

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come RV 1:8*

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday! What a week it has been! We ended our week with a phenomenal FunRun and an exciting [appearance on Fox29](#). When I updated you in last week's email we had just begun our fundraising with an incredible \$16,000 start. I am so pleased to share that we ended our fundraising with an even more incredible \$34,319 total. I am truly blown away by this number and the enthusiasm and support shown by our community during this important event. We all know that fundraising is a vital part of our success as a school, and I am incredibly grateful for the generosity you all have shown throughout this year. Our students and our community as a whole will benefit greatly from this outpouring of support. Stay tuned for a report on our new recess yard equipment and upgrades!

Congratulations to our 7th grade students who bravely stood in front of their school community to ask for their vote for Student Council next year. I was so proud of the eight students who chose to run. Students in grades Kindergarten through 7th voted after listening to their speeches and the results were announced on Friday afternoon. Next year's school leaders are:

President: Christian Vallejo
Vice President: Emily Toland
Secretary: Tessa Doerr
Treasurer: Matthew Jackson

I am excited to hear their ideas and to work with them to make St. James Regional the best it can be.

The next two weeks will be a whirlwind of activity with final assessments, Field Day, 8th Grade Clap Out, Dance and Graduation, PreK and Kindergarten Closing Ceremonies, and our final School Mass. I will be soaking up every second of celebration as I wrap up my first year as Principal.

Consolations- Week 38:

- The generosity and support of our community as we raised funds through our FunRun.
- My live TV debut was fun!
- The excitement and enthusiasm shown by our students during the live TV spot, putting on display for the Fox29 audience the awesomeness of St. James Regional
- A much needed 4 day weekend for me, for our teachers and staff, and for our students and their families
- School movie afternoon brought back sweet memories of my elementary school days at St. Madeline-St. Rose when we gathered in the gym to watch movies like Herbie the Love Bug, The Trouble with Angels, and The Parent Trap (the originals!).

- The opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the week through this update

Desolations -Week 38:

- We never truly know what people have going on in their lives outside of school/work, and if we did we might treat them with more patience and kindness. We should do that anyway.
- Our teachers work so hard for our students, always do what they think is best, and show love, care, and concern for the students in their care, yet sometimes they are treated with disrespect by both students and parents. That frustrates and saddens me.
- We are a loving community, but unkindness sometimes rears its ugly head and outshines the goodness
- Memorial Day is a reminder of the devastating loss for the families of those who have lost their lives for our country.

Gracious God,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.

May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We ask this through your name.

- Author Unknown

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

Many blessings,
Mrs. Colleen McManus

News and Information for the Coming Weeks

Enrollment Information

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year continues. There are limited spots available in Kindergarten and multiple other grade levels. Please feel free to invite anyone interested in registering their child for Saint James to contact Kristen Kilman, Enrollment Manager

Kkilman@stjamesregional.com

Terra Nova Scores:

Terra Nova scores will be sent home next week. You can use [this document](#) to help interpret your child's scores.

Calendar Events:

May 28 - Final assessments begin for 8th Grade

May 29 - Final assessments begin for grades 1-7

May 30

- 9:00 - PreK 3&4 Closing Ceremony - School Gym
- 10:30 - Kindergarten Closing Ceremony - School Gym

May 31 - Field Day for grades 1-8

- **NOON Dismissal**

- **No Afternoon CARES**

- **Last Day for CARES**

- 8th Grade Graduation Dance - School Gym

June 3-6 - Noon Dismissal

June 4 - Last Day for 8th Grade

June 5 - Graduation Mass -4PM St. Madeline Church

June 7 - Final Day of 2023-2024 School Year

9:15 Closing Mass - St. Madeline Church

11AM Dismissal

CARES:

May 29 - LAST day of CARES for PreK and Kindergarten

May 31 - LAST day of CARES for 1-8 - Morning only due to Noon dismissal

Field Day - May 31

Noon Dismissal

Permission Form

Grades 1st - 8th: Permission forms are located in Option C. 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.

Volunteers:

Please [use this link](#) to sign up to help out with Field Day.

Home and School News and Events

Summer Raffle

Get those chances for a chance to win a big bag crammed with goodies, including tickets to entertain those kiddos this summer. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Get your tickets here <https://stjamesregional.com/summer-raffle-basket>

Kona Ice

On June 6th Kona will be visiting our Bulldogs so they can enjoy a taste of summer before school breaks.

All bulldogs are welcome from 10am - 11.30am