

November 8, 2019

Dear Families,

Happy 'Catholic Schools Week'! I am writing this newsletter to inform you about the current events at St. James Parochial School. The newsletter is also found on the website.

- St. James Parish Bulletin is now on our Home Page website. There is a link to the Parish Bulletin. Great News!
- A new Extended Day door has been installed by United We Stand. The door just needs to be painted.
- Monday was Sports Day attire. Many of the students dressed in their favorite Sports attire. Great participation from the faculty and students! We had 173 students who participated with Sports attire. A close tie with Patriots and Red Sox attire.
- The Student Council Halloween Raffle was won by Sara Melnick (bucket) and Ethan Kennerson (bear). Congratulations!
- A special thanks to all the families who graciously donated socks, pet food, hats, and mittens. All clothing went to the Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry. The pet food went to an animal shelter in Thompson.
- The Fire Truck Winners arrived to school on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, in a fire truck. All families met at the fire station and then proceeded to the school. The student winners were the following students: Isabella Bernardo, Sarah Melnick and Jeena Ann Kidambi. What an exciting morning for those students and families who arrived to school in a fire truck! The entire student body was on the playground waiting for them to arrive. Thank you Seth DeAngelis for organizing the fundraising event and for the fire department to participate in the event.
- **Important: The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Norwich will be utilizing FACTS Grant and Aid for the financial analysis to distribute tuition aid for the 2020-2021 school year. The deadline is March 5, 2020. All paperwork must be submitted on time. There are no exceptions to their policy. Two flyers went home on Wednesday explaining the procedures. Mary Ellen Mahoney is the Executive Director of the program.**
- The Talent Show was a huge success. A special thanks to all the parents who helped with costumes, props and teaching the students to dance especially Mr. Dillon and Mr. Izzo who were back stage all evening adjusting the sound system. An awesome job!
- A Thanksgiving flyer went home this week. Each classroom is responsible for certain food items for the Thanksgiving Food Distribution on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> in our school gym. All items

must be submitted by November 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> to their respective homerooms. Thank you for your generosity.

- Mr. Fiore will be visiting our school on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. He will meet with Father John and myself and then proceed to all the classrooms. Welcome Mr. Fiore!
- There will be Dental Screening on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> for students in grades Pre-K, k and 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Thanksgiving Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please return the flyer that was sent home this week. We need to have an accurate count for the both luncheons. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact [l.joyal@stjamesdanielson.org](mailto:l.joyal@stjamesdanielson.org) or [c.benoit@stjamesdanielson.org](mailto:c.benoit@stjamesdanielson.org). Have a great weekend!

Blessings,

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