

October Newsletter

Saint James School

Blessing of the Animals



We are off to a great start!

Pictures tell a story and as you can tell from the photograph above, there are a lot of smiling faces at Saint James School! Saint James School is off to a great start. Students are settled and classrooms are in a nice routine. You are always able to phone, email or call a meeting with your child's teacher, should you want to inquire how they are doing. It is great when we all work together for your child's best interest. We are a team!

Teachers will be going to Saint Dom's Academy in Lewiston for a workshop led by Kristin Barstow Melley, from the Director of Professional Development at the Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College. We will be joined by all Catholic educators in Maine and will leave with a better understanding of our unique role in this day and age. I hope you all enjoy the long weekend!

We are adding a new part to our honor roll called Christian Character. We want to honor those students who show good character, integrity, honesty, We want to promote those values that we work so hard to instill in our students. This is something that will be earned, not something that every student will get at some time.

Just a reminder as the weather starts to change, dressing in layers are best. Please label your items so when students lose them, we can find the rightful owner. There are already a couple of nice embroidered items in the lost and found in case you are missing something.

The race committee has been hard at work getting ready for the big day so don't forget to sign up online for the race. You can walk or run. Sign up here and tell your friends! Spread the word!

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

The Bishop will be visiting Saint James School on Monday, November 5th and we are planning an open house on Tuesday, November 6th. Many schools have a fall open house but we have never done so, We will be trying it for the first time this year but I need your help. You are our greatest advertising and research shows that a personal invite is the most productive. Could I ask you all to invite one family to the open house from 9-1?

I would like to end by thanking all our families who work so hard on our fun and our fundraising events. Thank you to all who donated supplies or baked goods to the Parish Fair. It takes a community and we are blessed to have you all as part of our extended family. Saint James School is truly a special place. I received an email from a family who moved away and transferred to another private school. I will quote from this letter "I will be the first to say that NOTHING will ever compare to Saint James....Saint James is in its own echelon." We truly have a gem of a school here!

As always, please feel free to call me or email me with any concerns or suggestions that you may have. nancy.naimey@portlanddiocese.org God bless you always. May God keep you in the palm of his hand.