



Philosophy: St. James Academy strives to prepare students to live in the world as responsible citizens and as faithful stewards of creation in an ever-changing environment. In our commitment to excellence and in support of the parents who are recognized as the primary educators of their children, a student-centered, Catholic-based, rigorous curriculum is provided which values cultural and intellectual diversity.

Mission: SJA fosters the development of the whole child in a Catholic educational environment that prepares students to lead faith-filled, productive and successful lives.

Student Learning Expectations (SLE's): Do you know that SJA implements Student Learning Expectations within our curriculum and programs to provide a well-rounded educational experience and to develop the whole child? Once a week, at our morning assembly, one student is recognized for being a Faithful Catholic, Lifelong Learner, Responsible Individual, Effective Communicator and/or Globally Aware Citizen. [A comprehensive list of SLE's can be found here.](#) **Congratulations, Ben L. 6th Grade for being our SLE winner this week!**

May 22, 2019



Throughout the month of May, grades 1, 2 and 3 pray a decade of the Rosary each morning for the students, families and faculty of St. James Academy.

This beautiful tradition honors Mary for all that she has done, asks her to pray for us and to bring our prayers to her Son, Jesus.

Know that they are praying for us as the students learn more about the Rosary, its Mysteries and the blessings and graces which come from praying it.

IMPORTANT DATES- [Link to School Calendar](#)

Thursday, May 23rd

8:00 a.m. SJA attends Mass (NOT on Friday due to Variety Show); PLEASE BE ON TIME

Friday, May, 24th

NO MASS for SJA Students

10:00 a.m. SJA Variety Show dress rehearsal - guests welcome to attend

1:00 p.m. SJA Variety Show

Sunday, May 26th

4:30 p.m. St. James Middle School Youth Group Meeting

Monday, May 26th

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day Holiday

Friday, May 31st

8:00 a.m. Memory Mass led by Kindergarten

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Sunday, 6/2 - SJA Choirs Sing at 9:00 and 11:30 Mass; Student Lectors at 11:30

Monday, 6/3 - Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast immediately after morning assembly

Monday, 6/10 - All School Beach Day - End of Year Party

Saturday, 9/21 - 6th Annual SJA Bocce Tournament and Garden Party - [register now for early bird pricing!](#)

SJA Annual Variety Show - THIS Friday, May 24th

Our annual variety show, *Sea to Shining Sea*, will be performed by Kindergarten through 8th grade this Friday, May 24th in the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m. Families may also attend the open dress rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. This annual production is a unique part of our curriculum and one of the highlights of the year for our students and community. You'll be amazed by our talented students! Thank you to Mrs. Oldham, faculty, students, and parent volunteers who have worked many hours on this event. **Please note that SJA students WILL NOT be attending mass on Friday (just Thursday). Please note that lunch this Friday will be 12:00-12:45 for ALL classes.

Variety Show and Past Performances DVDs - Order by Friday, May 31st

To order a DVD of these wonderful productions, please turn this [completed form](#) and fee into the SJA Office **no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, May 31st, 2019**. Note: Checks should be made payable to Rendezvous Video. DVDs will be distributed to students or available for pick up in the school office on June 10th, 2019.

**Fiesta Del Sol**

Students showcased their talents and the outstanding SJA Music Program this past Saturday, May 18th at Fiesta Del Sol in Solana Beach. Thank you to Mrs. Oldham for letting our lights shine through music and singing! Check out this [video!](#)

Shareholder Feedback Thank You!

Thank you very much to the parents who have provided feedback in the past couple of weeks via email or at the SWOT analysis session. Valuable insight was provided regarding strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats at SJA. Faculty and Staff completed a similar survey and students completed a survey this week in the computer lab. Discussion points and comments, made by adults can be found [here](#) and will be included in our Accreditation Self-Study, Action and Strategic Plans. Please feel free to reach out to me or our Advisory Board Chairs, Shawn Leo or James Morton if you have additional feedback.

Parent Volunteer Coffee - Monday, June 3rd

On Monday, June 3rd (immediately following the morning assembly) we will be hosting a coffee on the hall patio for all of our wonderful parent volunteers. We appreciate you and all of the support you provide to our administration, faculty, staff, students, and community. Please join us and [RSVP HERE](#). We are so grateful for you and all that you do!

Zero Waste Friday Challenge Update

Our Zero Waste challenge will continue on Friday, May 31. The goal is to come to school with no waste in your snack or lunch. Some examples of waste include plastic bags and plastic water bottles, plastic utensils, and wrappers of any kind on single use snacks. Bring reusable containers and utensils. Instead of single use snacks, buy bulk snacks and include a portion in a reusable container. On Friday mornings after mass, Student Council members will be coming to your classroom to check your lunch and snack. The class with lowest percentage of waste over the challenge will win a beautiful air filtering plant for their classroom. Zero waste day will be continued again next year. May the most environmentally friendly class win!

Yard Duty Assignment and Sign Ups - Double Service Hours earned for hours served!

Calling **Fifth Grade** Parents- You're up for the month of May! Thank you!

NOTE FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

Service Hours

Your Wednesday envelopes went home the first Monday in May. Please return them promptly with all your service hours marked clearly on the back. I am continuing to bill families via FACTS for any deficiencies. As mentioned on our Policy Statement, missing hours will be billed at \$10 per hour.

Outstanding Balances

Please be sure that your FACTS tuition and incidental balances are current before the end of the school year. We are unable to release yearbooks and report cards until all past due balances are paid in full. Thank you!

