he/she MUST remain at home until fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of fever-reducing medication. The same rule applies to vomiting or diarrhea; the student should be kept home until the vomiting or diarrhea has been gone for 24 hours without the aide of medication. If your child has a rash of any type, it must be covered and documented by a physician whether or not the rash is contagious. Thank you for your cooperation.

BOOK DONATIONS

It's not too early to start bringing books that you would like to donate for the Book Sale during Catholic Schools Week. Bring them to Mrs. Hoffmann in the library or to the school office.

TARDIES

Arrival at School: Students who arrive before 7:45am go directly to the gymnasium. Morning prayer begins at 7:45am and students are then dismissed to go to class. **Students arriving after 7:50am are considered tardy.** Tardies are taken by the teacher when the CHILDREN ARE IN THEIR CLASSROOM BEFORE they leave for Mass. Tardies are taken by the teacher at 7:50am. **STUDENTS NEED TO BE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS BY 7:50AM NOT TO BE COUNTED TARDY!** If the student will be arriving to their classroom after 7:50am, the **parent should check their child in at the school office.** Three UNEXCUSED tardies in each nine-week period for children in grades K-2nd will result in the child staying in for one recess and will lose a recess for each subsequent unexcused tardy; and for children in grades 3-6 they will result in a 30-minute detention and will be a 30-minute detention for each subsequent unexcused tardy. **A tardy will not be excused if no reason is given for the tardy and the child is not checked in at the office.** The office or teacher must be notified by phone or in writing stating the reason. A weather related event, breakdown of a vehicle, or medical reasons are examples of excused tardies. Getting up late, relatives visiting, personal business, spouse dropping child/ren off at school and not knowing when school starts, older sibling not getting ready on time, alarm not going off when electricity wasn't off are examples of unexcused tardies. Before a detention or recess is taken away, the parent will be informed after the second unexcused tardy that the next time a detention or loss of recess will be issued.



NOVEMBER FRIENDS OF AUGUSTA STUDENT OF THE MONTH

KARA SPEERE is our November Friends of Augusta Student of the Month.

Kara is always on task and ready to learn. She is a very diligent worker. She assists the teacher to help with tasks in the classroom. **Kara** likes all her subjects in school. Her hobbies are softball and volleyball. She would like to be a professional softball player when she grows up. **Kara** is a wonderful child of God, who tries to serve God through every action during the day. We are proud to have **Kara** as a student here at St. James Catholic School and to select her as the November Student of the Month.



DECEMBER FRIENDS OF AUGUSTA STUDENT OF THE MONTH

SOPHIA OTTO is our December Friends of Augusta Student of the Month.

Sophia is a diligent working student who is always on task and ready to learn. She encourages others in her classroom to always do right by modeling excellent citizenship and always following school rules. **Sophia** is a wonderful child of God, who strives to serve God through every action during the day. Last year, **Sophia** was the St. James Spelling Bee Champion. While representing St. James in the Diocesan Spelling Bee in Wichita she had one hand in her skirt pocket all the time. She was holding her Rosary for strength and confidence. St. James Catholic School is proud to have **Sophia Otto** as our December Student of the Month.

FIRST QUARTER AWARDS

Honor Roll 3rd-6th All A's & B's

Principal's Honor Roll 3rd-6th All A's

Kindergarten Awards: *Perfect Attendance Award* – ; *Top Speller Award* - Lizzy Gilliland, Remi Hartley, Maddie Hazard, and Thomas Watson; *Star Sight Words Reader Award* – Max Kappelmann, Kaycee Kavalauskas, and Leonardo Miranda; *Math Fluency Master Award* – Lily Beckley Clayton Hall, Lauren Sims, and Joseph Tice; *Most Improved Letter Naming Fluency Award* – Logan Jefferis; *Impressive Handwriting Award* – Destiny Hughes and Brady Schaffner.

