

April 28, 2017

Dear Families,

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

- On Thursday, April 20, 2017, our St. James students on the Track & Field Events did a super job performance in several areas. For example, Cooper Morissette won 1<sup>st</sup> place in discus, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in shotput and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 run. Maya Summiel won 1<sup>st</sup> place in discus, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in shot put and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 mile. Sophia Moore won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 200, 400 and the long jump. The girls' 4 by 1 team came in first place. Joey Werge received 3<sup>rd</sup> in the high jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800. Conner McLeod won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 100. Ethan Aspiras won 3<sup>rd</sup> in the mile. The boys' team 4 by 4 won second place. Congratulations!
- On Friday, April 21, 2017, the middle school students had their dance. The following parents decorated the cafeteria: Mr. Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Bibeau and Mrs. Werge. Also, thanks to Devon Montigny, Christine St. George, and Laurie Barrette for chaperoning the event. Ethan Aspiras was the class leader who was able to get the students dancing, clapping and singing. Connor McCleod danced with all the grade 8 girls' because he didn't want to leave anyone alone. Evan kept the students dancing with the playlist. Students had a wonderful time!
- Congratulations! Donovan Hendrick went to the State Spelling Bee in New Haven on Saturday. Donovan won 1<sup>st</sup> place for Grade 6. Also, Gianna Papavasiliou represented Grade 4 students. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time that St. James School has made the spelling bee to this winning level. There were 52 schools who participated in the event which involved thousands of students. We are proud for Donovan and Gianna for making the State level.
- The results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey Results are on the St. James School Website. The results have been reviewed with faculty and Deacon Rene. Any questions or concerns, please notify the main office.
- On the St. James School Website, you will see our School Wellness Policy. We are having an administrative School Nutrition Review next week. We will be having state representatives review our breakfast and school lunch programs. They will supervise all 3 lunch waves making sure that children are eating nutritious foods, fruits and vegetables, and receiving the correct portions of food. They will inspect our cafeteria for cleanliness and a safe eating environment. The representatives will be at St. James for 3 days beginning on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- On May 10, 2017, the NJHS Induction Ceremony will take place in the church beginning at 1:15 P.M. Cake will be served in the cafeteria.
- Student Council speeches and voting will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- On June 2, 2017, will be our Graduation Ceremony beginning at 6 P.M. in the church.
- Reminder: Please make sure that all lunch monies are paid and current for your children especially as we get towards the end of the year.

- St. James School will be having a Surprise Celebration for Father John in honor of his 55 years as a priest on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We would like to have as many parents, alumni, and parishioners to attend. We will begin at 1:30 in the gym followed by a dessert reception in the cafeteria for all who attend this SURPRISE CELEBRATION!
- Reminder: Please return your raffle tickets and monies as soon as you can. One family has sold \$1,300 worth of tickets which will be taken off their tuition amount dollar for dollar. Great job!
- On Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Grades 4 and 5 went on a field trip to Mystic Seaport. The following chaperones supervised the field trip: Mrs. Long, Ms. Desabota, Mrs. Beaudreault, Mrs. Andrade, Mrs. Wesolowski, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. DelSignore. Thank you for supervising our children.
- Deacon Rene, Father John and I had a meeting and reviewed the Scholarship Forms. We have given the \$750.00 Parish Subsidies for families attending St. James, attending Mass and using the church envelopes. The \$750.00 is per child. We have also given monies to families who have chaired and co-chaired school events. If two families, they have received \$150.00 each and one family, they received the \$300.00. We have also given monies from the Endowment Fund and Friends of La Salette. FACTS will provide us with a list of families and the amount given on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. At that point, we should be able to finalize your tuition for the 2017-2018 school year. All information has to be into FACTS by the end of June.
- There will be a Safety Committee on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Teachers' Lounge. This will be our last meeting for the year.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 students will be going to Boston for their class trip.
- On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> will be an athletic Mass at 9 A.M. at St. James Church. Father John will be the celebrant.

If you have any questions or concerns, please notify the main office or email: [l.joyal@stjamesdanielson.org](mailto:l.joyal@stjamesdanielson.org).

Sincerely,

Linda Marie Joyal/Principal