Please contact the bookkeeper (Aminy Johnson) with any questions at ajohnson@saintjamesacademy.com.

PRAYER CORNER

You are invited on any Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Church Social Room to pray the Rosary for the school and for your intentions. Please come if you can, the more the merrier.

Thank you to the following people for your help with the May Crowning Reception: Yvette Magnaghi, Theresa Wilson, Betty Milne, Kim Ballard, Lisa Black, Tati Walton, Sandra Van Gilder, Susanne Fernandez, Jennay Gunderson

You are invited to stop in the St. James Adoration Chapel on Thursdays anytime from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to spend time with Jesus in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Pope St. John Paul II recommends spending time with Jesus in this intimate and peaceful way. Any questions, please call Jennay at 760-815-0491 or email jennaymarie@cox.net.

COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Be a Buddy Family

Please take a moment to review the [Buddy Family Letter](#) and give this some consideration. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome a new family to SJA and share our wonderful community with them. Interested families should turn in their completed letters by Friday, May 24th. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Cooper at lcooper@saintjamesacademy.com.



St. James Middle School Youth Group Meeting - Sunday, May 26th

All middle school (6th-8th) grade students are invited and encouraged to attend the St. James Middle School Youth Group meeting on Sunday, May 26th. The meeting will be held from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the San Jose Youth Room in the Parish Ministry Center.

BOCCE is BACK! Save the Date + Register Now for Early Bird Pricing

Who: Parents, Parishioners, Alumni, Faculty, Family & Friends (*adults only*)

What: 6th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament & Garden Party

When: Saturday, September 21, 2019 @ 2:30PM

Where: The Hazel Home, Rancho Santa Fe

Why: Like good food + drink? Come. Like music + fellowship? Come. Like to compete? Come. Love the feeling you get from celebrating a good cause? [Register now!](#)

You already know you are in. So [sign up now](#) and save a little green. Do it for the kids.

New and exciting updates to this year's event. No bocce experience required.

5th Annual Amanda Post TRACK MEET - June 1, 2019

All boys and girls in **THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH & EIGHTH** grades are welcome to enter. No prior running experience necessary. Electronic timing, posted times, and experienced press-box announcer. Come out and cheer for the runners as they race to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbons! Nominal entrance fee of \$5/event.

ORDER OF 2019 RUNNING EVENTS

- 1600 meters
- 400 meters
- 100 meters
- 200 meters
- 800 meters
- Relays

3RD thru 5TH GRADE: 3 event limit

- all sprints (100, 200, 400)
- 800 meter OR 1600 meter
- relays

6TH thru 8th GRADE: no limit on # of events

- all races are available
- relays

Visit the [Amanda Post Foundation website](#) to register and for more information.

Invitation to Attend Workshop at St. Elizabeth Seton in Carlsbad

Join Jan Nadler, Ph.D. for an Experiential Workshop titled, *HEALING LIFE'S REGRETS - How God Heals Disappointments in Life*. This event will be held on Sunday June 2nd and 9th from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. in the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Center Room 6. Register: jnadlerphd@gmail.com or 760-814-8604.

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Art Intensive for Grades 5-8 with Mr. Stiles

Sign up down to attend one of Mr. Stiles' summer art intensives (or sign up for more than one).

Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early. See the [flyer](#) for more details. Registration Deadline: 5/31/19. Sign up early as there is a maximum of 12 students per session. Cost: Single Session - \$275, Two Sessions - \$500, Three Sessions - \$675.

Coach Ramsay Sports Camp

Mark your calendars! Mrs Ramsay is having her summer sports camp June 17th- June 21st. The camp is 9am-3pm and the cost is \$195. Please return the completed [form](#) to the office no later than May 24th.

Academy of Our Lady of Peace (OLP) Offering Summer Sports Camps

The Academy of Our Lady of Peace is thrilled to offer exciting athletic camps for girls! Girls can experience the magic of an all-girls' school environment through a wide variety athletic camps that are taught by our experienced OLP faculty, coaches, and alumnae. Camps are filling up quickly, so don't delay! We look forward to having you join us! Check out the [flyer](#) for more information and registration instructions.

Summer Programs at Cathedral Catholic

Registration is now open for Cathedral's summer programs. These camps included programs such as athletics, arts, music, drama, and more! These weeklong sessions are open for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Please see the [link](#) for more details and registration information.

Tennis Camp with Love 15

Learn to play like a pro! Love 15, founded by Cathedral Catholic tennis coach, provides 5 weeks of tennis camps that teach and enhance young students and tennis athletes. All ages and levels are welcome. Please see the [flyer](#) for details.

With Gratitude,
Christine

"Rejoice Always, Pray Continually, Give Thanks in All Circumstances"

1 Thessalonians, 5:16-18

2018-2019 SJA School Theme

Links/Forms:

[2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

[2019-2020 Tuition Commitment and Payment Agreement](#) PAST DUE! TURN IN ASAP!

[Buddy Family Letter](#)

[Cathedral Catholic High School Summer Programs](#)

[Green Ribbon Award Press Release](#)

[Mr. Stiles Summer Art Intensive](#)

[Mrs. Ramsay Summer Camp](#)

[Parent Council Meeting Minutes - April 2019](#)

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[SWOT Feedback - Parents/Faculty/Staff](#)

[Yard Duty Sign Up](#)