

Saint James School

NEWSLETTER

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Weather in our School



A BIG thank you to Channel Eight News!

About thirty students got up in the early hours of the morning to be a part of weather in our schools. Students ranged from kindergarten through grade eight. They had a chance to answer questions and see themselves on television. They all saw how the television news is made. Fourth and sixth graders have weather as part of their curriculum and they were able to have a question and answer session with the meteorologist and it was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our Maine weather. This broadcast was the day before a big Nor'Easter so it made the forecast even more exciting!

We are doing our very best to have our last day of school be Friday, June 15th. We hope that will allow Saint James students not to be in the school when the weather gets to be too hot. In order for this to succeed, we will be in school on Friday, March 23rd and on Friday, April 13th. Both days will be dismissed at 12:00 and there will be no Biddeford bus. There will be K-8 aftercare on both days but the prekindergarten aftercare will only be on March 23rd.



17 Minutes of Kindness and Prayer

Saint James School took seventeen minutes out of their classroom day for prayer and kindness. Students prayed for the victims of violence, said a decade of the rosary, meditated etc. Then, students had a variety of activities focused on kindness. In this photograph, Mrs. Beauchesne is making a list of seventeen ideas on how students can be kind to others. Prekindergarten students painted rocks in their art class, fourth and fifth graders teamed up with students they did not know well to meet a new friend, seventh graders wrote seventeen kind post it notes and put it on everyone's locker and on the doors of staff members.

On another day students wrote in a heart, different acts of kindness that they could do for others. I thought this exemplified Saint James School.

Students know how to pray and

kindness is always a part of who we are and what we teach to students. It makes students formed into fine young men and women and gives them tools to deal with challenge throughout their lives.

March Madness is going strong and there is something to look forward to everyday! I have seen a lot of smiles during our Popcorn Emergency, with bubbles on the playground, STREAM activities or by seeing different outfits and crazy hair!

During Holy Week, the activities are tamer so we can be respectful of this most important week. Saint James students have the Monday off after Easter to truly be able to celebrate the most important holiday in our Catholic faith. I encourage you to do something extra that week. Here is a blog that has many ideas. One is sure to fit into your schedule and time. Check it out!



<http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/easter.html>