

*Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.
Hebrews 13:1*

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday! Super Bowl weekend is here! This week was much calmer than Catholic Schools Week and it was great to get back to the routine. Today we celebrated First Friday Mass during which we expressed our gratitude for all the teachers and staff at St. James. As I watched our student council representatives present flowers in honor of the adults in our building who do so much, I was filled with pride and overwhelming gratitude. I am grateful to be part of this community as a parent, friend, and principal, and I am even more grateful that I don't have to do it alone. I feel supported and loved, and I feel I am a better parent, teacher, principal, friend, and woman of faith because of the people who surround me each and every day. Life can take us to some surprising places, and I am so happy it led me here.

Consolations Week 21:

- It's always a consolation when I have the opportunity to celebrate Mass with our students and teachers.
- My family and I went to a "Dine and Donate" event this week to support a homeless outreach charity called "Least of Our Brothers." It also gave me the opportunity to visit with a dear friend.
- Each day brings a little more than 2 minutes more daylight.
- It's Super Bowl Weekend! Go Birds!
- I will be watching the Super Bowl with some family and good friends, and I'm really looking forward to it.

Desolations Week 21:

- Winter weather disruptions
- Time is dragging and flying by simultaneously. How does that work?
- My to-do list is not getting any shorter and I keep moving things from one day to the next.

I hope that you are able to recognize even the smallest consolations among any desolations you may feel, and I hope next Friday I am listing "the Eagles won the Super Bowl!" as one of my consolations. Go Birds!

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

Many blessings,

Mrs. McManus

Prayer Intentions: Mrs. Colleen Dooley, Mr. Brian Fox, all those in our St. James Community who are struggling mentally, physically, or spiritually.

Important Dates:

- Saturday, February 8 Bulldog Bash Concert Fundraiser @ St. James Alumni Dog House (info below)
- Monday, February 10 - 2HR Delay, school doors open @ 9:40. See below under “New Information” if you need AM CARES.
- Wednesday, February 12 - Progress Reports Available for viewing after 3PM
- Friday, February 14 Noon Dismissal - CARES Open
- Monday, February 17 - No School - Presidents Day - CARES Closed
- Wednesday, February 26
 - Spring Pictures
 - 8th Grade Graduate Pictures
 - Joe Corbi Pick Up - School Gym 4-6PM (note- this is a time change)
- Friday, February 28 Winter Formal - 7th & 8th Grade (info below)

Important Announcements and Reminders

*****New Information*****

Bulldog Bash (featuring Jamison Celtic Rock) -

Tomorrow, Saturday, February 8th, is the big day!! Purchase your tickets [HERE](#). Tickets include food, beer, soda, and live music featuring Jamison. Payment tab will close at 3:00 PM, but tickets will be available at the door. This is a fantastic fundraiser where all proceeds support St. James Regional. The event will happen regardless of weather.

Monday, February 10 - 2HR Delayed Opening

Since I know an unexpected delayed opening can cause disruption to working parents, CARES will be available from 7AM-9:40. ONLY families who have [registered](#) for CARES are permitted to utilize the program. So that we can be properly staffed on Monday morning, please complete this [form](#) if you need the before school care. This form should be completed even if you are a regular CARES user.

Middle School Dance - Mother of Providence invites our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to a dance on Friday, February 21. This is a great opportunity for our students to meet and socialize with students from other area Catholic schools. Permission slips were sent home with students and must be signed and turned in to our Main Office along with the \$10 entrance fee. They will be picked up by a representative from MofP on February 14. No admittance without a previously submitted permission slip and \$10 payment. See email from OptionC sent on February 3.

Winter Formal

Student Council is hosting a Winter Formal for 7th & 8th grade SJR students. For additional information, and to purchase tickets, click [HERE](#).

Lunch Menu Change

NDS has made the following menu substitution(s):

Monday, February 24th - Lunch has been substituted to Burger with green beans.

Summer Camp

St. Madeline Parish Summer Camp (located at St. James) will start on June 23rd and end on August 15th. Please register on St. Madeline's website [HERE](#).

Play Art Contest - Calling all creative SJR 3rd thru 8th grade students. Please consider participating in the 2025 Play Art Contest! Click the link below for more details. If you have any questions feel free to email me at cdoerr@stjamesregional.com.

[SJR 2025 Play Art Contest](#)

Reading Olympics

An after school club for grades 4th through 8th to embrace their love of reading, followed by a multiple school competition. An information session was just held for students who are interested in Reading Olympics. If your child attended, please be on the lookout for flyers that were sent home with them. Mrs. Cunnane has also created a page on her teacher website with more information. Click [HERE](#) to check that out. To sign up for the club click [HERE](#).

Registration for the 2025-206 School Year - Welcoming new Bulldogs!

