

NEWS FROM THE HIGH HEAVENS

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**“A CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITY”**  
**“YOU CAN ‘T LOOK AT A SLEEPING CAT AND BE TENSE.”**

- Jane Pauley

Dear Jaguar Parents,

As a Catholic parish community, St. James Parish supports our families and school in educating children so they can reach their full potential. The parish recognizes the important role of the school faculty, staff, and volunteers in this effort. St. James Catholic School is very GRATEFUL for the 70 years of support to our parish school.

Please join us for National Catholic Schools Week at St. James Catholic School, the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of this annual event. Starting with our annual Chili/Chicken Noodle Dinner on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, we have a whole week of activities planned to demonstrate what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we've built to educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders.

This year's National Catholic Schools Week theme is based on community: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." The theme highlights the fact that not only are schools communities themselves, they are also part of many other communities, including families, parishes, cities, and our country.

In addition, the theme focuses on key components of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide a Catholic education to their children.

National Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity for you to see what I'm talking about. I am so proud of our students, and I can't wait for you to visit our school to enjoy the student displays, essays, and talent your children have prepared. When you come, please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be thinking about Catholic education for their children. I am open to giving tours throughout the week.

National Catholic Schools Week is also a time for me to say publicly what I think every single day: I am GRATEFUL FOR the dedication and commitment of our teachers, staff, school council members, parents, and volunteers who make our school a success. They help our school and church community thrive.

Yours in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Richard Guy, Principal  
St. James Catholic School

*This is our Mission Statement...*

### AUCTION NEWS

**ST. JAMES PARISH/SCHOOL AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2016. THIS IS ONLY 5 1/2 WEEKS AWAY. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF OUR PARISH/SCHOOL AUCTION.** "Forest of Faith!!" will begin with mass at 4pm on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available for \$35 a person in the School or Church Office or by calling 775-5721 during business hours. This annual event includes something for everyone: a silent auction, live auction, open bar, and a wonderful dinner.

"Like" us on **Facebook** at [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SAINTJAMESAUCTION](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SAINTJAMESAUCTION) for pictures of items, updates, and full information on event.

There are lots of stewardship opportunities during the auction week. Decorating will take place Monday through Friday Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>. Babysitting is available for 0-8 year olds, care of school parent volunteers. Contact the school office at 775-5721 if you would like to help or have questions.

**Desserts Needed!** If you are a baker, your skills are needed. The annual St. James Parish School Auction is in need of 20-30 baked goods to be donated for this year's silent auction. If you would like to help, please contact Jeri Biehler at 644-3585 or [djbiehler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djbiehler@sbcglobal.net).

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 5<sup>th</sup>

**ALL THE MATERIALS REGARDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WERE SENT HOME IN TODAY'S FAMILY FOLDER!!!**

The kick-off is Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> with a Chili/Chicken & Noodle Dinner sponsored by the St. James PTO. Please get in your volunteer sheets for Catholic Schools Week events as soon as possible. We are especially needing help for the Chili/Chicken Noodle Dinner.



### JANUARY FRIENDS OF AUGUSTA STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The January Friends of Augusta Student of the Month is **JENNA SPEERE**. **Jenna** is a very hard worker and is on task and ready to learn. Her favorite subject is Reading. Her favorite sports are softball and volleyball. **Jenna** wants to study to be an elementary teacher when she attends college. **Jenna** is a delight to have in the classroom and school. She is a wonderful child of God, who tries to serve God through every action during the day. St. James Catholic School is very proud to have **Jenna** in our school and to be selected as the January Student of the Month.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council meeting, as noted on the school calendar, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Anyone may attend and are always welcome.



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

The February Friends of Augusta Student of the Month is **ALEX JEHNER**. **Alex** is a very helpful, honest, and caring student. He very much enjoys reading and his knowledge of books is shown in the classroom! Also, he is a good big brother to his younger siblings at St. James and shows this by being a good role model to them. **Alex** is a wonderful child of God, who tries to serve God through every action during the day.

**Alex** enjoys Math and Social Studies. He enjoys soccer and basketball. We are proud to have such a wonderful role model such as **Alex** here at St. James Catholic School and to select him as our February Student of the Month.



