

*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."
John 8:12*

Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday! Is it Spring yet? This cold weather has been difficult, and it feels like there is no end in sight, but we know there is. Today we experienced 10 hours and 22 minutes of daylight, by next Friday it will be 10 hours and 38 minutes, and by the end of the month it will be 11 hours and 16 minutes. We're getting there!

We finished up the last of our Catholic Schools Week festivities this week as we welcomed Grandparents and Honorary Grandparents. As always, it was a bit hectic, but the joy that fills the building is worth it. We also ended our Penny Wars with a grand total of \$3800 collected to benefit St. James Regional!!! Thank you for your generosity!

1st Place - Ms Lavery's 3rd Grade Class

2nd Place - Miss Maffei's Kindergarten Class

3rd Place - Mrs. Solomon's 1st Grade Class

Consolations Week 21:

- Celebrating Winter Formal with 7th & 8th graders this evening
- Welcoming Grandparents and Honorary Grandparents into our building
- Many reasons to feel gratitude this week

Desolations Week 21:

- It feels like the snow and cold will never go away
- Sometimes the unpredictability of the school week can be stressful
- Feeling overwhelmed
- Winter

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

Peace and blessings,

Mrs. McManus

Important Dates:

Friday, February 13 - FREE Dress down for Valentine's Day (red, white, pink, love themed)

- NOON Dismissal
- PM CARES Closed

Monday, February 16 School Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 17 - Fundraiser Dress Down #6 - Mardi Gras (Purple, Green, Gold, Black)

Click [here](#) to view the Google Calendar on our website.

Important Announcements and Reminders

Registration:

We are currently registering new students for the 2026-27 School Year. Registration paperwork may be emailed to **kkilman@stjamesregional.com** with the subject line “**Registration Paperwork.**” To help streamline the process, please include all attachments in one email whenever possible. Forms may be scanned or submitted as clear photos.

To add your child to our registration list, we require at minimum a completed registration form, a birth certificate, and (if applicable) a baptismal certificate. All remaining paperwork may be submitted at a later date but must be received by the end of the 2025–2026 school year.

Current students will be re enrolled automatically unless the family tells us otherwise

Super Bowl Sunday Block Pool **LAST CHANCE!!**

There are ONLY a handful of blocks left. Purchase yours now, before they sell out. Support our 8th graders in their fundraising efforts by purchasing a Super Bowl Block [HERE](#).

Bulldog Bash (featuring Raymond McGroary) -

Join us for the Bulldog Bash on Saturday, February 21st. Tickets are \$25 and include food, beer, wine, soda, and live music featuring Raymond McGroary. This year hosted at the St. James Regional gym. *This is a fantastic fundraiser where all proceeds support St. James Regional.* Purchase your tickets [HERE](#).

Volunteers are needed so if you plan on coming please consider [signing up for a slot](#). Thank you!

Valentines Day Candy Gram

Help support the Class of 2026 by purchasing Valentines Day Grams. They are \$2.00, and include a lollipop with a personalized message. To purchase, click [HERE](#). Payment tab will close Monday at the end of the school day.

Cold Weather Recess - Following guidelines provided by the state of Pennsylvania’s Dept of Human Services, which, stressing the importance of outside play, stipulates that “Children are

expected to go outside when the forecast temperature/wind chill is above 25 degrees.” On days when the weather is cold please be sure children are outfitted with warm clothing, including mittens/gloves, scarves, and hats if possible. Students will NOT be permitted to go out for recess without a winter coat. Hoodies are not sufficient when the temperature is below 50 degrees.

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!](#)

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!

Parish News

St. Madelines:

Youth Group: High school students in St. Madeline’s parish are invited to join the Youth Group. Eighth grade students will be encouraged to join once they graduate. See this [flier](#) for details.

Summer Camp: Registration is open for St. Madeline’s Summer Camp. Camp starts June 22 and is open to students ages 4 - 10 years old. See [here](#) registration and additional information.

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

Bulldog Bash tickets on sale now!

Join us in the gym for a night of great music, food, drink, raffles, door prizes and 50/50. It's a wonderful opportunity to be together as a community and maybe meet some new friends, all while supporting St. James Regional. **Buy tickets [here](#).**

Home and School is asking for class donations for Bulldog Bash. These funds will be used to purchase food, beverages and raffle items for the event. To make a donation please visit the [payment tab](#) on our website.

Joe Corbi's

Pickup will be Tuesday February 10th from 3pm to 5pm in the gym

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

8th Grade Field Trip - Play Ball!

8th Grade is going to the Phillies Game! We are going to take a tour of Lincoln Financial Field and then be treated to a catered lunch in the Patio in CBP, and then watch the Phillies take on the Nationals. Please see the [payment tab](#) for information and OptionC for the permission form.

Graduation Picture

The order forms for graduation pictures went home

8th Grade Graduation Robes

8th Grade graduation robes can be purchased [HERE](#). Once purchased the robe will be sent home with your 8th grader.

New Scholarship Opportunity:

Kenneth F. Fuchs Memorial Scholarship -Cardinal O'Hara High School - An additional scholarship opportunity has been added for boys entering 9th grade at Cardinal O'Hara for the 26-27 school year. Please [see this document](#) for more information.

Lawrence and Phyllis Rebbecchi Sr. Memorial Scholarship -

This opportunity is for rising 7th and 8th graders as well as students entering Catholic High School in the fall. The application must be completed digitally via this [pdf](#). The deadline is **February 1, 2026**.

For more information about this scholarship & other, check out our website [HERE](#).

St. James Alumni Scholarship Application Available Now!

The STJ High School Alumni Association offers partial scholarships to students from area catholic schools towards tuition at any of the Philadelphia Archdiocesan High Schools. For information see [this flyer](#) and email stjscholarships.org