We are excited to announce that registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open for *new students* from current Saint James families. If you have a little one ready to join our school community, please reach out to Kristen Kilman for a registration packet. kkilman@stjamesregional.com Spots fill up quickly, especially for PreK 3 through Kindergarten, so we encourage you to submit your registration paperwork as soon as possible to secure your child's place.

We look forward to welcoming more of your family to Saint James Regional Catholic School!

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. \$16 an hour. If you are interested, please fill out this [form](#).

Raise Right (formerly SCRIP)

Due to updates being made to our fulfillment systems, gift card shipping will be temporarily paused between February 19-21. Any order placed after 2 pm ET on Monday, February 17 will not leave our fulfillment center until Monday, February 24.

Please plan ahead to get your orders in early. Ship to Home and Customer Support will continue to be available during this time. Thank you for your understanding!

A few *bonuses* this weekend include:

Under Armour - Earn 17% of your purchase towards your tuition

NFL Shop - Earn 17% of your purchase towards your tuition

Ulta - Earn 10% of your purchase towards your tuition

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

Recess Monitors Needed

Looking for a fun way to participate in school, and earn up to \$100/month off of your child(ren)'s tuition? Consider becoming a recess monitor! If you are interested, please fill out this [form](#).

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

Nurse's News -[NEW in December](#)

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

Summer Opportunity for 6-8th Grade Girls - [Check out](#) some exciting summer camps for girls at Merion Mercy Academy.

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.

Home and School Dates and Information

Nifty Fifties Spirit Night 2/11

From 5 - 9pm take a night off from the kitchen and dine in or take out.
Portion of the proceeds goes directly to our school.
Just mention the school's name when ordering.

Joe Corbi's pick up 2/26

Due to company changes we had to make an adjustment to the pickup. It will still be Wednesday, 2/26 now 4pm-6:30pm.
All orders **MUST** be picked up between these times on this day. Unfortunately we do not have anywhere to store orders.

Play Patrons

SJRCS production of "Camp Rock Jr" is offering patrons/ads in our program. Family and friends can show their support of our talented students by messages or advertisements for their businesses.

Options: Booster- \$5 per line (55 characters per line including spaces).

Business card- \$30; Half Page- \$45 (5.5. x 4.25); Full Page- \$75 (5.5 x 8.5).

An example of a booster: "Congratulations, so proud of you! Lov, Mom and Dad." Payments can be made through the school website.

If you are advertising a business please use the school payment tab and forward your business card/design to stjrdrama@gmail.com

Home and School Elections

Nominations will be accepted through April. Elections will take place in May.

Thank you to those that have reached out already.

Please send interest / nominations to sjr.homeandschool23@gmail.com.

Parish News

St. Madeline Parish

St. Madeline Parish Summer Camp will start on June 23rd and end on August 15th. Please register on St. Madeline's website [HERE](#).

St. Rose of Lima Parish

If you are a current registered member of St. Rose of Lima Church and have a child in 2nd grade, please contact the Parish Office at 610-876-6170 or email stroselimaparish@gmail.com about First Reconciliation (March 11th) and First Communion (May 4th). Sacraments are made in your home parish unless permission from the Pastors is obtained.

St. Gabriel's Parish

Youth Ministry

Join St. Gabe's Youth Ministry for a Youth Sports Event at St. Joe's University - SJU vs Richmond Basketball, February 22. [Click here](#) for information. All are welcome!

8th Grade

Upcoming Fundraisers for 8th Grade Graduation Activities

Valentines Day Candy Gram

Help support the Class of 2025 by purchasing Valentines Day Grams. They are \$1.00, and include a lollipop with a personalized message. To purchase, click [HERE](#).

Graduation Robes - Graduation pictures are slotted for 2/26; please be sure to purchase your robe well in advance to ensure proper fit. Robes can be purchased [here](#).

8th Grade Field Trip to Washington, D.C.

- Permission form is located in OptionC.
- Payment can be made on the [SJR website](#).
- Payment due 2/21

Scholarship

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

Community News

COHS Babysitting Night - On February 14th O'Hara students will be hosting a [babysitting night](#) to raise money for our Danny Hammond Dance Marathon event.

Summer Opportunity for 6-8th Grade Girls - [Check out](#) some exciting summer camps for girls at Merion Mercy Academy.

Sippin for the Sisters

The IHM Sisters are hosting a tea (all tickets have been sold for the event) and we would like to invite you to be a part of a fundraising event by donating merchandise or a gift certificate. All proceeds from this event will be used to purchase much needed elevator casings for Camilla Hall Nursing Home, the health care center for our aged and infirm sisters since 1960. Please include a brief description of the item, with the value and any restrictions for use (e.g. expiration date) and send your donation or certificate to:

Office of IHM Mission Advancement

Attn: Tea Donations

230 IHM Drive

Malvern, PA 19355