### **ST. JAMES SPELLING BEE CHAMPION**

Congratulations to **Sophia Otto – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (pictured with Mr. Guy)** for winning the school spelling bee held January 18<sup>th</sup> after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly. **Faith Webster - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** was runner-up and **Malori Renville – 6<sup>th</sup> grade** came in third place. They respectively earned 75 AR points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 50 AR points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 25 AR points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **Sophia** will represent St. James Catholic School at the Diocesan Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Catholic School in Wichita.

**IF YOUR CHILD/REN WILL BE ABSENT PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO LET CATHY KNOW, SO WE CAN EXCUSE YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL. ALSO, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD/REN INTO THE OFFICE IF THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THEIR CLASSROOM BEFORE 7:50AM IN THE MORNING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THESE MATTERS.**

## **TALKING TO TEACHERS DURING CLASS TIME – 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. Also if you are dropping off lunches, backpacks, snacks, or picking up homework, please come by the school office. Cathy will get with the teacher and have them bring or come get what is needed to get to your child.

This will keep classroom disruptions down to a minimum.

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.

## **CHECK GRADES THROUGH POWER SCHOOL**

You and your child can check grades and attendance, and register for email notifications (that will let you know your grades weekly) with varying detail. Since the first of the year, less than a third of the student body and/or their parents have logged on to PowerSchool. If you haven't found your way to the site, please go to [www.sjcsks.org](http://www.sjcsks.org) and click on the PowerSchool link under Quick Links on the right hand side, it will tell you that you will need to set up a parent login/password. To do this you can print out the steps from the website and will need your student's login/password (sheets sent home earlier in the year). **THE DIOCESE WOULD LIKE ALL PARENTS TO BE SIGNED UP FOR THE PARENT PORTAL...SO PLEASE GO IN AND TAKE CARE OF THIS.** This is a good way to keep up on your child's progress and lunch accounts. Teachers update their grades weekly. If you have any questions about your login or general questions about PowerSchool, please contact Cathy in the school office. Also, if you would like to receive weekly notifications of your child/ren's grades by email...let Cathy in the office know and she can get you set up. If you have questions about the grades, you can email the teachers directly by following their link on the student's access page. PowerSchool grades should be updated weekly; if not, please contact Mr. Guy in the school office.

## **JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Fri. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Kansas Day for the Kindergarten Class – Bake bread w/Mrs. Demel and Mrs. Standfast  
– dress as Pioneer/Cowboy/Cowgirl
- Sat. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> St. James PTO Chili/Chicken Noodle Dinner
- Sat. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> –  
Fri. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools Week (Schedule in this week's family folder)
- Sun. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Robotics Team Meetings – 5:30-8:00pm - School
- Mon. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Donuts 4 Parents(Grandparents/Grand-friends) – 7:15am – Gym  
Living Rosary – 8:50am – Gym
- Tues. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Author – John Murrow – Presentations – 1:00-2:15pm  
Favorite Sports Team Day – Students/Faculty may wear favorite sports team apparel  
Father Kapaun Presentations – 9:00-10:15am  
Teacher's Lunch Off & Special Lunch provided by the St. James PTO – Lunches stay the same.
- Wed. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting – 6:30pm  
St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat during Mass  
Hat & Jeans Day – students/staff may wear their favorite hats along with St. James T-shirt/sweatshirt & nice jeans  
Bowling at Lakepoint – specified times for each classroom  
St. James PTO – handing out popcorn at end of day  
BOB Practice – 3:20-4:00pm – Music Room  
Father Kapaun Canonization Mass & Father Hotze Presentation – 7:00pm - Church
- Thurs. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Mass & Reception – 8:00am Mass - Church

