

“When tempted, invoke your angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped!”
St. John Bosco

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday! We had a taste of fall this week and it was glorious! Unfortunately it is not predicted to last into the weekend. Yesterday marked one month of school and everyone has settled into their routines. The tears have ceased, new relationships are being formed, and I almost never refer to my daughters and their classmates as 5th and 7th graders rather than 6th and 8th graders as I had several times a day in September. Perhaps I was in denial. October is off to a good start!

This month's school Mass happened to fall on the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. I'm sure I'm not alone in connecting the idea of a Guardian Angel with my childhood and not considering that my angel is still with me, guiding me and protecting me. In his homily Father Loomis reminded us that God loves us so very much and wants us to join Him in heaven. Because of that, He sent us our Guardian Angels to remain with us, even as adults, to keep us on our path to heaven and to help us to avoid succumbing to the temptations we face every day. I encourage you to rely on your Guardian Angel and to pray for guidance and strength.

Consolations Week 5:

- Celebrating Mass together as a community
- Beautiful weather
- Being reminded that each of us, young and old, has our own Guardian Angel
- In spite of the fact that a lack of a PA State Budget has left us with limited funds to purchase much needed school materials, our teachers are using their creativity to make sure learning is not interrupted by forces completely out of our control.
- **Red October is here! Go Phils!**

Desolations Week 5:

- Inconsistent weather
- Not being as patient as I need to be
- Procrastination
- The PA state budget has yet to pass, leaving us without much needed funds.

“Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen.”

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

Many blessings,

Mrs. McManus

Congratulations!

Ambassadors of Christ:

These students were recognized as our Ambassadors of Christ for practicing the virtue of humility, modeled after St. Catherine of Siena, during the month of September:

Grade 8- Lucas Rowe, **Grade 7-** David Bradley, **Grade 6-** Kyle Jackson, **Grade 5-** Michael Falo, **Grade 4-** Veronica Beecher, **Grade 3-** Phoebe Boyce, **Grade 2A-** Jaxson Lauber, **Grade 2B-** Aaron Gross, **Grade 1A-** Kennedy Jusino, **Grade 1B-** Vienna Sutradhar, **Kindergarten-A-** Ellyana Blake, **Kindergarten-B-** Adedoyin Akinyele, **Pre-K4A-** Grace Gallagher, **Pre-K4B-** Nicholas Serody, **Pre-K3-** Josephina Garofalo

7th Grade Safety Patrol:

These students were inducted into our Safety Patrol after Mass yesterday. Their primary aim is to help children cross the streets safely, monitor buses, entrance ways, classrooms, and assist the students in any way that is needed. This year, they will also be helpers to our recess monitors during the 1st-4th recess period.

Paige Boyce, David Bradley, Luna Doerr, Sean Donnelly, Marie Dooley, Ty Frank, Rosemary Glavin, Alli Heinly, Alexander Krecioch, Audrey Mascuilli, Jayce Palandro, Darshil Patel, Sienna Patriarch, Marguerite Somers, Billy Sprague, Michael Toland, Morgan Tustin, Blaise Wallgren

Student Council:

Our Executive Board and our Classroom Representatives were inducted yesterday after Mass. These students were elected by their peers.

Classroom Representatives:

Grade 4: Onica Doerr and Veronica Beecher
Grade 5: Ben Owen
Grade 6: Avery Coleman
Grade 7: Erik Latham
Grade 8: Tommy Davis

Executive Board:

President: Brian Marucci
Vice President: Colin Owen
Secretary: Maeve McManus
Treasurer: Lucy Oldham

Important Dates:

- Monday, October 6 - School Clubs begin
- Tuesday, October 7 - Living Rosary - School Parking Lot 1:15
- Wednesday, October 8 - Dress Down Fundraiser #2 - Red October/Phillies
- Monday, October 13 - Fall Holiday - School Closed/CARES Closed
- Friday, October 17
 - Progress Reports Available for Viewing after 3PM (Grades 1-8)
 - 5th Grade S'Mores and More
 - Monster Mash (Kindergarten-4)
 - Halloween Dance (Grades 6-8)
- Thursday, October 23, 4-7PM -Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, October 24, 12:15-3:15- Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Noon Dismissal - CARES is open
 - Teachers will send communication and sign up information as we get closer.

Important Announcements and Reminders

****New Information****

Yearbook Photos Needed

Parents/Guardians, as you capture special moments throughout the school year, we'd love for you to share them for our yearbook! Uploading is quick and easy—just use this link:

👉 <https://photos.jostens.com/EBFBKQ>

Thank you for helping us make this year's book of memories extra special!