First Grade Awards: *Perfect Attendance Award* – Sarah Brundege, Jonas Eck, Anthony Korte, Briar Lichlyter, and Dylan McClure; *Good Behavior Awards* – Jacob Otto and Mylee Renville, ; *Top AR (33 points) Award* – Carter McClure; *2nd AR (28.6 points) Award* – Mylee Renville; *AR Award* – Sarah Brundege, Noah Cervantes, Ethan Craft, Kaylyn Defore, Jonas Eck, Terrin Fewin, Anthony Korte, Bristol Kuhlmann, Briar Lichlyter, Dylan McClure, Jacob Otto, Callie Pletcher, Jacob Smith, Malachi Smith, and Payton Wilson; *Sight Word I Award* – Sarah Brundege, Noah Cervantes, Ethan Craft, Kaylyn Defore, Jonas Eck, Terrin Fewin, Anthony Korte, Bristol Kuhlmann, Briar Lichlyter, Carter McClure, Dylan McClure, Jacob Otto, Callie Pletcher, and Mylee Renville; *Handwriting Award* – Jacob Smith; *Most Improved Handwriting Award* – Malachi Smith; *Most Improved Reader* – Payton Wilson; and *Good Citizen Award* – Noah Cervantes and Dylan McClure.

Second Grade Awards: *Perfect Attendance Award* – Taylor Barringer, Francie Biehler, Nathan Ebenkamp, Julissa Miranda, Ambrose Pennycuff, Sam Pennycuff, Bella Phillips, Kirsten Sims, and Luke Wilson; *Good Behavior Award* - Drake Defore, Adelaide Fleming, Gabe Kappelmann, Madeline Kavalauskas, and Julissa Miranda; *AR Award* – Taylor Barringer, Dylan Beckley, Dylan Beckley, Francie Biehler, Gunner Carey, Nathan Ebenkamp, Alicen Hughes, Gabe Kappelmann, Madeline Kavalauskas, Ambrose Pennycuff, Sam Pennycuff,

FIRST QUARTER AWARDS CONTINUED

Second Grade Awards Continued: and Luke Wilson; *Effort Award* – Dylan Beckley, Drake Defore, Adelaide Fleming, MacKayla Kirkpatrick, ; *Speller Award* - Gunner Carey, Alicen Hughes, and Atticus Kuhlmann; *Helper Award* - John Kant, MacKayla Kirkpatrick, Bella Phillips, and Kirsten Sims; *Citizen Award* – John Kant and Laney Ratcliff; *and Teamwork Award* – Atticus Kuhlmann and Laney Ratcliff.

Third Grade Awards: *Perfect Attendance Award* – Pilar Correa Arce-Cox, Emily Craft, Santana Lichlyter, Tyson Ohl, and Adriana Otto; *A/B Honor Roll* - Pilar Correa Arce-Cox, Emily Craft, Maeve Fleming, Santana Lichlyter, Adriana Otto, Stacia Pennycuff, and Rylee Sanger; *Principal’s Honor Roll (All A’s)* – Claire Brown and Faith Webster; *Math Fluency Award* – Adriana Otto and Stacia Pennycuff; *Most Improved Spelling Award* – Hunter Smith; *1st Place AR Award* – Claire Brown; *2nd Place AR Award* – Faith Webster; *and 3rd Place AR Award* – Santana Lichlyter.

Fourth Grade Awards: *Perfect Attendance Awards* – James Allen, Katie Anderson, Emerson Bergkamp, Emily Brundege, Andrew Davis, Anna Karkins, Kaden McClure, and Brodie Phillips; *Perfect Conduct Award* – Madison Renville and Ave Stephenson; *A/B Honor Roll* – James Allen, Katie Anderson, Riley Beckley, Andrew Davis, Anna Karkins, and Ava Stephenson; *Principal’s Honor Roll (All A’s)* – Emily Brundege, Kaden McClure, Brodie Phillips, and Madison Renville; *Most AR Points Award* – Brodie Phillips and Ava Stephenson; *Social Studies Award* – Riley Beckley and Emily Brundege; *Math Award* – Andrew Davis and Aaron Standfast; *Science Award* – Emily Brundege; *Respecting Others Award* – Katie Anderson and Riley Beckley; *Team Player Award* – Emerson Bergkamp and Ava Stephenson; *Most Over-All Improvement Award* – Anna Karkins and Aaron Standfast; *Outstanding Service Award* – James Allen; *and Character Award* – James Allen, Katie Anderson, and Madison Renville.

