Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. 1 Jn 4:7-8

Dear St. James Families,

Happy weekend! I, for one, am not a fan of the hot weather, especially in Spring, but if you are I hope you enjoyed the taste of summer this week. It looks like it was short lived, and we'll be getting some rain just in time for the weekend..

In this Sunday's New Testament readings, John speaks to us about love. He reminds us that God sent His only Son and that "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as expiation for our sins." This reminder of God's love for us is comforting as it reassures us of God's unconditional love and care. It helps us understand that our relationship with God isn't based on earning His love through good deeds, but is rooted in a grace that is freely given. It can inspire us to reflect on how we can be more selfless and loving. It challenges us to love others not because they have loved us first or because they deserve our love, but because we have been loved first by God. Reminding ourselves and our children of this love can be a powerful tool in fostering forgiveness, empathy, and unity within our St. James Regional School Community.

Consolations- Week 35:

- The love and appreciation showered upon me on Principal Appreciation Day was such a joyful gift that fed my soul.
- God's love is freely given, unconditional, and not dependent upon anything I have done or will do.
- I am blessed to be the receiver of unconditional love not only from God in heaven, but from my family here on earth.
- This week was hot, but today was a beautiful Spring day.
- Our First Graders, their teachers, and their parent chaperones had an amazing time on their Field Trip to the Please Touch Museum.

Desolations -Week 35:

- The heat came too early, and now we revert back to chilly and rainy
- Planning for next year before this year is even over
- Not everyone recognizes God's love and presence in their lives.

At our school Mass this week we recognized the following students as Ambassadors of Christ for practicing the virtue of Hope:

Grade 8A- *Emily Matt* ***Grade 8B-*** *Mina Nowroozi* ***Grade 7-*** *Emma Allenbach-Kehoe* ***Grade 6-*** *Lucy Oldham* ***Grade 5-*** *Colin Ryan* ***Grade 4-*** *Rosa Tagliavia* ***Grade 3-*** *Sadie Gifford* ***Grade 2A-*** *Olivia Brumble* ***Grade 2B-*** *Isabella Mollai* ***Grade 1A-*** *Alica Lam* ***Grade 1B-*** *Everly*

Massimini ***Kindergarten-A****- Arianna Laporte* ***Kindergarten-B****- Aaron Gross* ***Pre-K4A****- Ruth Blithe* ***Pre-K4B****- Braydon Hospedales* ***Pre-K3****- Kaiya Sladek*

Congratulations to all!

I hope that you are able to recognize and acknowledge both the consolations and desolations that you experienced this week. I encourage you to be grateful for the consolations and move on from the desloations as they are in the past.

I am blessed. I am happy. I am loved.

Many blessings,
Mrs. Colleen McManus

News and Information for the Coming Weeks

Enrollment Information

New Student Registration -

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open. If you have a new student in your family who will be starting St. James in 2024-2025 please reach out to Kristen Kilman for the enrollment packet. You must complete the registration forms for each new student to receive a spot in class. **Kkilman@stjamesregional.com**

Calendar Events:

May 6 -

- May Procession 7PM (student arrival 6:30 at school) Please read this letter for details.
- Safety Picnic for our 7th Grade Safety Patrol. REGULAR day for students who are not members of the Safety Patrol.

May 8 - 11 School Carnival

May 9 - Ascension of Our Lord Mass - 10:00 AM

May 13 - Field Day for grades PreK3, PreK4, and Kindergarten

May 20 - Festival of the Arts 6:30 School Gym/Hallways

May 21 - Spring Concert 9AM and 6PM

Full calendar can be found on our website.

Field Day

Permission Form

Grades 1st - 8th: Permission forms are located in OptionC. They must be completed in order for students to participate in Field Day.

Donations Needed

Water Balloons! - Anyone who is able, please purchase water balloons to be used for Field Day. These are the kind that we need and can be found on Amazon or the Dollar Store.

Yearbook for Sale!

Yearbooks

The link provided by Lifetouch has closed, but we have a **limited** number of yearbooks not sold. If you would like to purchase, please do so now, before they sell out. ***Sales closes 8:00am on Monday, May 6th.***

Price: $27.00 Order via Payment Tab

Spring Carnival!

Lots of Important Information Below

We are in need of volunteers: St. James Regional Carnival is next week and we can't do it without your help! Please take a look at the sign up sheet and volunteer if you are able.

We need baked goods: We would like to ask you for a donation of a baked or bought good so we can sell them in the Bakery Booth. Grades are asked to bring them in on different days. Please the assigned day below:

Wednesday, May 8th: Grades 2nd, 5th & 6th
Thursday, May 9th: Grades Kinder, 1st, 7th, & 8th
Friday, May 10th: Grades Pre-K3/4, 3rd & 4th

We need supply donations: Canned soda is our biggest need. We can also use donations of paper plates, mustard, ketchup, relish, BBQ sauce, ranch packets.

Mega Pass: Purchase Mega Passes and experience unlimited rides on all nights of the carnival 6:00 to 10:00PM! Spring Carnival Mega Pass

Super 50/50 Raffle:

- Get your tickets in to be entered into a weekly drawing. This week's student winner won a WaWa gift card.
- We ask that each student sell 6 tickets as a way of supporting the St. James Carnival.
- Super 50/50 winner will be drawn at the Carnival.
- If you would like additional tickets please email kkilman@stjamesregional.com.

Dismissal & Arrival: Due to the carnival there will be arrival & dismissal changes all of next week. Please refer to this flyer for more information on the changes.

SJR Fun Run by Boosterthon

Registration is OPEN at MyBooster.com!

St James Regional Catholic School families,

We are only 2 weeks away from kicking off our St James Fun Run – REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Registering is free, easy, and helps our school community! Click HERE for a special message from YouTube stars, Dude Perfect, about why your family should get registered TODAY!

⭐ Register Now On MYBOOSTER.COM ⭐

Every class has a goal to get 100% registered.

Can your class reach this goal by Kickoff Day, Tuesday, May 14th?

Students can now begin SHARING their donation page to get donations from friends & family for every minute/lap they participate in the St James Fun Run *($1 per minute/lap = $35 to help our school!)*. During the Fun Run (on 5/23), students will participate in multiple minutes/laps of themed running, walking, and dancing! This will end up being 35 minutes/laps of physical activity. Click here for a sneak peek of the event!

Thank you for coming together to make our school stronger. We hope you're just as excited as we are!

Parish and CYO News

Our 2nd graders from St. Gabriel's, St. Rose of Lima, St. George's and BVM will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. May they always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within them.

Home and School News and Events

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is approaching quickly. If you have signed up to bring in a donation to stock our snack cart or to donate a gift card, please send those in to the office no later than Monday.

May Copy Room Volunteers

The teachers really appreciate the copy room volunteers! Here is the sign up for May-

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA4A728AAFAC70-49306193-maycopy

We appreciate your help with this!!