

Saint James School

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What a busy time of year it is! We had several very busy open houses this year. The word has gone out that Saint James School is a very special place! Voted Best Private School and Best Preschool for two years in a row! If you know of anyone that was not able to attend the open house and wants a tour of the school, have them contact Nancy Naimey.

We have two very special teachers leaving us at the end of this school year. Mrs. Parenteau and Mrs. Coombs will both be retiring. They have both been involved in Catholic education for a long time and they will both be sorely missed. We will be having an ice cream social on Wednesday, June 14th so parents can wish them well. We want to thank them for their service to Saint James School and we wish them the very best!

Because they were both kind enough to give notice of their retirement, we have been actively looking for replacements (even though they are both irreplaceable). We have posted the opening and received resumes. We had two different committees review the resumes, conduct interviews, watch the top candidates teach a lesson and then, checked references. I am pleased to tell you that Robert Travers will be the 6th grade religion/middle school math teacher for next year. He will be here the week after April vacation and be coming in one day a week after that to teach math and religion lessons and learn from Mrs. Parenteau. This will ensure an easy transition. Mr. Travers has been substituting in the Sanford and Noble School Departments since his graduation from St. Joseph's College. Mr. Travers has a brilliant math mind and is faith filled. Mrs. Nancy Pierce will be teaching first grade. She has been a first grade teacher in both New Hampshire and Florida. She comes with a lot



SAVE THE DATES

April 28th and 29th

Annie, our school play

May 7

1:00 Community Concert

May 7

4:00 8th Grade vs Staff
Basketball Game

May 18

All Sports Night

Grandparent's and Special Friends Day

Invites will be going out from the students but save the date! On Wednesday, May 31st after the school mass, we will invite grandparents and special friends to the school.

25th Anniversary Gear

You may have seen the blue windbreakers with the 25th anniversary logo that teachers have been wearing. We have a limited number available in adult sizes for \$45. If interested, contact Mrs. Naimey
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of experience and will be a great first grade teacher! She has a wonderful way with students.

More Important News

More than three quarters of our students are involved in the play. It is something wonderful and amazing to see. A lot of people have done a lot of work to put this all together and we would like to thank them. It is going to be a great performance and there will be surprises so don't miss it!

Please make sure you have sent in your re enrollment form to the office and if you would like financial aid, please fill out the information at www.factsmgt.com so you can be eligible when the committee meets to determine financial aid for the 2017-18 school year. It is going to be an amazing year at Saint James!

Teachers have been working hard at writing the self-study for New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The visitation team will be here from Sunday, October 15th through Wednesday, October 18th. We will be having some sort of reception for the team on Sunday, October 15th and they will be involved at the school and writing their report on the other days. There will be six members of the visitation team. We will be giving each of them a little welcome basket. Anyone wishing to help out with either the reception or getting donations for a welcome basket, please contact Mrs. Naimey

We are also celebrating the twenty fifth year of Saint James School even though the tradition of Catholic education is much greater than those twenty five years. It is going to be a very busy year next year as the anniversary committee is hard at work planning special events throughout the 2017-18 school year. There will be something happening throughout the year to welcome all alumni from all the Catholic schools in the area because all those Catholic schools are now Saint James School!

I am looking for a volunteer parent to help me to send cards to the newly baptized children. It can all be done from home. If interested, give Mrs. Naimey a call and we can chat.

Please have a most blessed Easter with your family and may you have a wonderful vacation with your amazing children!



Every Morning

Each morning, students from prekindergarten through eighth grade gather in the school yard. We start each morning with information, a prayer, an Our Father or a Hail Mary, and the Pledge of Allegiance. It is such a special way to start each day and we welcome parents anytime you want to stay!

June Morning Prayer

In June, we will be asking families to start each day and say the prayer and pledge. Last year, we had more families than there were slots available. We will be sending a sign up sheet home in Friday's folders on a first come basis. Stay tuned!