## **JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED**

Thurs. Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dress-up Like a Saint Day or Dress-up Day – Student/Faculty may dress up like a Saint or Dress-up in their finest today Balloon Launch – approx. 2:30pm – School Parking Lot BOB Practice – 3:20-4:00pm – Music Room Progress Reports go home today
<b>Fri. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Jeans Day – students/staff may wear nice jeans & St. James t-shirt/sweatshirt Crazy Sock Day – students/staff may wear crazy socks with their uniform or jeans <b>“Walk in Sister’s Shoes” boot competition ends – have till 3:30pm to fill the boots!!!!</b> Special Lunch for the students – served by the St. James PTO Grandparents/Grand-friends Day Talent Show – 12:45pm – School Gymnasium
Sat. Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Robotics Team Trial Day – 10:00am – 2:00pm
Sun. Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Robotics Team Meeting – 5:30-8:00pm - School
Mon. Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	“NUT” Day Little Flower Girls Club – 3:20-4:30pm – School Community Room
Tues. Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed. Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> BOB Practice – 3:20-4:00pm – Music Room
Thurs. Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	BOB Practice – 3:20-4:00pm – Music Room
Fri. Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Stations of the Cross – After 8:00am Mass - Church Valentine’s Day Parties – 2:30pm – School Classrooms No Busses Running
Sun. Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Robotics Team Meeting – 5:30-8:00pm - School
<b>Mon. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS’ DAY</b>
Tues. Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Candy Bar Sales Ends – Money Due to the School Office Diocesan Spelling Bee – 10:00am – All Saints Catholic School, Wichita Mrs. Schauf’s (Staff) Baby Shower – After School School Council Meeting – 5:30pm – School Conference Room – All are welcome to attend!
Wed. Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	BOB Practice – 3:20-4:00pm – Music Room
Thurs. Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	BOB Practice – 3:20-4:00pm – Music Room
Fri. Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Stations of the Cross – After 8:00am Mass – Church Last Day to turn in money for Candy Bar Sales to qualify for Prizes!
Sun. Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Robotics Team Meetings – 5:30-8:00pm – School
Wed. Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	BOB Practice – 3:20-4:00pm – Music Room
Thurs. Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	BOB Practice – 3:20-4:00pm – Music Room
Fri. Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	February Baptismal Celebrations – 8:00am Mass - Church Stations of the Cross – After 8:00am Mass – Church
Sat. Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mindstorm Competition – 9:00am-4:00pm – WSU Heskett Center

### **BREAD MAKING IN KINDERGARTEN**

In honor of Kansas Day, Mrs. Geneva Demel and Mrs. Joyce Standfast will help Kindergarten children make their own bread and butter on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>! Please contact Miss Yates or the school office if you are available to help. Thank you! Remember the children can dress in cowgirl & boy, or pioneer clothing on that day.

### **FEBRUARY “NUT DAY”**

**NO UNIFORM TODAY: “NUT Day” will be Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.** On “NUT Day” students may wear plain blue jeans (with NO DECALS or rips/tears/holes) in good condition and their St. James T-shirt, St. James sweatshirt, or their uniform shirt. Shorts, capris, and culottes, **may not** be worn in lieu of jeans.

Students need to wear a belt with their jeans. **The cost of \$2 (for those who have not prepaid) will go to a designated charity.**

## **ST. JAMES T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS**

Please make sure to mark any Sweatshirts/Jackets/Sweaters that your children are wearing to school. All too often they leave them lying somewhere and it makes it easy to find the owner if their name is on the tag. Otherwise, they go in the lost and found and it becomes a free for all!!! Please take the time to do this.

## **VALENTINE'S DAY CLASSROOM PARTIES**

Room Parents in charge of the Valentine's Day Parties will need to be aware that it is during Lent. Some children MAY be giving up sweets as part of their Lenten sacrifice. Please consider bringing more fruit or healthy snacks that may be a substitute for sweets. Also, please consult with the classroom teacher to schedule treats and any activities for Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Check with the teachers on your activities.

This also lets the teachers know that the parties are being taken care of.

Valentine's Day Parties begin at 2:30pm.

## **OUTSIDE RECESS AND COLD WEATHER DAYS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS WINTER TIME...THE CHILDREN WILL BE GOING OUTSIDE FOR RECESS IF IT IS NICE OUT (SUN SHINING, ETC). THE 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND WILL WALK TO EWALT EVERYDAY, UNLESS THE WEATHER IS TOO BAD. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND YOUR CHILD(REN) IN WINTER COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

**St. James Catholic School goes along with the public school system's policy concerning outside recess on cold weather days. Whenever the temperature is 10-degrees or lower students will stay inside and play in their classroom, Community Room, or the Gymnasium, otherwise they will go outside.**

## **SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**MIKE HUGHES:** Working on **MAINTENANCE** needs in the school and church.

**ANDREA PLETCHER:** Taking pictures and updating the electronic bulletin board in the hallway.  
Also, for general picture taking.

