

March 3, 2017

Dear Families,

Hello! I am writing this letter to inform you of the latest news at St. James Parochial School. You may also find this letter on our St. James Website.

- We will be hosting Summer Camp again this year. The program will run from June 19th- July 28th. Over the last 3 years of data, we lost \$11,957.32 in the program. The School Advisory Board has been made aware of the situation, but would like to continue the program by increasing our fees and limiting the field trips to one per week. More information will be forthcoming.
- Students and Faculty had a dress down day on Friday, February 24th and collected beauty products and toiletries.
- An important Parent Meeting has been scheduled for March 9th at 6:30 P.M. in our school gym. The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents about the increase in tuition costs for next year. Each family will be given a folder of pertinent information concerning registration, parish subsidies, tuition assistance based upon need, and parent participation in fundraising activities.
- A special thanks to Jennifer Knight for chairing the holiday calendar raffle tickets. The first grade class taught by Laurie Barrette won a free dress down day for selling the most raffle tickets. Thank you for your time and support of St. James School.
- Our spring Yankee Candle Fundraiser event is underway and there are prizes for the students and their parents. The single highest seller will receive a \$50 gift card to Big Y. The classroom with the highest percentage of participation will receive an ice cream party! The chairs for the fundraiser are Charlene Marshall and Sarah Hendrick. Please contact them if you have questions about the fundraiser.
- Students attended Mass on Ash Wednesday and received ashes. A special thanks to Grade 7 for preparing the Mass as we begin the Lenten season. Students also attended Mass on Friday with the Stations of the Cross which followed the Mass.
- Students in Grades 5 and 8 will be administered the ACRE test on Tuesday, March 7th.
- Robin Holtsclaw from Catholic Mutual Group did a safety inspection on our school. She is a claims/risk manager for the insurance company. She will be sending her recommendations shortly in a written report.

- Auditions for our school play will take place on March 6th and March 7th. March 6th will be after school in the gym while auditions on March 7th will take place from 1:00 to 2:30 in our school gym.
- On February 6th the following faculty attended a workshop on Conscious Discipline: Julie Fauxbel, Laurie Barrette, and Stephanie Arsenault. Conscious Discipline is an evidence-based emotional regulation program for all ages. They gained information on how to help create a safe and enriching environment in order to develop a child's or student's social, emotional and problem-solving skills in the classroom.
- There will be a combined Spring Concert with St. Joseph's in North Grosvenordale on Thursday, May 18th at 6 P.M. The concert will be held in the cafeteria. Our school band will also perform at the school play. The full band will perform at the beginning and during intermission, while students who are not participating in the play will perform during scene changes.
- Congratulations to Julie Fauxbel and Stephanie Arsenault on their acceptance into the Reflex Educator Grant Program. (\$3,500) As part of the grant program, exceptional elementary and middle school educators have the opportunity to use Explore Learning Reflex. This math program is the most effective math fact fluency program for our children. Congratulations!!!!
- Reminder: There will be a parent informational meeting on Thursday, March 9th in our gym. The meeting begins at 6:30 P.M. There will be a folder for each family with information. Please pick up your folder before going into the gym. Thank You.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the main office. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Linda M. Joyal/Principal