

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. - Joel 2:12-13

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday! This week was a short, but eventful week. Our 5th and 6th graders went on a field trip to the Penn Museum. For most, this was their first field trip since Kindergarten, and it was an exciting, fun, educational experience for them. Sixth grader Matthew Cunnane participated in the Semi-Finals of the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee and made it through to the 6th round against some very stiff competition. Congratulations to Matthew! On Wednesday we learned that 7 of our students wrote winning essays for the American Legion Americanism Essay. This is impressive no matter what, but the fact that there were only 9 winners makes it even more impressive! Congratulations to the following winners:

Class I (Grades 3&4)

1st Place - Matthew Toland
2nd Place - Colton Borak
3rd Place - Bryce Hospedales

Class II (Grades 5&6)

1st Place - David Bradley

Class III (Grades 7&8)

1st Place - Jillian Bissinger
2nd Place - Marie Tagliavia
3rd Place - Sophia Moyer

Consolations- Week 25:

- Teamwork and collegiality are a regular part of my work week
- Having the opportunity to sit in quiet reflection during the Stations of the Cross today
- So much to be proud of at St. James Regional

Desolations -Week 25:

- Sometimes it feels as though time is just moving too fast

Please pray for our 2nd graders who are members of St. Madeline's parish. They will be receiving their First Penance tomorrow.

May our Lord bless them on their First Penance, may His mercy be upon them and His presence be a constant guide for them. Amen

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 -

We are excited to announce that registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open for **NEW** students. 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. Current families who register new students by March 1st will be given priority. You must complete the registration forms for each new student to receive a spot in class. Kkilman@stjamesregional.com

Current Students - Re-Enrollment for 2024-2025

Saint James utilizes the continuous enrollment model. Continuous enrollment means that all students are automatically re-enrolled for each school year and an annual registration fee is assessed via each family's FACTs account. A \$150 Registration fee will be charged to your family FACTS account at the end of March. If for any reason your child will not return to St. James next year please inform, via email, Mrs. McManus, Principal, Mrs. Kilman, Enrollment Manager & Mr. Scrabut, Business Manager of the withdrawal as soon as possible.

Information regarding tuition for the 2024-2025 school year will be sent to current families in the coming weeks. For clarification on our tuition policy or continuous enrollment, please refer to the handbook that can be found on our website. [Parent Student Handbook 23-24 - Google Docs.](#)

Calendar Events:

Wednesday, February 28*

Spring Picture Day - "Sunday Best" Please see details below

8th Grade Graduation Pictures (graduates will be photographed in their graduation robe)

Thursday, February 29 - Joe Corbi pickup - 4-6:00 Gym

March 1 - 8 Terra Nova Testing - Vacations should not be scheduled during this time.

***Spring Picture Day**

- Spring Picture day is Wednesday, February 28th.
- Order forms were sent home.
- Students who are NOT getting their picture taken, should wear their regular school uniform.
- Students who ARE getting their picture taken should wear their Sunday Best.

- If your student(s) are getting Spring Pictures, please fill out this [FORM](#).

Full calendar can be found on our [website](#).

Bulldog Bash!

Join us for our Bulldog Bash, a night of fun, music, raffles and auction items, all of which benefit St. James Regional. See [flyer](#) for dates and details.

Parish and CYO News

St. Madeline's

Summer Camp - Summer Camp is now accepting registrations. Please go to the St. Madeline's Parish [website](#) to access the registration form.

St. Gabriel's

April 6 - St. Gabriel's Parish Gift Card Bingo. See [flyer](#) for details.

Home and School News and Events

Coming up Next Week!

Joe Corbi - Pick up for Joe Corbi will be on Thursday, February 29th from 4:00-6:00 PM in the gym. This will be the ONLY pick up date.

Father/Daughter Dance is approaching quickly! Next Friday, March 1 our girls in 1-8 grade are invited to dance the night away with their Father/Special Father Figure. See the [flyer](#) for details. The [payment tab](#) is available on the website.

Help Needed for the Dance! There are two separate time slots if you are available to assist us either with set up or during the event. Please use the signup genius link. Thank you in advance!

March Copy Room Volunteers - use [this link to sign up](#) for the days you are interested in. Our teachers and staff greatly appreciate all our Copy Room volunteers

Shrek Jr. Our school play is fast approaching and we are looking for certain items for props etc. We will also be sending out our costume needs soon so please be on the lookout. Any items off [either list](#) that can be donated will be greatly appreciated.

Mother & Son Bowling: Mark your Calendars for Mother & Son Bowling on Sunday, April 7th! Our boys in grades 1st through 8th are invited to make memories glow bowling with their

Mom/Special Mother-like Figure. See the [flyer](#) for details. The [payment tab](#) is available on the website.

8th Grade Fundraising Events

Got Sneakers? We are collecting sneakers to be recycled for a donation. Sneakers taking up room in your closet can be donated to earn money. See the [flyer](#) for details on how to donate.

March 3 - CoEd Volleyball Tournament for St. James Students in Grades 5-8. See [flyer](#) for details. Sign up by February 26.

Employment at St. James Regional

Music Teacher (P/T)

St. James Regional Catholic School is seeking a certified, part-time (2.5 days) teacher to teach Music in grades PK3 to 8 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. The position begins on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The resigning teacher also moderated a Children's Choir and a Ukulele Club outside of class. The ideal candidate will be someone who can share their love and appreciation of music with the students of SJRCS while also expanding their knowledge of basic musical skills and concepts. Qualified and interested candidates please send your resume and cover letter to the Principal, Mrs. Colleen McManus, at cmcmanus@stjamesregional.com.

Lunch Program (P/T)

St. James Regional Catholic School is seeking a Lunchroom Helper / NDS worker (Mon to Fri, 8 AM to 1:30 PM). NDS workers are responsible for every aspect of the Child Nutrition programs at their school, including the distribution of menus; organizing information necessary to place a weekly food order to NDS; tracking inventory, including completing an inventory report each day; heating and serving meals and counting a point of service to determine which children received a claimable meal; completing daily reports, such as online reporting or reconciliation, production records and enrollment/absentee reports. \$12.50 an hour. Please send your resume and cover letter to the Principal, Mrs. Colleen McManus, at cmcmanus@stjamesregional.com

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

St. James Regional Catholic School is seeking Substitute Teachers for a per diem position. Must have a PA teacher certification or a bachelor's degree. Fantastic opportunity for retired educators. College students in education programs are eligible. \$15 an hour.

Please send your resume and cover letter to Eileen Righter at
erighter@stjamesregional.com