**PAT LOWRANCE:** Working with the children with their Mass readings.

**LEAH JEFFERIS:** Volunteering her time organizing and working the AR Store.

**TINNA PATTEN:** Writing "Thank You's" and processing Auction items arriving on a daily basis.

**TOMORROW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE "WALK IN SISTER'S SHOES JEANS DAYS!!! YOUR CHILD CAN WEAR NICE JEANS AND THEIR ST. JAMES T-SHIRT OR SWEATSHIRT FOR \$5.00!!!!**

## **DONATED BOOKS NEEDED**

**The annual Used Book Sale during Catholic Schools week starts Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> during the Chili/Chicken Noodle Dinner. Please bringing books that you would like to donate. Drop them off with Mrs. Hoffmann in the library or at the school office. This is a great way to clear out those old books!!!**

## **"WALK IN SISTER'S SHOES" BOOT COMPETITION**

One of the ways we will be raising monies for the Katherine Drexel Fund "Walk in Sister's Shoes" is by having a contest to see which class can raise the most money. Each class will have a boot. They need to fill their boot with **PENNIES**. Pennies will **ADD** to the class total. All other coins and dollar bills will **SUBTRACT** from their total. The boots will be in the classrooms for the whole month of January and will end on February 5<sup>th</sup> (Last Day of Catholic Schools Week). The boots will be in the school office during Catholic Schools Week and will be out in the gymnasium during the Chili/Chicken Noodle Dinner. What a wonderful gift to be able to help one another. A running total is kept up on the School office window and updated at least every two days...this is a fun way to keep the kids involved and teach them to be good stewards toward others.

## **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). Announcements will be made on the following radio stations: KTLI/Light 99, KKRK, KRZZ, B98-FM, KZSN, KEYN, KFDI, T-95, KHCC. Television stations are: channel 3, (KSNW-TV) channel 10, (KAKE-TV) and channel 12, (KWCH-TV). We will also try to get a school reach out to everyone...if your number has changed from the time the school directory had gone out, please get that number to Cathy in the school office!

## **FEBRUARY PRESCHOOL PAYMENTS DUE**

AM and PM Preschool (5-day) - \$185.00 - All Day Preschool (5-day) - \$550.00. **Separate reminders will be in your Family Folders for those of you who have a January balance due!!!**

## **LENT IS SOON TO BEGIN!! ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

On Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, the holy season of Lent begins. This season begins with the Solemn Mass of Ash Wednesday where Christians are marked with ashes in the sign of the Cross, calling to mind our need to "Turn always from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Ash Wednesday, while not a holy day of obligation, is a significant day of faith. I would like to invite all parishioners to consider attending Mass. **The Mass scheduled is 8:00am and 7:00pm.** During the season of Lent I would also like to ask the parish to gather to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The schedule for Stations of the Cross is **8:30am (NEW TIME - immediately following morning Mass) with the school children and 6:30pm for the parish.** Remember that during this Jubilee Year of Mercy Father will be offering an extra opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession on Sunday Mornings from 9:00-10:00am.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross for the children will be at a different time this year. They will be held after Mass on Fridays (2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, and 3/11). This is in lieu of the 2:30pm start time of the past. Because of Parent Teacher Conferences and Spring Break, we would have missed 3 weeks of Stations. Having it after Mass, we will only miss one week of Stations.

## **FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

The Feast of St. Blaise is celebrated on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. As has been our tradition, Father will be offering the sacramental Blessing of the Throats on the feast day Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mass and on the weekend of February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> after the Masses. The blessing reminds us to pray through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, for the healing of all diseases of the throat and all other illnesses.

## **MASS FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER EMIL KAPAUN**

Each month, in various parishes throughout the Diocese of Mass is offered as we pray for the Canonization of Father Emil Kapaun. The Mass for the Month of February has been scheduled here at St. James. I invite everyone to come on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm as we pray for the Lord to lead the Church to recognize the holiness and sanctity of our diocesan priest, Father Emil Kapaun. The Mass will be followed by a talk by Father John Hotze.

## **RELIGION QUIZ BOWL**

This week some students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be asked if they want to participate in the Religion Quiz Bowl. Students will compete with other Catholic Schools answering questions about their knowledge of the Catholic Religion.

## **SURVEY FOR TIMES AND DAYS FOR PARENT MEETINGS**

Thank you for turning in the surveys. 18 have been collected so far. Please fill out and turn in if you haven't already done so. They will be sent out in the Family Folders again today.



## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

Battle of the Books (BOB) is a competition for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Each year, Diocesan librarians, principals, and coaches choose 20 books for the competition and write questions that will be used in the BOB meets. Each team is responsible for reading the 20 books, and each team member must read at least 1 or 2 of the books. Generally speaking, the more books a student reads, the more playing time they get in the competitions.

