

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted"
~Matthew 5:4

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday! It was a pretty busy week, but I made it through with the help of my incredible team. I was with friends last evening and I was asked about my job and how it's going. One friend asked if I was happy that I made the move from St. Joe's Prep. I was able to answer without hesitation that my job is great, and I am more than happy to have made the move. It's not always easy, and there are difficult decisions to be made on a daily basis, but all of the good outweighs any challenges. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Consolations Week 12:

- Community, compassion, and empathy were on display this week.
- I was in quite a few classrooms this week for various reasons, and I was reminded of how much I love our students. They really do bring joy to my heart and put a smile on my face.
- A short week ahead.
- Teamwork
- Our 8th grade Student Council team visited the St. James Doghouse on Wednesday and helped unload donated turkeys.
- Our entire student council group helped to sort our donated food into baskets for families in our community who need a little help this holiday season.
- I love my job.

Desolations Week 12:

- Grief and sadness.
- Dreary and cold days with no outdoor recess.
- I have been avoiding the news lately but caught a few snippets this week. I think I'll go back to avoiding it.

My prayers for the entire St. James community this weekend will be for peace, comfort, and the opportunity to be in the presence of loved ones.

"Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another, to show love and to do good."
- Hebrews 10:24

I am happy. I am blessed. I am loved.
Many blessings,
Mrs. McManus

Prayer Intentions: Mrs. Colleen Dooley, Mrs. Patti Bonner and the Bonner Family, Mr. Michael Boyce and the Boyce Family.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, November 26 - Dressdown Fundraiser #3 - Thanksgiving Theme

- Any student who has paid the \$10 Dressdown Donation is permitted to dress down.
Payment for this activity closed on 10/16

Wednesday, November 27 - **Thanksgiving Holiday Begins**

- Prayer Service - 9:15 - St. Madeline's Church
- Noon Dismissal
- Afternoon CARES CLOSED

Sunday, December 1 - **Last** day for 8th Grade Christmas Tshirt Sales. Purchase [HERE](#)

Monday, December 2 Classes Resume

Friday, December 6

- First Friday Mass (Ambassadors of Christ) - 9:15 St. Madeline's Church
- End of Trimester 1

Important Announcements and Reminders

****New Information****

Christmas Cards - Art Christmas Cards will be sent home early next week. Thank you to all of the families that participated in this fundraiser!

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. If you are interested, please fill out this [form](#).

Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, December 4th.

- If your child is having their picture retaken:
 - RETURN the original photos to the photographer on retake day.
 - Please fill out this [form](#).
 - Students must wear their school uniform.
- If your child was absent on Picture Day, and you would like to purchase pictures:
 - Shop [online](#) with school code: D9DXNLIQ
 - Please fill out this [form](#).
 - Students must wear their school uniform.

1st Place Spirit Wear - We have partnered with 1st Place Spirit Wear to begin offering St. James Regional Gear for purchase 24/7. The orders will be shipped directly to you. Check out our current offerings [here](#) and stay tuned for more designs and items. **Shop the Holiday Sale now until December 10.**

8th grade Christmas Fundraiser - Available for sale until midnight, December 1st. Purchase [HERE](#).

Tshirt design by Emily T. Thank you to all of the 8th grade artists who, on very short notice, submitted a design, Emma M., Lucy P., and Nassan W.!

Raise Right (formerly SCRIP)

Order by December 9th to get your gift card(s) by Christmas.

A few *bonuses* this weekend include:

Regal Movie Theatre- Earn 18% of your purchase towards your tuition (Two Christmas movies are out now!)

Total Wine - Earn 10% of your purchase towards your tuition (Christmas cocktail)

Shutterfly - Earn 16% of your purchase towards your tuition (Christmas gifts)

Macys- Earn 13% of your purchase towards your tuition (Christmas outfit)

Check out the website [HERE](#) for the many additional bonuses offered.

CARES

Any student enrolled in St. James Regional is eligible to attend C.A.R.E.S. at any point during the school year. Before any student does attend either before or after school C.A.R.E.S., families must complete the Registration form and submit the **\$25 registration fee**. The registration fee is assessed once per family. Click [here](#) to register for C.A.R.E.S

Photo Opt Out Form

Saint James Regional Catholic School is committed to protecting the privacy of our students. If you would prefer that your child's photo not be used in school communications, promotional materials, or social media, please complete this [form](#) by September 27, 2024.

Nurse's News

Please find some notes from our school nurse [here](#)

Handbook Highlights

REQUIRED: Handbook Acknowledgement Signature

All St. James Regional parents and students are required to read and agree to the policies set forth in the Parent/Student Handbook and its appendices. Please log into OptionC and sign the eForm ASAP. Thank you to those families who have already done this.

General Supervision of School Grounds

The school grounds generally are supervised during school hours, from arrival time until dismissal time, when school is in session. There also will be general supervision in connection with school-sponsored activities, such as extracurricular events. Parents/guardians are

responsible for ensuring that they and their children are not on the premises during other times. The school has no responsibility for students or parent(s)/guardian(s) on the premises during unsupervised times.

Dismissals

Monday through Friday, children in Pre-Kindergarten are dismissed at 2:30 PM. Students in grades K-8 are dismissed at 2:45 P.M Monday through Thursday with a 2:30 PM dismissal on Fridays. No child may leave the building prior to dismissal without the principal's permission. Please be sure to pick up your child on time at the end of the day.

Home and School Dates and Information

Copy Room Volunteer.

We ask once again for you to check those schedules to see if you can help our teachers and staff for just an hour during the week. This [link](#) will give you the dates and times we are in need of help. Thank you for all you do.

Secret Santa Shop

Please use this [link](#) if you'd like to help our little bulldogs shop.

Breakfast with Santa

Save the date for our new Christmas event!!! Breakfast with Santa will take place Saturday, December 14th. We will have two seatings 9 - 10:30 am and 10:30 - 12 pm. Tickets will include breakfast, Christmas activities and a photo with the big guy himself. Tickets purchased between now through November 22nd will be offered at \$10 per Child and \$12 per adult. Tickets purchased from November 22nd until the 14th or until we sell out will be offered at \$12 per Child and \$15 per adult.

Use this [link](#) to secure your tickets now!

8th Grade

HSPT - Families should have received their scores on Monday. [Here](#) is a document that can help you understand the results.

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Scholarship

Both St. James Alumni & Notre Dame Moylan offer scholarship opportunities for 8th grade students. Please check the [website](#) for more information.

Parish and CYO Information

St. Madeline's

CYO Basketball Sign Up Register [here](#)

- Sign ups for clinic will remain open for those still interested. All other registrations are closed.

St. Gabriel's and St. George's

See this [flyer](#) for Sacrament information

Please check [St. Gabriel's PREP website](#) for information.

Join the [Remind app](#) for our text communications.