## SAINT JAMES SCHOOL April 2016 Newsletter



Happy Easter and Happy Spring! Yes, it will be spring even though it does not feel it at the moment!

Congratulations to our second graders that made their First Eucharist and Confirmation this past weekend! They was surely a glow coming out of the second grade on Monday!



We also had a great turnout at the Community Concert where our choir performed. They always give me

goosebumps when I hear those angelic voices and they always make us proud!



We are continuing with our NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation process. Staff has been working at every early release gathering data so we will be ready to spend next year writing our self-study. If any parent would like to be a part of writing the self-study or getting ready for our visitation in the fall of 2017, please contact Nancy Naimey.

We have had a great turnout at our open houses and will have one more open house on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Our kindergarten is our smallest class so if you know of anyone entering kindergarten, please spread the word! You are our greatest advertisement and if that student enrolls and puts your name on the application, you will have your registration fee reimbursed to you.

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The school looks strong as we currently have 127 enrolled for next year with another 15 that have said they would be enrolling but we have not yet received those applications.

I am meeting with the finance committee on April 12<sup>th</sup> to set the budget and set tuition. The financial aid committee will be meeting in May to disperse available funds. We try very hard to keep tuition accessible but if you find that you need assistance, please make sure that you have submitted all the information through our FACTS management plan so you can be considered for our limited financial aid.

Please join us for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. faculty basketball game on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the Steve White gym. It is always a lot of fun!

Our auction this year will take place on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Duffy's Restaurant in Old Orchard Beach. The committee has been hard at work getting donations and sponsors and there are a lot of fantastic items that will be a part of the silent or live auction. There will be a cash bar and it will not be a sit down meal but it will have heavy hor d'oeuvres. ALL of the proceeds from this auction will go to purchasing iPads for the kindergarten and first

grade and Chromebook carts for grades two through eight. It is really important to invite people to the auction as the more money that we make, the more technology will be at Saint James. So, save the date, buy your tickets, invite a friend or two and when you go, remember you may get some good deals but it is a fundraiser for Saint James and for your child(ren)!



Masses will continue to take place at Saint James School while the parking lot is being resurfaced at Saint Joseph's. I have reserved both Saint Joseph's and Most Holy Trinity for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation events. We will have to wait until the time is closer to know where the events will take place.

Our last school day is currently on June 15<sup>th</sup> and it will be a half day.

See you at the basketball game!