

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday! I hope you all have had a wonderful week. Mine went fast, and I am looking forward to some down time! In our third week some of us are still adjusting, but we are getting into our back to school routine and classrooms are bustling with many exciting and engaging lessons. Next week most of our 8th graders will be taking the High School Placement Test for the Archdiocese. Pray for them as they take this important step in their educational journey. We continue to work, as teachers and staff, to remind our students about respect and kindness. Please have those same conversations at home. We are a community of faith who strive to live as Jesus taught us. *"...he who says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked."* 1 John 2:6

Consolations from Week 3:

- For a couple of days this week the weather was beautiful and I was able to walk to and from work. After commuting into the city for 16 years this is a true gift.
- I laugh often with my colleagues and it makes me feel at home.
- I was able to cross a few important items off of my to-do list.
- I have been in the classroom with the 5th and 7th grades for an extra week and I love Math!
- Today I finally had the opportunity to visit with the PreK and Kindergarten classrooms. They were doing great work, listening to their teachers, and practicing their letters and colors.

Desolations from Week 3:

- Cell phones and social media are pervasive in the lives of us and our young students. It's difficult for them to navigate that world.
- The days have been busy, and I have not been able to spend as much time visiting classrooms as I would like.
- My to-do list is still too long and I feel I am not doing my job effectively if I don't check more things off of it.

I will make it a point to go to the adult social and spend some time in community with other parents. I am the Principal, but I am also a parent. I will spend some quality time with my daughters this weekend. I will check a few things off my to-do list so that I can start next week with a sense of accomplishment and preparedness. I will pray for our students and for you at Mass this weekend. Many blessings to all of you.

I am blessed. I am happy.

See below for important calendar events and information.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Mrs. Colleen McManus

News and Information for the Coming Weeks

Calendar:

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

CYO News:

Come out and support our athletes this weekend. [Check out our scheduled events!](#)

Looking for some St. Mad's CYO gear? Check out some new spirit wear [here](#). The store closes this Sunday, October 1.

St. Gabriel's CYO is hosting a Haunted Maze on Friday, October 21. See [this flyer](#) for details.

Parish News:

St. Madeline Carnival will be from Wednesday, Oct 4th until Saturday Oct 7th. Come join the fun! If you would like to volunteer please click [this link to signup](#). We thank you for your continued support of the parish and hope to see you at the carnival.

NDS Snack and Lunch Program -

Click [here](#) for the lunch menu.

Click [here](#) for the snack menu.

NUT Passes:

Students will be permitted to use 2 purchased NUT passes per month. Teachers will keep track and once two have been used in the month the student will not be permitted to use another one until the following month. We will continue to offer NUT passes to parents who volunteer for certain events. These will be in addition to the two per month.

Between the NUT passes and our holiday/seasonal dress down days there will be plenty of opportunities for students to show their personality and style.

Northeastern Music Program:

Click [here](#) for an email from Mr. Steven Morrisette, Jr, the new instrumental music teacher for the program.

HELP! Recess Monitors Needed

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

Our Home and School Board is as busy as ever! Scroll to the bottom to see additional information.

Reminders:

Regular Spring Uniforms

- Except on their gym days students are required to wear the full uniform each day.
- Full uniform specifications are listed on our [website](#).
- Please be sure students have the proper shoes. The tan buck shoes are available via [Floccos](#).
- Hair is to be neatly groomed and no longer than shoulder length for boys. It should not hang over their eyes.
- Hair must be natural in color only (brown, black, blonde, natural red)
- I saw quite a few boys missing belts. A belt is part of the uniform and must be worn with the golf shirt tucked in.

Attendance:

Please find our attendance policy and absence reporting forms on our [website](#). It is essential that you use the form to report all student absences. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Dismissal Procedures –

- As best as you can, please communicate dismissal changes to your child's teacher as early in the day as possible. I know things come up during the day, but it's important for us to have accurate information so that we dismiss all children safely.
- Bus lanes MUST remain clear during dismissal. There is to be no parking out front of the school on Tome Street. This is for the safety of all of our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Home and School News and Events

We have some exciting events lined up for our school community!

1. Adult Social – September 22, 2023

- We also want to remind you about tonight's Adult Social Starting at 7:00 PM in the school gym/parking lot.
- Plus, if you can't make it tonight don't forget to get your raffle tickets for the grand prize for an Overnight Stay at the Hilton Garden Inn Newtown Square and a \$100 Gift Certificate to the Firepoint Grill via [this link](#)-

2. Putt Putt Fundraiser

- Date: October 13
- Time: 5:30 PM
- Cost: \$12:00/pp - Click [here](#) for more information and a link to buy tickets.
- Fun for the whole family!

3. Monster Mash

- Date: October 20
- Time: 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
- For: Students in kindergarten through 4th grade
- Cost: \$10.00 per ticket - Click [here](#) for more information and for a link to purchase tickets.
- More information will be sent home with your child(ren) next week

4. Halloween Dance

- Date: October 20
- Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- For: Students in 5th through 8th grades
- Cost: \$12.00 per ticket -Click [here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

5. Bag Bingo Fundraiser - Save the Date

- Date: November 17, 2023
- Tickets on sale starting October 2, 2023
- Keep an eye out for more details!

Stay tuned for updates, and mark your calendars for these thrilling events. We look forward to seeing you there!