

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door.

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday and Happy St. Patrick's Day weekend to all who celebrate Irish heritage. I am looking forward to a weekend with family and friends after a busy week. My week ended in the best way possible as I had the opportunity to be the 2nd grade teacher for the day. It is sometimes difficult to believe that I was first in the classroom as a 5th grade teacher thirty years ago. What's also pretty amazing is that the daughter of one of those 5th graders is in one of our 2nd grade classes, and I was her teacher today! I think that's what they call a "full circle moment." After all of the various jobs I have held in education over my thirty year career, being a Principal is my most rewarding, but being a classroom teacher is a very close second. I have so much admiration for those that are in front of the classroom each and every day, especially those that do it here at St. James Regional. We are blessed to have them!

Consolations- Week 28:

- Beautiful, sunny weather and a taste of Spring!
- All things Irish are being celebrated this week. As the granddaughter of a man from County Mayo and the great granddaughter of a man from County Donegal, I love this time of year!
- The opportunity to be in the classroom for an entire day reminded me once again that teaching is good for my soul and makes me feel fulfilled.
- Even after weeks that are long and tiring, the process of sitting and thinking about my consolations and desolations truly helps me to recognize how blessed I am.
- I listen to the traffic report in the mornings and feel so happy that I no longer have a 35 minute commute up 95!
- This week we started our third and final trimester!

Desolations -Week 28:

- A head cold/cough that drained me.
- Not enough time in the day
- I attended the viewing of the husband of a friend, just 55 years old. May God grant him eternal peace.

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

Many blessings,
Mrs. Colleen McManus

News and Information for the Coming Weeks

Enrollment Information

New Student Registration -

We are excited to announce that registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open for NEW students. If you have a new student in your family who will be starting St. James in 2024-2025 please reach out to Kristen Kilman for the enrollment packet. Current families who register new students by March 1st will be given priority. You must complete the registration forms for each new student to receive a spot in class. Kkilman@stjamesregional.com

Current Students - Re-Enrollment for 2024-2025

Saint James utilizes the continuous enrollment model. Continuous enrollment means that all students are automatically re-enrolled for each school year and an annual registration fee is assessed via each family's FACTs account. A \$150 Registration fee will be charged to your family FACTS account on March 22. If for any reason your child will not return to St. James next year please inform, via email, Mrs. McManus, Principal, Mrs. Kilman, Enrollment Manager & Mr. Scrabut, Business Manager of the withdrawal as soon as possible.

Information regarding tuition for the 2024-2025 school year was sent to current families last week. For clarification on our tuition policy or continuous enrollment, please refer to the handbook that can be found on our website. [Parent Student Handbook 23-24 - Google Docs.](#)

Title I Funds - It's that time of year again! Please complete the survey that came home this week regarding Title I funding. The more families complete the form, the better it is for our students.

Calendar Events:

March 18-20 The Purge 4:30-6:30 (See Home & School section below for details)

DATE CHANGE - March 20 - March Madness Basketball Dress Down (wear your favorite college team shirt on the eve of the tournament)

March 21 - Rock your Socks - Wear your crazy socks along with your regular school uniform!

March 27 - Noon Dismissal - Afternoon CARES closed

March 28-April 2 - Easter Vacation CARES closed during break

April 3 - Class resume; Spring Uniform

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

Bulldog Bash!

Join us for our Bulldog Bash, a night of fun, music, raffles and auction items, all of which benefit St. James Regional. See [flyer](#) for dates and details. Run, don't walk to purchase your tickets!

Spring Carnival!

The St. James Regional Spring Carnival will be here before you know it! Purchase Mega Passes and experience unlimited rides on all nights of the carnival 6:00 to 10:00PM!

[St. James Regional Catholic School | Spring Carnival Mega Pass](#)

Parish and CYO News

St. Madeline's

Summer Camp - Summer Camp is now accepting registrations. Please go to the St. Madeline's Parish [website](#) to access the registration form.

St. Gabriel's

April 6 - St. Gabriel's Parish Gift Card Bingo. See [flyer](#) for details.

Home and School News and Events

Spring Play - Shrek Jr.

Props Needed - Our school play is fast approaching and we are looking for certain items for props etc. We will also be sending out our costume needs soon so please be on the lookout. Any items off [either list](#) that can be donated will be greatly appreciated.

Patrons - Show your support for our hard working students. Purchase a patron for our program or advertise your business. Payments can be made through our [school website](#) and advertisements can be sent to sjr.theartregroup@gmail.com.

Shrek Jr T-Shirts for Sale!

T-shirts designed by our very own 8th grader, Adriana Patton are on sale now through our [school website](#).

Stage Crew Needs Help! Building the thrust is one of the biggest jobs our fabulous set crew have in preparation for the play. If you would like to volunteer to assist some of our

"play dads" with this, the build will start Saturday April 6th at 7am. Please reach out to H&S if you are able to help. Thank you in advance. If anyone has tarps and tie downs that they would be willing to loan to the play department for the week of April 1st, please reach out to H&S.

Costumes

Another way for you to support our play is by donating costumes. If interested in this please use the link below. Thank you in advance.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA4A728AAFAC70-48164162-shrek>

Shop at Five Below

March 23rd through March 30th shop the Five Below next to Bertucci's for St James to receive 10%. Print as many [forms](#) as you'd like, share with family and friends. Forms were also sent home with students and must be shown to the cashier. This store only !

"The Purge" Spring Edition.

The first day of Spring is March 19th and H&S would like to give your spring cleaning a jump start. We will be in the gym accepting your donations of clothes, toys, accessories and small household items on March 18th, 19th and 20th from 4-6pm.

Mother & Son Bowling: Mark your Calendars for Mother & Son Bowling on Sunday, April 7th! Our boys in grades 1st through 8th are invited to make memories glow bowling with their Mom/Special Mother-like Figure. See the [flyer](#) for details. The [payment tab](#) is available on the website.

8th Grade Fundraising Events

Dine at [Panchero's](#) and help raise money for the 8th Grade End of the Year Celebration.

Got Sneakers? We are collecting sneakers to be recycled for a donation. Sneakers taking up room in your closet can be donated to earn money. See the [flyer](#) for details on how to donate.

Employment at St. James Regional

Music Teacher (P/T)

St. James Regional Catholic School is seeking a certified, part-time (2.5 days) teacher to teach Music in grades PK3 to 8 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. The position begins on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The resigning teacher also

moderated a Children's Choir and a Ukulele Club outside of class. The ideal candidate will be someone who can share their love and appreciation of music with the students of SJRCS while also expanding their knowledge of basic musical skills and concepts.

Qualified and interested candidates please send your resume and cover letter to the Principal, Mrs. Colleen McManus, at cmcmanus@stjamesregional.com.

Lunch Program (P/T)

St. James Regional Catholic School is seeking a Lunchroom Helper / NDS worker (Mon to Fri, 8 AM to 1:30 PM). NDS workers are responsible for every aspect of the Child Nutrition programs at their school, including the distribution of menus; organizing information necessary to place a weekly food order to NDS; tracking inventory, including completing an inventory report each day; heating and serving meals and counting a point of service to determine which children received a claimable meal; completing daily reports, such as online reporting or reconciliation, production records and enrollment/absentee reports. \$12.50 an hour. Please send your resume and cover letter to the Principal, Mrs. Colleen McManus, at cmcmanus@stjamesregional.com

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.

Please send your resume and cover letter to Eileen Righter at erightier@stjamesregional.com