Fifth/Sixth Grade Awards: *Perfect Attendance Award* – Briana Anderson, James Biehler, Cannon Carey, Morgan Curry, Alex Jehner, Sophia Otto, Claire Pletcher, and Malori Renville; *A/B Honor Roll* – Briana Anderson, JD Biehler, Cannon Carey, Alex Jehner, Belle Kirkpatrick, Kiersten Lowe, Kateri Mosier, Malori Renville, Jenna Speere, and Kara Speere; *Principal’s Honor Roll (All A’s)* – Morgan Curry, Joe Kappelmann, Sophia Otto, Maggie Pennycuff, and Claire Pletcher ; *Perfect Conduct Award* – Morgan Curry, Malori Renville, Jenna Speere, and Kara Speere; *Most AR Points Award* - Dusty Jones and Claire Pletcher; *Shows Most Overall Improvement Award* – Briana Anderson and Ellie Craft; *Character Award* – Ben Bergkamp and James Biehler; *Team Player Award* – Joe Kappelmann, Belle Kirkpatrick, and Kateri Mosier; *Outstanding Service Award* – Ellie Craft and Gabe Kant; *and Respecting Others Award* – Sophia Otto and Malori Renville.

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Theraplay (used to be The Therapy Spot) in Wichita will come to St. James Catholic School on Tuesday, December 8th to screen children for Kindergarten next August. Kriss Dickinson, M.S. OTR/L is a catholic from our Diocese that is offering her services at no cost to our parents. She has served many schools in the Diocese of Wichita. She will be observing the children in their classroom environment while they are working in the classroom. She will assess the children to determine if they are “on track” to begin Kindergarten next August. If there is a student(s) that needs additional help in relationship to more work or concepts and skills then Mrs. Korte and staff can develop a plan of action to try to get them ready for Kindergarten in August.

DRESS CODE

The School Council had asked me to write a new Purpose Statement for our Dress Code. Listed below is our purpose along with one change made this year concerning Dress Code. It is a new Hair Bow Policy which is listed below the Purpose Statement. Please review the Dress Code attached to the newsletter.

PURPOSE OF DRESS CODE STATEMENT

Christian young people should dress in a way consistent with Biblical principles of decency. In 1 Timothy 2:9 and 1 Peter 3:3, we are asked to refrain from extremes which call attention to ourselves. The matter of dress is directly related to the kind of people we are and what we think ourselves to be.

Dress is an important factor in the educational environment. At St. James, it is believed that personal appearance affects feelings, attitudes, and actions of the students. Parents are expected to use good judgement in sending their child(ren) to school dressed appropriately. Clothing should be neat, clean and proper length and size. Modest and proper grooming affects the attitude and self-image of the students.

Also, by requiring uniform dress, St. James Catholic School seeks to do several other things:

Create a clean, neat, and orderly learning environment; teach students that they are APPRECIATED at school not for their wardrobe or how they decorate their faces, but for their character, intellect, and kindnesses. Cleanliness is important. We humbly encourage parents to monitor their child's appearance and encourage good hygiene habits to ensure that the dress code is followed.

The dress code below cannot address every situation and as such St. James reserves the right to make decisions on dress attire. Dress for Success!

Hair Bow Policy: Hair accessories: Hair accessories may be worn as long as they are not excessive or distracting, are the colors of the school uniform (black, navy blue, and white), and contain no additional colors. If the size is a distraction or otherwise takes away from the purpose of the uniform, the teacher or other staff member may ask the student to remove it.

ST. JAMES MISSION GROUP POINSETTIA & EVERGREEN SALES

The St. James Mission Group is selling Red or White Poinsettias, and Evergreen Wreaths, 9' Garland, and Centerpieces to help fund the cost for the Mission Trip this summer. You may order 12" poinsettias in red or white for \$20, 7 ½" poinsettias in red or white for \$10, Evergreen wreaths, 9' garland, or centerpieces for \$25 each. There is a sign up sheet in the school office if you are interested in ordering any of the above. The orders money are due November 30th, the poinsettias will arrive around December 7th. Help support our St. James Mission Group!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have lots of white copier paper that needs to be cut on the paper cutter as well as some construction paper. If you can spend time by volunteering for this task, please contact Mr. Guy in the school office.

ASSESSMENTS

Parent Reports for the ITBS (1st-6th) and results of the State Assessments and the Diocesan Religion Assessments (3rd-6th) will be sent home in December.



Happy Thanksgiving

As we celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving, I wish to thank all of you for the gifts you share, especially the gift of your children. It is a joy to be part of a school with so many willing, generous and kind people helping to do what God asks of us. May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving.

Have a nice day.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Richard Guy, Principal
St. James Catholic School



1st Quarter Principal's Honor Roll Lunch at Applebee's!!!



Fall Fundraiser Limo/Lunch Reward for those who sold 25+ items!!!