Practices for the Battle of the Books will be Wednesday and Thursday (that we have school) from 3:20-4:00 each week, beginning February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Andee Kant and Bridget Kappelmann have volunteered to run the practices, which are usually held in the Music Room.

There are 3 competitions scheduled, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, and April 20<sup>th</sup>. Competitions are held after school, and for “away” competitions (usually at St. Mary, Derby and All Saints, Wichita), we usually leave about 2:30pm. This year, for the first time, St. James is scheduled to host a competition. Parents are always welcome, and are encouraged to attend the competitions.

## **ELEMENTARY PARENT SURVEY BITES**

Throughout the rest of the year, I will list some questions on how St. James Parents scored our school.

**Question One:** Please choose the three most important reasons why you send your child/ren to St. James.

The top three were...

- 1) Better discipline and values,
- 2) Stronger academic program, and
- 3) Faith formation/activities

**Question Two:** The School places a high priority on religion.

96% of our parents that took the survey stated “Always.”

**Question Three:** This school has helped my children grow in the Catholic faith.

96% stated “Strongly Agree” and “Agree.”

## **SECOND QUARTER AWARDS**

### **Honor Roll 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> All A's & B's**

### **Principal's Honor Roll 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> All A's**

**Kindergarten Awards:** *Perfect Attendance Award* – Remi Hartley, Maddie Hazard, Max Kappelmann, Leonardo Miranda, and Joseph Tice; *Top Speller Award* - Destiny Hughes, Logan Jefferis, and Joseph Tice; *Star Sight Words Reader Award* – Clayton Hall, Remi Hartley, Maddie Hazard, and Lauren Sims; *Math Fluency Master Award* – Max Kappelmann, Kaycee Kavalauskas, and Leonardo Miranda; *Most Improved Letter Naming Fluency Award* – Lily Beckley (68/minutes), and Lizzy Gilliland (53/minute); and *Impressive Handwriting Award* – Thomas Watson.

**First Grade Awards:** *Perfect Attendance Award* – Sarah Brundege, Anthony Korte, Carter McClure, and Dylan McClure; *Top AR (46.5 points) Award* – Jonas Eck; *2nd AR (37.9 points) Award* – Mylee Renville; *AR Award* – Sarah Brundege, Noah Cervantes, Kaylyn Defore, Terrin Fewin, Anthony Korte, Bristol Kuhlmann, Briar Lichlyter, Carter McClure, Dylan McClure, Jacob Otto, Callie Pletcher, Jacob Smith, Malachi Smith, and Payton Wilson; *Sight Word I Award* – Jacob Smith, Malachi Smith, and Payton Wilson; *Sight Word II Award* – Noah Cervantes, Bristol Kuhlmann, and Jacob Smith; *Sight Word III Award* – Sarah Brundege, Ethan Craft, Kaylyn Defore, Terrin Fewin, Bristol Kuhlmann, Dylan McClure, Jacob Otto, and Callie Pletcher; *Sight Word IV Award* – Kaylyn Defore, Jonas Eck, Terrin Fewin, Anthony Korte, Carter McClure, Jacob Otto, Callie Pletcher, and Mylee Renville; *Helper Award* – Briar Lichlyter; *Citizenship Award* – Kaylyn Defore and Jacob Otto.

**Second Grade Awards:** *Perfect Attendance Award* – Dylan Beckley, Francie Biehler, Gunner Carey, Alicen Hughes, Gabe Kappelmann, Julissa Miranda, Ambrose Pennycuff, Sam Pennycuff, Kirsten Sims, and Luke Wilson; *Good Behavior Award* - Drake Defore, and Laney Ratcliff; *AR Award* – Gunner Carey, Nathan Ebenkamp, Alicen Hughes, Gabe Kappelmann, Madeline Kavalauskas, Ambrose Pennycuff, Sam Pennycuff, Kirsten Sims, and Luke Wilson; *Improved Reading Award* – Taylor Barringer, Dylan Beckley, Drake Defore, Adelaide Fleming, John Kant, Madeline Kavalauskas, MacKayla Kirkpatrick, Atticus Kuhlmann, Sam Pennycuff, Bella Phillips, Laney Ratcliff, Kirsten Sims, and Luke Wilson; *Sight Words Award* – Francie Biehler, Nathan Ebenkamp, Gabe Kappelmann, Madeline Kavalauskas, Atticus Kuhlmann, Julissa Miranda, Ambrose Pennycuff, Sam Pennycuff, Kirsten Sims, and Luke Wilson;



