

*Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:58*

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday! I hope you enjoyed the sun and warmer weather this week. I hear we are in for a brief return of the winter chill. Hang in there! We had a productive week here at school. We were able to have outdoor recess four out of the five days, we had a full week of gym classes, we had Spring Pictures, including our eighth grade graduation picture, and we conducted a successful fire drill this morning. Way to go Bulldogs!

I have found myself feeling down and tired during these winter months. The sun and slightly warmer temperatures this week have filled me with hope and reminded me that Spring is right around the corner.

"Life will be brighter than noonday, and darkness will become like morning. You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety."
Job 11: 17-18

Consolations Week 24:

- My week was very productive.
- A beautiful, mostly sunny week
- A successful fire drill during which we got everyone out of the building and accounted for in under 3 minutes.
- I love teaching math

Desolations Week 24:

- Stress often causes people to act in ways they normally would not.
- Making an exception for one can lead to inequity and a lack of fairness.
- Cancer
- Being a mom/principal is mostly great, but this week had some difficult days

Remember to identify the consolations and bright spots in your week so that you can use them to give you a boost and help you accept the desolations. Spring is coming!

I am happy. I am blessed. I am loved.
Many blessings,
Mrs. McManus

Prayer Intentions: Pope Francis, Mrs. Colleen Dooley, Mr. Brian Fox, all those in our St. James Community who are struggling mentally, physically, or spiritually.

Important Dates:

- Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday Mass (with Ambassador of Christ)
 - This will take the place of the First Friday Monthly School Mass
- Friday, March 7 - Father-Like a Father/Daughter Dance 6:30 School Gym

- See additional information under Home & School Section below
- Friday, March 14 - End of Trimester II
- Friday, March 14 - **SCHEDULE CHANGE** - This day will now be a **Noon Dismissal**
 - Afternoon CARES will be available
- Monday, March 17 - School Closed CARES closed
- Thursday, March 20 - 7th Grade AOP High School Visitation Day - see details below
- Week of March 24 - TerraNova Testing - No vacations or personal time off should be taken this week for students in 2nd-7th grades.

Important Announcements and Reminders

*****New Information*****

Junior Bulldog Book Club - March Meeting Sign Up [HERE](#)

Upcoming Communications: I do my best to put everything in my weekly updates, but occasionally there are communications that require their own separate email. These are few and far between, but there will be two or three coming up. Please be on the lookout for them next week. Thank you for your patience.

New, but not really...Dismissal Safety - For the safety of all, there is **NO** crossing at Barker Street on Tome. EVERYONE must cross at the Guard. I know this feels like it's a new "rule" but it's truly not. It has always been an issue of safety as there are cars and buses pulling out. I stood there for a few days at dismissal and let people know, but as soon as I was not there people went right back to jaywalking. To be honest, it was a bit disappointing. Our children are watching...

Summer Camp

St. Madeline Parish Summer Camp (located at St. James) will start on June 23rd and end on August 15th. Please register on St. Madeline's website [HERE](#).

Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year - Welcoming new Bulldogs!

We continue to accept registrations for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. If you have a little one or know of any families wanting to join our school community, please reach out to Kristen Kilman for a registration packet. kkilman@stjamesregional.com Spots fill up quickly, especially for PreK 3 through Kindergarten. As a reminder current students are automatically reregistered for the following year so no need for current students to do anything! If you have any questions about this process please refer to our handbook.

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)

Due to updates being made to our fulfillment systems, gift card shipping will be temporarily paused between February 19-21. Any order placed after 2 pm ET on Monday, February 17 will not leave our fulfillment center until Monday, February 24.

Please plan ahead to get your orders in early. Ship to Home and Customer Support will continue to be available during this time. Thank you for your understanding!

A few *bonuses* this weekend include:

Bath & Body Works - Earn 19% of your purchase towards your tuition

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

Under Armour - Earn 17% of your purchase towards your tuition

Ulta - Earn 10% of your purchase towards your tuition

Outback - Earn 13% of your purchase towards your tuition

Home Depot - Earn 7% 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 in December

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

Summer Opportunity for 6-8th Grade Girls - [Check out](#) some exciting summer camps for girls at Merion Mercy Academy.

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.

Home and School Dates and Information

HELP NEEDED !!!!

We are looking for able bodied parents to assist some of our play dads build the stage for our upcoming play. If you are able to spare a few hours starting at noon on March 8th we would greatly appreciate it. Please email us at sjr.homeandschool23@gmail.com

Father/Daughter Dance.

Dust off your Ruby Red Slippers and be ready to journey down the yellowbrick road for an enchanting evening in the Emerald City. Enjoy light snacks and beverages while you capture your evening in our photobooth and dance the night away.

March 7th, 6:30-8:30pm, \$25 per couple/\$10 per additional child.

Open to our girls from 1st-8th grade. Father or a Father figure must be of 18 + years. You can purchase tickets [here](#).

Play Patrons

SJRCS production of "Camp Rock Jr" is offering patrons/ads in our program. Family and friends can show their support of our talented students by messages or advertisements for their businesses.

Options: Booster- \$5 per line (55 characters per line including spaces).

Business card- \$30; Half Page- \$45 (5.5. x 4.25); Full Page- \$75 (5.5 x 8.5).

An example of a booster: "Congratulations, so proud of you! Lov, Mom and Dad." Payments can be made through the school website.

If you are advertising a business please use the school payment tab and forward your business card/design to stjrdrama@gmail.com

Home and School Elections

Nominations will be accepted through April. Elections will take place in May.

Thank you to those that have reached out already.

Please send interest / nominations to sjr.homeandschool23@gmail.com.

Parish News

St. Madeline Parish

- St. Madeline Parish Summer Camp will start on June 23rd and end on August 15th. Please register on St. Madeline's website [HERE](#).
- St. Mad's CYO: Please check out the [flyer](#) for Spring Sports. Registration closes tomorrow, March 1.

St. Rose of Lima Parish

- If you are a current registered member of St. Rose of Lima Church and have a child in 2nd grade, please contact the Parish Office at 610-876-6170 or email stroselimaparish@gmail.com about First Reconciliation (March 11th) and First Communion (May 4th). Sacraments are made in your home parish unless permission from the Pastors is obtained.

St. George's Parish

Confirmation Information

Please see the [list of items](#) needed for Confirmation

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

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

8th Grade

Scholarship

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

7th Grade

Archdiocesan High School Spring Visitation Day - March 20

The Spring 7th Grade Visitation Day is an opportunity for our 7th grade students to visit one of the Archdiocesan High Schools for the day. This event requires registration in advance via the high school's individual link. The parent is responsible for transportation to the school of choice. It is an excused absence, but as is always the case, the attendance form must be completed for that day.

I received fliers from the following schools:

Cardinal O'Hara - See additional information on this [flier](#). Registration [link](#).

Registration deadline is March 13.

Archbishop Carroll - See additional information on this [flier](#). Registration [link](#).

Archmere Academy Admissions Events

April 5 - 7th Grade Practice Test

“New this year: We are excited to announce a new, merit-based scholarship for outstanding students who excel on the Archmere Academy 7th Grade Practice Test. The top 10% of scorers will be eligible for accelerated admission and scholarship consideration.”

April 24 - 7th Grade Open House

See [flier](#) for details

Community News

DCIU Parent Training - Building Confidence and Self Esteem. See details and registration information [here](#).

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