

October 4, 2019

Dear Families,

Happy Autumn! I am writing the newsletter to inform you about the current events at St. James Parochial School. The newsletter is also found on our website.

- The Diocesan Policy Review Board has recently revised the following diocesan policies: Pastoral Code of Conduct, Sexual Misconduct Policy, Comprehensive Screening Policy, and Electronic Communications, Internet, and Computer Use Policy. Copies are available from your parish office or Child Advocate, on the diocesan website.
[https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Diocesan-Offices/Safe -Environments](https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Diocesan-Offices/Safe-Environments), on Praesidium's Armatus Program, and from the Office for Safe Environments (860-848-2237 ext. 212 or ose@norwichdiocese.net).
- The Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) has received a number of calls regarding Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). The State DPH issued a new press release with information that a second person who contracted EEE in our state has passed away. We have compiled a list of resources related to EE on the NDDH website at: <https://www.nddh.org/newsevents/public-health-alerts/>. Please share this link with others seeking information. Any questions, please contact Linda J. Colangelo who is the Education and Communications Coordinator for the Northeast District Department of Health in Brooklyn, CT. Email: lcolangelo@nddh.org. Thank you.
- The Teacher of the Year banquet has been scheduled for October 10th at the Imperial Room. n, Kaylie Bissonnette is our St. James Teacher of the Year. She will be honored and recognized for her professionalism in Education and will be joining other educators that evening. Congratulations! Looking forward to this wonderful evening!
- Students in Grades 5-8 completed the 1st round of MAP Growth Testing. This was a two week process. During parent-teacher conferences you'll be given a summary report of your child's testing results. After reviewing the results from each grade level, our students did well on those tests. Copies of their results will be placed into their cumulative folders. The next session of testing will take place in January. Great job!
- Students in Grades 6-8 have been given information about the 2019 Maryknoll Student Essay Contest due by Friday, November 15th. The assignment is to write an essay explaining how and

with whom you share the good news of God's love. A flyer has gone home explaining the information which includes a \$1,000 1st Place Prize. Good Luck!

- A flyer has gone home explaining a drawing related to Fire Prevention Week. There will be 3 student winners and 2 ways to win. First, you must submit a drawing and the firemen will select the 2 winners. Secondly, you must purchase a raffle ticket. Entries must be submitted by October 9th. Student names and grade must be on the back of each picture. Any questions, please contact Jen Litke, Melissa Whiteley or Seth DeAngelis for more information.
- The Grade 8 students visited Woodstock Academy on Tuesday, October 1st. The academy was having Spirit Week so permission was granted for our students to wear their class shirts with a pair of pants or jeans. All students received a free T-shirt.
- A Diversity Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at 5 PM in the school cafeteria.
- Students had school pictures on Wednesday, October 2nd in the gym. We should be receiving the pictures in a week or so.
- Our 1st Activity Period will be held on Friday, October 11th at 1:30 P.M. Teachers will be providing activities in painting, folk dancing, games, walking, bingo, kickball and crafts.
- Reminder: Safety decals have been given to the families. You were given 3 decals which are numbered. Please check your child's backpack. If you need more, just let the main office aware and we'll give them to you. Place decals on the upper left of your windshield. Thank you.
- Picture re-takes have been scheduled for November 1st. Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact l.joyal@stjamesdanielson.org or c.benoit@stjamesdanielson.org. Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,

Linda M. Joyal/Principal