

“Rejoice Always. Pray Continually. Give Thanks in All Circumstances”

1 Thessalonians, 5:16-18

September 26, 2018



A Community That Celebrates Together, Stays Together! Join us for the 5th Annual Bocce Tournament & Garden Party, only 3 DAYS AWAY!

Join us for our 5th Annual Bocce Tournament & Garden Party **this Saturday, 9/29** at a warm, sprawling, private residence in Rancho Santa Fe. This casual, party-atmosphere event is a celebration of our community and raises funds to benefit our students and programs. It is open to St. James families, parishioners, alumni, friends and neighbors. (This is an adults-only event.)

Purchase your tickets now: SJA 5th Annual Bocce Tournament. Contact our Tournament Chairs for more information: Mary McGuinness at (760) 889-0761 or marypmcguinness@gmail.com and Charlie Tanner at (858) 888-5124 or

charleswtanner@gmail.com **Register Today!**

Bocce is Going Green - Beer Included!

Get your reusable SJA stadium cups at the Bocce Tournament! \$6 for 1 cup or \$10 for 2. Your purchase comes with a complimentary beer. Refills will be available for \$5. BYOB and coolers are still welcome!

Please Sell Bocce Raffle Tickets!!

We need and appreciate your help to reach our goal of 100% participation! We are asking every SJA family to sell a minimum of 20 raffle tickets.

- Raffle Tickets are \$10 each
- Raffle Prize is \$1,000 cash. The winning ticket will be pulled at the Bocce tournament. Winner need not be present.
- Prizes for Most raffle tickets sold, 100% Class Participation, Weekly Participation Drawings and More!
- Leaders: Calabrese Family with 90 tickets Sold & 4th Grade has jumped in to the lead with most raffle tickets sold! It's not too late to sell your raffle tickets.

Please turn in by Friday, September 28th at 12:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Lisa Ronco at

Lronco531@gmail.com or 858-245-4402

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, 9/28

8:00 a.m. - Mass led by 6th grade - All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

12:00 Dismissal - Aftercare Available

12:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Panera Fundraiser - use this [link](#) ***NOTE DATE CHANGE***

Saturday, 9/29

5th ANNUAL BOCCE TOURNAMENT & GARDEN PARTY

Sunday, 9/30

We are St. James-St. Leo Celebration after all masses

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, 10/4

8:00 a.m. Parent Council Meeting

2:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Halloween Carnival Talent Show forms DUE! - see information below

Friday, 10/5

12:00 Dismissal - Aftercare Available

Saturday, 10/6

5:00-8:30 p.m. St. James Taco Bar and Movie Night; Details to Come

Friday, 10/12

Drop off Cookies for Kairos at Drop-off and Pick-Up

Sunday, 10/14

Food Packing Event and Chipotle Dine-Out

Saturday, 10/20

Spooky Knights Family Halloween Party in the Parish Hall - see [Spooky Knights flyer](#) for more details



Gather Classmates, Families and Friends for Lunch this Friday, 9/28 at Panera

This Friday is 12:00 dismissal. Faculty will be joining other North County Teachers for professional development. While they are collaborating with other teachers, please consider dining at Panera for lunch or dinner. Reference this [flyer](#) for additional information. If you're headed to the beach or elsewhere, order online, using the code PRFUND and pick up your meal in route. Don't forget to send a picture/screenshot of your receipt to Susan Hanna: susanshanna@gmail.com to be entered into a raffle at the Bocce Tournament and to be one step closer to VIP status at the Gala!



BE AN ANGEL Donate to the St. James Academy Annual Fund

This month we are rolling out our St. James Academy Annual Fund (previously named the Guardian Angel Program, GAP). Thank you those of you who contributed at Back to School Night. This year, **every family is asked to make a minimum, tax deductible \$100 donation to the Annual Fund, in lieu of the the \$100 family participation fee that will not be charged this year.** Last year, we raised over \$50,000. This year our goal is \$90,000- an amount that will bridge the tuition shortfall for 50 students! More information and payment form can be found [here](#). Forms will also be included in next week's Wednesday envelopes.

SJA Thursday Night Football Pool - The time to play is NOW!

Please join us for the 2018 St. James Thursday Night Football pool! For \$25 per square (\$13 of which goes to the Gala), you get 4 chances per week (3 quarters and the Final score) to win \$25 or more. Payments can be made by FACTS, cash, or check, See [Flyer](#) for details or email Mark Daquipa at hld9310@gmail.com.

Halloween Carnival Talent Show

Students in 4th-8th grade with a talent for music, comedy, acting, dancing, martial arts, gymnastics, etc (surprise us!), please consider sharing your gifts at the annual Halloween Carnival Talent Show from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 26th.

Students may apply to participate by reading these [Guidelines](#) and turning in a completed hard copy [Request to Participate](#) form no later than **Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** Auditions are October 17-19 (or

sooner if arranged with Mrs. Oldham). Priority will be given to the first twenty acts who can demonstrate that they are prepared, so please turn in your form and start planning and rehearsing now!

Giana Rose Jewelry Promotion now through October 5th

Giana Rose Jewelry (aka our very own Brzezinski family) is offering a wonderful promotion now through October 5th. They will donate 40% of all purchases back to St. James Academy. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details or visit: www.gianarosejewelry.com and see the St. James Academy Special Event link.

