

*“Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”*  
*Isaiah 12*

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday and Happy Christmas Break!! My heart is filled with such joy as I write this. We had the most wonderful morning here at St. James Regional with our PreK and Kindergarten students carolling from classroom to classroom and then a concert by the St. James High School Alumni Choir. We were treated to “church” songs and fun songs including Rudolph, Frosty, and Dominic the Donkey. We even had a visit from the characters themselves and Santa Claus! It was such a fun show and the kids had a blast. How blessed are we?

*“Do not be afraid;  
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.  
For today in the city of David  
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.  
And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and lying in a manger.”*  
***Luke 2:10-12***

**Consolations Week 16:**

- The innocence and joy of children as they excitedly await Christmas Day.
- The Nativity Celebration on Thursday evening was beautiful.
- Today’s festivities
- A nice long Christmas break to spend time rejuvenating and enjoying time with family.

**Desolations Week 16:**

- I know that the joy that I feel today is matched by sorrow for some of our families as this will be a first Christmas without their loved one.
- The next few days will be filled with hectic final preparations for Christmas.

Desolations are a part of our lives as human beings, but Jesus’ birth reminds us that God sent his only Son so that someday we will be free from the struggles of our earthly lives.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May you and your family rejoice in the birth of Jesus and His everlasting love for all of us.

I am happy. I am blessed. I am loved. I am filled with joy.  
Many blessings,  
Mrs. McManus

**Prayer Intentions:** Mrs. Colleen Dooley, Mrs. Denise Sulecki, the Bonner family, and the Boyce family.

Please pray for Mrs. Haggerty and her family. Mrs. Haggerty's mom, Denise Sulecki, passed away this week after a brief battle with cancer. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Important Dates:**

- **Monday, January 6** - Classes resume
- **Friday, January 10** - First Friday Mass 9:15 - St. Madeline's Church
- **Monday, January 6** - Home & School Meeting 7PM
- **Friday, January 17** - Noon Dismissal - CARES open
- **Monday, January 20** - No classes - Martin Luther King Day
  - CARES closed

**Important Announcements and Reminders**

**\*\*New Information\*\***

**Ornament Scholarship-**

We will be extending the Ornament Scholarship till Catholic Schools Week. We are just under \$1,000 in purchased chances! The winner will receive 50% of the proceeds toward their 2025-2026 tuition. Purchase [HERE](#) to be entered for a chance to win the Ornament Scholarship. Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

**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](mailto:cdoerr@stjamesregional.com).

[SJR 2025 Play Art Contest](#)

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**Registration**

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](mailto: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)**

A few *bonuses* this weekend include:

**Bath & Noble** - Earn 17% of your purchase towards your tuition

**Old Navy** - Earn 18% of your purchase towards your tuition

**Starbucks** - Earn 6.5% of your purchase towards your tuition

**Kendra Scott** - Earn 11% of your purchase towards your tuition

**Acme** - Earn 6% of your purchase towards your tuition

**Columbia** - Earn 17% of your purchase towards your tuition

**LL Bean** - Earn 19% of your purchase towards your tuition

**Door Dash** - Earn 6% 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 for December](#)**

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

## **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.

### **DRESS CODE**

Neatness and cleanliness in personal attire are part of a child's education and the responsibility of the parents. Students are expected to come to school well-groomed as good grooming leads to personal self-respect and effective academic performance. Students should have no visible dirt on their clothing or skin. When a child looks and feels good about himself/herself, he/she acts and works to the best of their ability. Any student not in compliance with the dress code will be subject to a conduct notice. Personal appearances that constitute distraction are not permitted. Final approval/disapproval is at the discretion of the principal.

### **HAIR STYLES/GROOMING**

- Hair is to be neatly groomed and styled in a conservative manner.

- Girls with longer hair should use a simple, basic headband or non decorative barrettes to keep it out of their eyes.
- **Boys' hair should be cut to keep it out of the eyes and above the collar.**
- Hair is to be natural in color with no streaks, tips, or dyes that are not of a natural hair color
- Hair is to be trimmed in such a way that it does not fall into one's eyes

#### **MAKE-UP AND NAIL POLISH:**

- Students, no matter the grade, are not permitted to wear make-up
- Nails are to be of a modest, natural length; fake nails and nail tips are not permitted
- Nail polish, if worn, should be of a **light**, neutral color; bright or dark colored nails are not permitted
- Tattoos are not permitted and students should refrain from writing on their skin with pencils, markers, etc.

#### **JEWELRY**

- Girls - only small post earrings are permitted - ONE in each ear only
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings
- No additional body piercings are permitted
- Small, religious medals are permitted as a necklace, but must be tucked into the uniform shirt.
- No other jewelry, including rings or bracelets are permitted

#### **WATCHES**

- Simple watches with no alarms are permitted
- Smart watches must be in “school mode” or do not disturb mode to prevent texting during the school day. If a student is found to have a smartwatch that is capable of receiving text messages, accessing the internet, or playing games during school hours the teacher or other adult will take the watch. The watch can be picked up by the student in the Main Office at the completion of afternoon prayer.

### **Home and School Dates and Information**

**Keep an eye out for upcoming events on the Home and School FB page.**

#### **8th Grade**

##### **Scholarship**

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