

Welcome to the 2017-18 School Year!

September 2017

Saint James School

Friday, November 3rd is the Spaghetti Supper, Saturday, November 4th is the Trot for Catholic Education



<https://runsignup.com/Race/ME/Biddeford/TrotForCatholicEducation>

Tuesday, September 12th from 5:30-7

Welcome to
Parent
Orientation!



Join us for our Parent Orientation Night . You will find out what is new at Saint James School and learn about the curriculum and expectations from classroom teachers. Don't

SAVE THE DATES!

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It is going to be a great 25th anniversary year at Saint James!

There is a lot going on at Saint James this year as we celebrate our 25th anniversary year! We hope you can all join us when Bishop Deeley comes to celebrate a mass with Saint Joseph's Church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 19th. Tours of the school with a small reception will follow at Saint James School. All Catholic school alumni are welcome to join us as we celebrate over one hundred years of Catholic education in the area! This will be a wonderful way to start the school year!

Another very exciting event that will take place in early November is our Trot for Catholic Education and Kid's Fun Run which takes place on Saturday, November 4th. You can walk or run in the 5k course and there is also a kid's fun run. A spaghetti supper will take place on Friday for all our families. Come and either volunteer or take part in this wonderful event!

Who and what is new at Saint James School?

We are excited to welcome twenty new families to Saint James School this year. Many of them commented to me how friendly everyone has been to them. Thank you for making them feel so welcoming!

It was a busy summer finding the right people to fill the positions that were left vacant and we will miss our veteran staff but I want to welcome Mrs. Pierce (grade one, Mr Travers (grade six/middle school math and sixth grade religion), Mrs. Valentino (seventh grade/middle school science/K-5 STREAM, Mrs White (eighth grade/middle school English Language Arts and Social Studies, and Mrs. Roche/educational technician. We have been blessed with this wonderful new staff. It is going to be a great year!

Our kindergarten and prekindergarten each have twenty one new students. We were watching the numbers carefully to determine whether or not to split the kindergarten into two classes but it will remain as one this year. Mrs. Roy will have assistance from our librarian, Mrs. Souza, Mrs. Roche and Mrs. Theriault. The French room across from Mrs. Roy was created so that Mrs. Roy can split the class into two smaller groups. We are so lucky to have such a veteran teacher at the helm!

Saint James School is S.A.F.E.

Service – Academics -Faith - Excellence

Michelle Roche is our new educational technician. Her role is not divided equally amongst all classes but her role is to assist students and classrooms of greatest need. Her role will change throughout the year as the needs of our students and classes change. Mrs. Gervais is taking on the role of scheduling her, our specialists, our Title One teacher from Biddeford and herself so that the help is evenly spread throughout the day.

In years past, the Diocese of Portland has had a program called “Child Lures/Think First, Stay Safe” which our school has scheduled in the spring. That has now been replaced with a new program called “Circle of Grace” which we will be scheduling for the month of October. Information is on the diocesan website about this program as well as online. It was developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha and is used in many churches and schools throughout the country.

Please note that every student has an account with the school on Google classroom. This allows all our students to work on papers at home and be able to submit them electronically. They will get their log on from their teacher. Fourth and fifth graders also have a Rosetta Stone log in which allows them to do lessons at home in French as it is self-paced. If anyone wants to take another language, Rosetta Stone is offered Monday through Thursday during our enrichment time. Please let Nancy Naimey know if you want your child to learn a language other than French.

Our new bookkeeper, Marc Gendron, is planning to be in school on Tuesdays and will be in the office across from mine. He will also be at the open house. If you are dropping off a tuition check, please drop it off at the school. Thank you.

Please feel free to stop by and talk to me should you have any concerns. I will be available at the open house and if I do not have a previous meeting, I am happy to meet with you at any time.

Change in the date of our

NEASC VISITATION

OCTOBER 15th-18th

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Saint James School staff has been writing our self-study for the past two years and now we are ready for the visitation team to come to Saint James. They are scheduled to come in on Sunday, October 15th. We will be having a reception for them on the 15th. I would like to invite anyone that is interested to come on the 15th to meet the visitation team and we will have some kind of pot luck (more details coming). They will be in the school all day Monday and Tuesday and if needed, on Wednesday to look at all aspects of the school. They will make recommendations for improvement and commend the school on what they see is well done. Since Saint James is a family school, I would invite you all to attend on the 15th to meet the team. Saint James will be a better place after this process and we are always looking to continuously improve.

**NEXT FRIDAY WILL BE
CASUAL FOR A CAUSE
FOR HURRICANE RELIEF**

