

November 22, 2019

Dear Families,

Happy Thanksgiving! I am writing this newsletter to provide you information about St. James Parochial School. The newsletter is also found on our website.

- The Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> in our school gym. Our students will be helping the families bring food items to their car.
- **Reminder: There is no Extended Day Program on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. School dismissal is at 12:40 P.M. Thank you.**
- Grades close on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be given to the children on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. **There is no Extended Day Program on December 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first Advent ceremony in the gym. Grade 2 students will be presenting the ceremony at 9 A.M.
- The Awards Assembly is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. All are invited to attend.
- Please welcome the following new families to St. James School. Sharon Lachendro has her daughters, Kelsey in Grade 2 and Mackenzie in K. In addition, Katrina Colagiovanni has her daughter, Emma in Pre-K 3 who will be starting the 1<sup>st</sup> week in December. Welcome to our parish community!
- Please support the Grade 8 Bake Sale on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup> after all the masses. Thank you.
- The Tommy Toy Fund Drive has started collecting toys. Each classroom has a box for their toys. There is a winning prize for the class that collects the most toys in the box. Good Luck!
- The Festival of Trees will be having photos with Santa this year. The Santa is a professional and will be there from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M.
- A special thanks to Michelle Bartholic and Jacquelyn Brennan for coaching the St. James Pep Squad. A sign-up sheet went home last week. The Pep Squad is open to boys and girls in grades 1,2, & 3 only. If interested, please complete the form. Thank you.
- Mr. Henry Fiore enjoyed his visit to St. James School last Friday. We continue to have the highest enrollment in the Diocese of Norwich with new families arriving weekly. We have given a number of tours in the last 2 or 3 weeks. Currently, we have 190 students with another student who shadowed on Wednesday in Grade 1. Great news!
- Paquette Electric Company will be repairing our gym lights on November 27<sup>th</sup>. We have several lights that haven't been working properly. With basketball season approaching we want to make sure that the gym lights are working properly.
- The St. James Basketball schedule is on our website along with the driving directions to the games.

- We had a fire drill on Tuesday and will have a lockdown drill in December. This is a mandatory requirement for all schools.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [l.joyal@stjamesdanielson.org](mailto:l.joyal@stjamesdanielson.org). or [c.benoit@stjamesdanielson.org](mailto:c.benoit@stjamesdanielson.org). Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Linda M. Joyal/Principal

### Thanksgiving Prayer

**O God, When I have food,**

**help me to remember the hungry;**

**When I have work,**

**help me to remember the jobless;**

**When I have a home,**

**help me to remember those who have no home at all;**

**When I am without pain,**

**help me to remember those who suffer,**

**And remembering,**

**help me to destroy my complacency;**

**be concerned enough to help;**

**By word and deed,**

**those who cry out for what we take for granted.**

**Amen.**