

May 2018 Newsletter

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL



A big big thank you and upcoming events!

Thank you to all the parents, community members and staff that worked so hard to make our auction so successful. It was such a nice night and a good time was had by all. Final figures are not in yet but it looks like we have made over \$20,000 to use for our technology needs. Thank you to all!

For any of you looking for a free math website to have your child play math games on the computer, try out mathplayground.com It has activities up to grade 6 and reinforces math skills in a fun way!

There are a lot of wonderful upcoming events at Saint James School. On **Wednesday, May 9th** the PFTA will meet at 6:00 p.m. and have an election of officers for the upcoming year. At this meeting, they will also decide on fundraising events for the 2018-19 school year. Come and give your input! All Sports Night will be **Wednesday, May 16th**. Coaches and middle school athletes will be recognized. Light refreshments will be served. Eighth graders can wear the pins that they receive on their graduation stoles. There is no school for kindergarten on **Thursday, May 17th** for kindergarten screening. We will be having a high altitude balloon launch (weather permitting) on **Thursday, May 24th**. See family folders for specific information on this event. Our 8th grade vs. staff basketball game will be **Sunday, May 20th at 2:00**. Our basketball team was undefeated this year and our staff hasn't played since last year so if you want to have a laugh, come and enjoy the game. Students will be performing in a half time show. Another big event coming up is our Grandparents/Special Friends Day on **Wednesday, May 30th** from 11:30-1:00 Grandparents and special friends are welcome to join their students for a cookout with a bagged lunch and then they will be given a tour of the school. There is also a spring finale concert for grades prek through five that evening. On **Friday, May 1st**, we will have a talent show in the gym. On **Monday, June 4th**, students will participate in field day. Most Improved Student at the Sea Dogs game

is now scheduled for **Sunday, June 10th**. I will be sending home new tickets, once I received them. The last day of school will be **Friday, June 15th**.

I am pleased to let you know about some changes that will take place at Saint James School next year. Mrs. Binette will be teaching math to middle school students and technology to all students. Mrs. Binette has a passion for math and technology and will be a great fit for this job. She will continue to lead the math team and we are so very happy to have her accept this position. We will be interviewing for a strong candidate to fill the fifth grade position and hope to have that position filled before school ends. I am sorry to report that Mr. Gornick is retiring at the end of this school year. He has been such an asset to the school and has kept everything tidy and running smoothly. He will assist the new person and with small jobs after his retirement so we will still see him around! We will be filling this position before he leaves so that the new facilities person can learn from Mr. Gornick. If you know of anyone, please have them contact Mrs. Naimey.

During the month of May, Perrin Conant will be completing his Arrupe Service Project for Cheverus High School at Saint James School. He will be assisting in PE and technology classes, reading or writing with younger students, helping in classes or in the library. He will be all over and we are so happy that he is joining us! Please give him a warm welcome if you see him!

We are starting to switch over our database into RenWeb instead of FastDirect. This will be what we use for the 2018-19 school year. It is a much better system and it is associated with FACTSmgmt.com so you will only have to go to one spot for your school needs.

Teachers have been working on updating the report cards and RenWeb is converting those onto the website. Honor roll will have the addition of a SAFE Club next year. Students in the Safe Club are the students that best exemplify the mission of Saint James School through service, academics, faith and excellence. These students show kindness, empathy, integrity, perseverance and excellence representing the SAFE mission at Saint James School. This will recognize those students that are kind, caring, respectful, and faith-filled. Teachers have also looked at the dress code and the behavior rubric. These will be available online and will be sent home in Friday's folders for you to review and send in your input before they are finalized.

There has been a lot of interest lately in students enrolling next year at Saint James School. It came a little later this year. I still have a few current families that I have not heard from about next year. Please let me know as soon as possible. The Financial Aid Committee will be meeting later on this month. In order to be eligible for financial aid, students need to be enrolled and all documentation needs to be on FACTS. Students have to be paid up for the year before in order to be able to enroll for

the upcoming year. I am ready to sign letter of agreements with teachers and I need to check enrollment numbers to firm up these numbers.



During this month, we pay homage to Mary. We had a prayer service after mass and we crowned Mary in the school. This is a time honored tradition that holds a lot of meaning to our students, staff and parishioners.