

May 19, 2017

Dear Families,

Hello! I am writing this newsletter to inform you of the current events at St. James Parochial School. You may also find the information on our St. James Website.

- A special thanks to all the parents who made Teacher Appreciation Week a success. Shawn Bertram did a fantastic Job with the Grade Level Field Day Events on Friday. Students were cheering for their teachers with banners and signs. Students had a lot of spirit. The following teachers won the events: Kim Barrette, Blythe Hanley and Kelly Salvas. Our faculty and staff luncheon on Friday PM was delicious. Thanks to Sue Bertram and Melissa Barnwell who organized the event. Faculty and staff were treated to a Wellness Presentation by Pamela and Brad Thompson. That was great! Teachers and Teaching Assistants were given baskets at the luncheon.
- An athletic banquet was held on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. O'Brien and Kerri Beaudreault for setting up the gym. Students received certificates and trophies for each sporting event. The athletic event was well attended and food was terrific. It was an enjoyable event for the parents and students. Again, thank you Mr. O'Brien for your dedication and commitment to athletics along with all the volunteer coaches to make St. James Athletic Department a huge success!!!
- On Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> students were shown a video about the Divine Mercy. Michelle Brown led the discussion of the Divine Mercy. We had 2 DVD's for the children. We separated the children by grade levels. Thank you Michelle for organizing the presentation.
- Students have completed the standardized testing and results should be given to all schools during the summer months. More information will be forthcoming concerning the results.
- On Thursday, May 18, 2017, a joint band concert was held at St. Joseph Elementary School in North Grosvenordale , Ct. Thank you Ms. Gagnon for organizing the concert.
- Father Greg Galvin spoke to our students on vocations on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for coming to St. James School.
- The Grade 8 students will have a Mass and a retreat with Father John on Monday, May 22, 2017. Father John has organized guest speakers for the students.
- Reminder: Father John's Celebration will be held on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 in our school gym. Hope you can attend the event! Students have been preparing 2 songs and each class will present Father John with a special gift.
- Grades will be closing for Grade 8 students on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that all lunches have been paid, library books returned and tuition paid.
- Reminder: If transferring to another school, medical records need to be sent. Mrs. Markley's last day for the school year ends on June 13<sup>th</sup>. She will not be available to send medical records during the summer. Principals are not allowed to send medical records because it goes against HIPPA Policies and Procedures.
- The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on May 23<sup>rd</sup>-May 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books.
- There will be an Ascension Mass at 9:00 A.M. on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mass attire is mandatory. Students in Grade 3 are preparing for the Mass.

- Reminder: If you're not a St. James parishioner, please make sure to complete the Parish Subsidy form. Otherwise, it will delay the payment to us. Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the main office.

Sincerely,

Linda Marie Joyal/Principal