Junior Bulldog Book Club

[October Meeting Sign Up](#)

Nutritional Development Services - Placemat Design Contest

All students are invited to design a placemat with their original artwork that depicts healthy eating, physical activity, and/or promotes school snack/lunch programs. Take a look at the [flyer](#) for details. Deadline is October 10.

Door Safety

For the safety and security of all students and staff, please **do not hold the door open for anyone** when entering or exiting the building. All visitors—including parents—must be buzzed in through the main office. Thank you for helping us keep our school safe!

Arrivals

Doors will be opened by a staff member beginning at 7:40 A.M. For the safety of our children, they should not arrive on the school grounds before 7:40 A.M. If there is a need for your child to come to school before that time they should report for morning C.A.R.E.S. Any child riding a bus that arrives at school before 7:40 will be supervised without a fee.

The school day for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade begins at **8:00 AM**. On most days we gather in the gym as a community for morning prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and special announcements. If the gym is unavailable for a special event we will gather in classrooms and prayers/pledge/announcements will be done over the PA system. This is an important part of the day as a St. James student, and all students are expected to be present. **In order to be in the gym for prayer students should arrive NO LATER than 7:55** at which time the doors will close. **Students are marked tardy if they enter after 8:00 A.M.**

Student Council Dress Down Fundraiser

Our next dress down day will be **Red October** on Wednesday, October 8th. Some important facts:

- These are paid Dress Down Days that support various charities as well as fund some special Student Council activities.
- Only students who pay are permitted to Dress Down on Fundraiser Days
- **October 8 will be the LAST DAY payment will be accepted.**

Please see [this flyer](#) for more details.

REMINDERS:

School Clubs

Clubs will begin on **Monday, October 6th**. For additional information about each club, click [HERE](#).

Please note: **Students must be registered in order to attend a club**. To register click [HERE](#).

Bike Riders Rejoice! Students in grades 5-8 are now permitted to ride their bicycle to school. They **MUST** have a lock and they **MUST** wear a helmet. Bikes will be locked against the fence in the back lot closest to the alley in the Middle School Wing. Permission slips **must** be on file with the Main Office. Please see the [permission slip](#) for procedures. Sign and return the bottom if your child will be riding their bike.

Recess Monitors Needed

Want a fun and easy way to get involved at school *and* save money on tuition?
Become a **Recess Monitor** and earn up to **\$100/month off your child(ren)'s tuition!**

What's Involved?

- Supervise recess *for grades 1st through 8th*
- Be a friendly presence on the playground
- Just 50 minutes a day (12:00–12:50 PM)

Perks: Tuition credit or paycheck option available!

Interested? [Fill out this form today!](#)

Band

Students interested in joining the school band or orchestra may still enroll throughout the month of October. As a reminder, participation in band instrument instrumental music is available to students in grades 4-8, and orchestra instrument participation is available for students in grades 3-8. If you are interested in joining this wonderful program, please refer to the Northeastern Music enrollment link. Thank you! [Northeastern Music Programs | Home](#)

Parish News

St. Madelines:

Celebrate! Please join the parish community for the Installation Mass of Fr. Loomis as our newest pastor. Saturday, October 4 at 4PM. There will be a celebration in the gym after the Mass.

St. Gabriels:

PREP and Sacraments

Please check [St. Gabriel's PREP website](#) for information.

Join the [Remind app](#) for our text communications.

Home and School Updates

Bag Bingo - November 7 - Always a Great Time!

Come enjoy a night out with friends/family. Click [the flyer](#) for more information. Buy tickets on our [payment tab](#).

The [payment tab](#) is live for class donations.

1st place will get a Pizza Party - Currently 8th Grade

2nd place a dress down day - Currently 5th Grade

3rd place extra recess - Currently 3rd Grade

School Play in case you missed the big announcement, our school play this year will be *The Wizard of Oz!*

Important Dates and Deadlines:

10/14- Parent zoom meeting at 8pm. Student must be registered in order to obtain meeting link

10/20 - Deadline to sign up for auditions

10/28-10/29 - Play auditions

10/30 - Deadline to sign up to be in the ensemble

Payment will be required before being able to attend rehearsals.

Please see the [Home and School page of our website](#) for a list of SJR events and for volunteer opportunities. If you couldn't make it to Back to School Night or needed to check your calendar before signing up to volunteer, you can still do so! Take a look at the events and email sjr.homeandschool23@gmail.com with any questions or if you are able to help.

OR

Check out this [pdf](#) for information about our October events.

As is always true, we cannot thrive and grow without the help and support of our entire community. Volunteers are always needed. Look for sign up sheets at Back to School Nights!

8th Grade

Highschool Information Night at St. Anastasia School - See [flyer](#) for details.