

January 20, 2017

Dear Families,

Hello! Hope all is well with you and your family. I am writing this letter to inform you of the school events and provide recent information to you about St. James Parochial School.

- Miss Normandie's computer classes will be participating in the Connecticut Elks Drug Awareness Poster, Essay and Video Contests. The theme is 'Just Say No!' Grades 3-5 students will be submitting a poster and Grades 6-8 grade students will write an essay. The due date is February 14, 2017. For more information, visit <http://www.elks.org/dap/contests.cfm>.
- Mrs. Jennifer Knight will be running the holiday cash calendar raffle fundraiser beginning on Sunday, February 12th. A cover letter will be sent home with the children. Any further information, please contact Mrs. Knight. Thank you for volunteering your time with this fundraising event.
- There has been a change in custodial staff due to personal reasons. Our new custodian is Brian Beausoleil who lives in Danielson. He has experience in the Maintenance Department. Brian was also a former student of mine many 'moons' ago. Please welcome Brian to our St. James Family.
- A special thanks to all parents who volunteered their time in organizer the 8th grade fundraiser last week at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant. The following parents manned the basket/raffle set up an tear down: Jessica Bibeau, Dolores Werge, Jennifer Diehl, Tammy Herrick, Julianne McLeod, Margaret Morrissette and Alice Madaza. Thank you for supporting the 8th grade class.
- Donnelly's Uniform Company will be here on May 9th from 10-12 PM to order uniform attire for next year. The delivery date will be July 26th from 9-11 AM. Flyers will be sent home.
- The Diocese of Norwich will be using the Iowa Assessments and the Cognitive Abilities Test Form 7 for spring 2017. Students will be tested between April 24 -May 12th. Each grade will be tested on a different level. Teachers and students will receive more information as we get closer to the testing dates.
- Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th. We begin with a Mass at 9 AM followed by our Academic Fair in the classrooms. Some of the student projects include World War II, Health and Wellness, Artic/Antartic Animals, Knowing our Country, Sugar Cube Castles, Book Novels, and Math projects. Also, you'll have an opportunity to see the classroom International Doors on display. Please join us in Celebrating Catholic Schools Week. A list of all activities/events is posted on our website.
- Margaret Pitman who is our Grade 1 teaching Assistant is leaving us on Friday, January 20th. She will be replaced by Luz Core who already works in our Extended Day Program. We wish Miss Pitman well in her new job in Pomfret which is closer to her home.
- Have a great weekend!

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Marie Joyal/Principal