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Saint James School Newsletter



Students enjoyed seeing “Backstage at the Nutcracker” at Merrill Auditorium. Our 8th graders sat with their kindergarten buddies, seventh grade with first grade buddies, and sixth grade with second grade buddies. Maine State Ballet explained the story and students were treated to performances in full costume. It was a treat that the whole school enjoyed! Thank you to the PFTA for making this affordable for all our students!



What are we going to do about snow days? We have four snow days built into the school calendar and a day in March that we can use making five total snow days. Since we have currently used two snow days, we want to make sure that we are not out in school too late into the summer. If you remember a couple of years ago, we made up snow days by adding one half hour to the day on Wednesdays. We eliminated the enrichment time so it was one full hour of instructional time. Dismissal on these Wednesdays was at 3:00. Five of these equalled one day of school. We have permission from the Superintendent and the School Board to start this again after Christmas. We will be dismissing at 3:00 on Wednesdays and teachers will be adding one hour of instructional time. There will be no early dismissal. We hope to make up a couple of days of school by being proactive. Who knows what the rest of the winter will bring?

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Report cards are now available on RenWeb for our first trimester. We are trying out these new report cards to give you more information. We will reevaluate them at the end of the year.

Congratulations to the First LEGO League team for making it to the State Finals in Robotics. The theme this year is Into Orbit and students have researched removing space debris in the atmosphere which they paid for by mining asteroids. Go Space Junkies!

Students again hung bags of hats, mittens and socks for people to take at the park across from the gym. Most of the bags were gone quickly showing the need for that in our community. This is a wonderful thing our school community does!

We were not able to have a Thanksgiving Brunch due to a snow day so we will be having a Christmas Brunch and Sing Along on the half day of school before Christmas break. Stay tuned. Your homeroom teacher will be sending home more information.

Come to school with a cup of coffee and join me in Coffee with the Principal on Tuesday, December 11th after Morning Prayer. This is an informal time to talk about Saint James School with the principal. This is very informal but I want to make myself accessible to you all. I am always available, should you need to contact me.

My wishes to you all for an Advent season preparing your hearts for the Christmas season. May you have a joyous holiday with your loved ones. Peace, Nancy Naimey