## **SECOND QUARTER AWARDS Continued**

**Second Grade Awards Continued:** *Math Award* - Nathan Ebenkamp and Julissa Miranda; and *Helper Award* - Taylor Barringer, Gunner Carey, Adelaide Fleming, Alicen Hughes, John Kant, MacKayla Kirkpatrick, and Bella Phillips.

**Third Grade Awards:** *Perfect Attendance Award* – Emily Craft, Tyson Ohl, Adriana Otto, Stacia Pennycuff, and Rylee Sanger; *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* – Santana Lichlyter and Stacia Pennycuff; *Social Studies Award* – Claire Brown and Adriana Otto; *Science Award* – Maeve Fleming, Tyson Ohl, and Hunter Smith; *1<sup>st</sup> Place AR Award* – Faith Webster; *2<sup>nd</sup> Place AR Award* – Claire Brown; and *3<sup>rd</sup> Place AR Award* – Stacia Pennycuff.

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

**Fifth/Sixth Grade Awards:** *Perfect Attendance Award* – JD Biehler, Cannon Carey, Joe Kappelmann, Maggie Pennycuff, and Kara Speere; *A/B Honor Roll* – Briana Anderson, JD Biehler, Belle Kirkpatrick, Kiersten Lowe, Kateri Mosier, Sophia Otto, Maggie Pennycuff, Claire Pletcher, and Jenna Speere; *Principal's Honor Roll (All A's)* – Cannon Carey, Morgan Curry, Joe Kappelmann, Malori Renville, and Kara Speere ; *Perfect Conduct Award* – Briana Anderson, Morgan Curry, Sophia Otto, Claire Pletcher, Malori Renville, Jenna Speere, and Kara Speere; *Math Award* - Ben Bergkamp, Gabe Kant, Kateri Mosier, and Jenna Speere; *Most AR Points Award* - Dusty Jones (37.5) and Claire Pletcher (133.4); *Shows Most Overall Improvement Award* – Alex Jehner and Dusty Jones; *Character Award* – Dusty Jones and Kiersten Lowe; *Team Player Award* – Briana Anderson, Kateri Mosier, and Maggie Pennycuff; and *Respecting Others Award* – Ben Bergkamp, Morgan Curry, Belle Kirkpatrick, Sophia Otto, Claire Pletcher, and Malori Renville.

## **3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER AWARDS**

Much discussion has been held concerning our quarterly awards ceremony with the children, Faculty meeting discussions as well as agenda topic at our School Council meetings. Student in K-2<sup>nd</sup> will have the typical awards ceremony in the School Community Room for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. We will have each classroom in grades 3-6 have their own awards for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters and during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters have the typical K-6 awards ceremony in the Community Room. Possible changes may continue for next year.



Mayor Matt Childers presenting school representative Claire Brown (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) with the Proclamation for Catholic Schools Week. Also, present were Father Michael J Schemm, Clayton Hall, Sophia Otto, and Principal – Richard Guy.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FAMILY ARTICLES TO THE TIMES/GAZETTE**

A very special THANK YOU to MR. and MRS. DREW/KRISTI WILSON, MR. and MRS. ZAC/KATHLEEN FLEMING, MR. and MRS. NICK/KELLY McCLURE, AND MR. and MRS. DAVID/JOY STEPHENSON. The articles these four families wrote were AWESOME! They put a lot of thought into their articles and it was very heartfelt.

Thank you for witnessing to our school, parish, and community about “Why You Send Your Children to St. James Catholic School.”

## **SOUTHERN PLAINS HONOR BAND**

Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade band members, **Cannon Carey, Gabe Kant, Joe Kappelmann, Belle Kirkpatrick, Sophia Otto, Claire Pletcher, and Jenna Speere**. They will represent St. James Catholic School at the Southern Plains Honor Band on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in Andover. There will be two or three fifth grade bands made up of students from around the area. The bands will be directed by various band directors from the tri-state area. They spend the day practicing 4-5 songs and then play them for an auditorium full of parents and relatives later in the afternoon. Congratulations to Cannon, Gabe, Joe, Belle, Sophia, Claire, and Jenna for representing St. James with their dedication and talent!