Academic Chess starts 10/4/18 - Sign up now

Academic Chess begins on 10/4/18 in the SJA library immediately after school. Please see the [chess flyer](#) for more information and registration instructions.



SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Meet ~ Sat. Oct. 20th @ Cathedral Catholic H.S.

Come join us for the 6th running of the Cross Country Championships for Parochial Grade schools in San Diego County! There will be races of varying distances for all grade levels split into 5 divisions each for boys and girls:

Schedule of Events:

8:30am – Kindergarten Girls - 1/2 mile
8:40am – Kindergarten Boys - 1/2 mile
8:50am – 1-2 Girls - 1 mile
9:05am – 1-2 Boys - 1 mile
9:20am – 3-4 Girls - 1.3 miles
9:45am – 3-4 Boys - 1.3 miles
10:00am – 5-6 Boys/Girls - 1.65 miles
10:30am – 7-8 Boys/Girls - 2 miles

Cost = \$5 per participant \$15 for SJA track shirt

Sign-ups DUE ONLINE by Thursday Oct. 11th

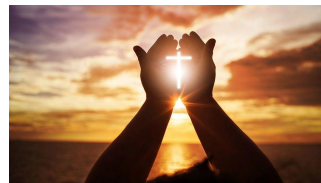
Cross Country Practice Time ~ Mon-Thurs 7:45-7:55am students may practice for the Cross Country meet, by running laps around the field. Exact distances for each grade level are listed on the poster located on the athletics equipment room door.

Sign-up online ONLY: <https://goo.gl/forms/8pKuPcgebaiLgNJJe2>

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

SJA Parents in Prayer

Please come to pray the Rosary for our school and for your intentions every Wednesday at 8:30am in the Social Room of the Church. You will be glad you did!



First Wednesday Evening Rosary - Please join us on Wednesday, October 3rd

Every First Wednesday of the month, Ron and Kim Ballard (parents of 1st Grade teacher, Carrie Humann), offer a lovely Rosary at their Solana Beach home. The Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m. and refreshments are provided. Please come. The address is [321 South Granados Ave., Solana Beach](#). No RSVP is required. (This fall the evening Rosary is on First Wednesdays due to the Parish Faith Nights on Tuesdays).

Catholic Bible Study - Especially for SJA Moms and Their Friends

You are invited to an informational gathering on Friday October 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the home of SJA parent, Jennay Gunderson, to learn about a Catholic Bible Study called *Opening Your Heart*. No previous experience with bible study is needed. This will be a relational time for busy moms to grow closer to

Jesus and to each other. The study will run for 8 weeks on Fridays in October and November from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the home of Jennay Gunderson. Please contact Jennay for more details at jennaymarie@cox.net or 760-815-0491.

PARISH NEWS

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY-

Volunteers Needed for Food Packaging Event - Sunday, October 14, 2018

Help us in partnering with Friends and Family Community Connection to package 60,000 meals to help in the fight against hunger. Two-thirds of the meals will be shipped to Haiti and one third will remain locally to help those in need here at home. We are also partnering with Mission Circle's PB&J Sandwich Program. Watch for a list of needed items to be emailed to those who register a week or so before the event. Online registration using Eventbrite [HERE!](#) For more information: Contact Ashley O'Hara: ashleyrohara66@gmail.com.

Calling all Families!

Our Parish Faith Nights are not just for adults and teens. We have a program for children of all ages! Your children will be taught about the Mass, at their level, so they can more fully appreciate attending Mass on Sunday.

Starting October 2nd, our parish will be hosting an 8-week study of the Mass on Tuesday evenings. We are expanding our Adult Study to include teens and youth. We are calling it Parish Faith Nights and it is for everyone here in our St. James-St. Leo community.

In addition to the Adult Study, our Youth Study is for 6th grade and up, our Children's Study is for Kindergarten through 5th, and childcare will be provided. Our Confirmation prep class will also kick off their year studying the Mass with us. We welcome our older post-confirmation teens to either study with the adults, or work with the children. And because Jesus loved sharing a meal with his friends, each session will begin with supper, a home-cooked nutritious meal for just \$5 per person.

The last evening of the study will be a teaching Mass with our pastor Fr. Gerard and Dcn. Peter, with supper afterwards. This is an opportunity for us as a parish to open our hearts and better understand and appreciate what we celebrate at Mass.

How to Sign Up

You can sign up by sending an **email to psmith@stjames-stleo.org** with the following information: **Names and grades of all participants, and a phone number.**

You can drop off or send in a check to St. James, 625 S. Nardo Dr., Solana Beach, CA 92075, or you can pay the first night. Scholarships and payment plans are available, and we do appreciate donations for scholarships. Fees are as follows:

1. Adults, one time \$25*
2. High school (if using "Altartation"), one-time \$20*
3. Middle School, one-time \$20*
4. PreK-5th, one-time \$10
5. Dinner can be paid each night, or all evenings included in pre-registration

*includes workbook and online access to videos

Women Together Extreme Makeover ~ Heart Edition

Join us for a morning of well-deserved pampering of your HEART, SOUL and SPIRIT! Saturday October 13th 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the St. James Parish Hall. Cost is \$15. Bring extra cash for \$1 Mimosas and raffle tickets for exciting prizes. Program includes gourmet breakfast, pampering kits, exciting raffle and guest speaker, Dori Drabek. If interested, please contact Judy O'Connor at 760-212-4727.

With Gratitude,
Christine