## **APPROVED DRESS CODE CHANGES**

During the December School Council Meeting the following Dress Code changes were made. They are listed below and are effective immediately.

1. Parker style cardigan or v-neck sweaters – Take out Parker and replace it with any kind of.
2. Add white long-sleeve shirts to boys and girls.
3. Crew/Bobby Socks – Change to solid white socks that cover the ankle. Mid-calf socks are preferred.
4. Shorts – change to all of September and all of May.
5. Jewelry and religious items – Scapulars/Rosaries/Religious items may be worn as long as they stay under the clothing and UNSEEN. If they are found outside of the clothing or the child is playing with it, the teacher shall take the item away, and the item will be returned to the parent. The parent will need to retrieve the item from the teacher. If a child has an item taken away for a second time, the student will no longer be able to wear any items for the remainder of the school year. Watches and earrings will remain the same.

## **YEAR OF MERCY ACTIVITIES**

During the Year of Mercy, we will be doing some activities at St. James. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade children, Mrs. Lary, and Mr. Guy will go to the Cathedral for a guided tour, Adoration, and confessions. Father Schemm will visit with the children and talk to them about entering the “Doors of Mercy” at the Cathedral, as well as what the “Year of Mercy” is all about. Next fall, we will take the current 4<sup>th</sup> graders to the Cathedral.

As a faculty, we will select a virtue. This virtue is what we will communicate and model to the students. Mr. Guy will go to each classroom and visit with the children about the virtue the staff decided upon and how we will model that virtue towards the students.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Please remind your child/ren to turn in a petition prayer for someone, or their change/bills to the Student Friday Collection basket we now have each week. Students will drop their envelope/change/petition/prayer as they enter the church. Petition examples are... a) How I will thank God this week; or b) How can I do a good deed for someone.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

At last weekend Masses, Finance Chairperson Alan Smeltzer gave some facts about the financial condition of St. James Parish. Because of the amounts NOT MET for general obligation receipts and debt reduction receipts not coming in, we will not be able to pursue a 7<sup>th</sup> grade for next year. However, when the debt is paid off (hopefully by next December-May of 2016/2017), we will begin the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2017-2018 school year.

## **STEM ASSEMBLY**



**Anna Karkins & Ben Bergkamp each presenting their team's development plan of a new community during the STEM Assembly.**



**JD Biehler presenting his part with his committee on planning a future city.**



**Miss Yates and Mrs. Biehler each working with their committee planning a future city.**



Augusta city employees - Jamie Goering-Public Works Director, Cody Sims-Assistant Superintendent, Josh Shaw-City Manager, and Mayor Matt Childers presenting to St. James Catholic School students how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) is important and utilized in their career fields.



Gabe Kant presenting during a Chamber of Commerce Conference at LakePoint (l to r: Jason Kant; Jeri Biehler; Dane Pletcher; Gabe Kant; JD Bieher and Claire Pletcher backs to the front; and Joe Kappelmann)



Sophia Otto, Joe Kappelmann, and Morgan Curry practicing their Social Studies presentation on the events that led up to the American Revolution for Mr. Guy.





Cannon Carey, Kara Speere, and Briana Anderson practicing their presentation for Mr. Guy. They did a project on the events that led up to the American Revolution.



These ten to eleven students came in to take their Math Fluency tests on their own after lunch during a two week period in December and January. They wanted to do better with their Math Fluency and to get off the level they were currently working on.



Josh Ebenkamp, one of the STEM leaders, presenting to the Chamber of Commerce members about the STEM Program in the Augusta School District and at St. James Catholic School.

### **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 – January 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – Juan Miranda, JD Biehler, and Kaden McClure; Sunday – January 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00am – Aaron, Grace, Jason, & Marie Standfast; and Sunday – January 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30am – Ben, Emerson, & Jacob Bergkamp, and Charlyze Lichlyter.**

Yours in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Richard Guy, Principal  
St. James Catholic School



**Last time to put money in the “Walk in Sister’s Shoes” Boot Competition will be Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm!!! So get your money in to support the “Drexel Fund” and help YOUR CLASS win!!!!**

**Attached to this newsletter is a list of all the activities that we have planned for celebrating here at St. James Catholic School for Catholic Schools Week. Please feel free to join us!**