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# St. James School

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not envy those who do wrong. Like grass they wither quickly; like green plants they wilt away. —Psalm 37:1-2

## No More Mandatory Fundraising!

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Historically, St. James School has raised significant funds through the Bazaar and its other Development events. Families were required to raise \$500 each year and serve 5 hours staffing the Bazaar each summer season. If these requirements were not met, then a bill was sent out in the spring for whatever monies were not raised, and scholarship could hinge on whether or not someone participated in the Bazaar. The process of fundraising took precious time and energy away from the family structures we say that we so value as a Catholic community. It also took time and resources on the school side, to administer.

Often it was heard that families would just prefer to write a check and be done. No more hassles or guilt. So, this is the trade off; the hard part of my message today is to tell you that tuition is going up.

How are families who are already struggling and sacrificing going to be able to make up the difference to

cover the jump in monthly payments? Well, the answer is still fundraising and scholarship. The structuring of it will simply be a little different. On page two of this newsletter, is an outline that describes the process in greater detail.

So what does all of this mean going forward?

- No family NEEDS to do fundraising, though the opportunities to lower your tuition will still be there.
- The Bazaar will not disappear completely. It will evolve in new directions, however.
- There WILL still be fundraising events in which families can participate to meet the criteria for financial aid, but all are voluntary.
- An activity fee structure will be put in place for middle school students to offset the need for nonstop fundraising and dues for the eighth grade year.

- The best strategy for lowering tuition costs is still to attend Mass and use your contribution envelopes to show your attendance. (It's also a great way to say thank you to God for the blessing of a beautiful, safe place that your children go to school, and to model the faith for them!)
- Registration fees for new families will stay the same, but those for current families will actually go DOWN.
- Registration forms will go out in hard copy during Catholic Schools Week, but they will also be available online.

These changes are big, but really, the new structure will give financial strength and hopefully leave families feeling less hampered by the need to fundraise.

Peace and Blessings,

Monique Almquist, Principal

January 29, 2016

If you have any questions regarding the new tuition rates, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 860-774-3281.

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## TUITION 2016-2017

Our tuition for the 2016-2017 school year is \$4,000.00 for students in grades K-8. The rate of \$4,000.00 is **BEFORE** any *parish subsidy and diocesan as well as local financial aid*. A \$200.00 tuition credit per family for 10 hours of volunteering your "time & talent" to St. James School will also be available. Subsidies, financial aid, and any credits are applied towards tuition **AFTER** approval and/or obligations have been met.

Tuition before credits: .....	\$4,000.00
Parish Subsidy:.....	\$ 750.00 (credit is <b>per child</b> in K-8)
Volunteer Credit: .....	\$ 200.00 (credit is <b>per family</b> in K-8)
Multiple Child Credit is reflected below.	
Family with Two children:.....	\$7,250.00
Family with Three children: .....	\$9,850.00
Registration fees: Initial :	\$325.00 Re-registration: \$150.00
Activity fee: Students in grade 6-7-8:	\$100.00 each year

PRESCHOOL RATES are as follows:

Three full days:.....	\$4,250.00
Five full days: .....	\$5,500.00

### FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

To qualify for financial aid, you must:

- demonstrate financial need within the Diocesan guidelines.
- actively support and attend your Parish Church and have written approval on file from your pastor.
- complete the financial aid application each year.
- have met all financial requirements of the previous school year.
- volunteer credits will be applied upon completion for next school year.



## Baby it's cold outside...

Please be sure to send students with weather-appropriate outer-wear every day. Winter jackets, warm socks, hats, mittens and boots are all desirable when recess rolls around. Students go out if outdoor temperatures are 25\* or above (wind chill is included) and it is not raining. Students may play in the snow if they have snow-pants. Also, by way of planning, a pair of dry back-up socks in the backpack is a beautiful thing if feet tend to get wet!



## Something to contemplate...

### Please Untie the Nots

Dear God:

Please untie the *nots* that are invading my mind, my heart and my life.

Please remove the have *nots*, the can *nots*, and the do *nots* that invade my mind.

Please erase the will *nots*, may *nots*, might *nots* that invade my heart.

Please release me from the could *nots*, would *nots*, and should *nots* that invade my life.

Most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the am *nots* that I have allowed to hold me back.

Please erase from my mind the that that I am *not* good enough.

Please remove from my heart that I am *not* loved enough.

Please untie from my life everything that I clutch that supports the belief that I am *not* enough.

Today, dear God, I come to you humbly and reverently asking that you untie, eliminate and erase all of the *nots* that have invaded every aspect of my life.

For your mercy and your grace I am so grateful.

Let these words take on the presence of the Holy Spirit to become living conditions in my life.

—Ilyana Vanzant

## School Cancellation Information



The winter winds are sure to be upon us before we know it. So, it is time to plan. Please watch for the follow sources for emergency information:

SCHOOL REACH phone alert system

WINY radio and their Facebook page

WFSB Channel 3 News and their website

NBC Connecticut Channel 30 News

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 Danielson, CT 06239  
 Phone: 860-774-3281  
 Fax: 860-779-2137  
 Website: www.stjamesdanielson.org

**Calendar Adjustments for March**

**March 4**—Early Dismissal will be even EARLIER in order that the staff might get to a DSO workshop in Willimantic  
**Dismissal 12:20**

**March 14**—The DSO Professional Development Day listed as TBA on the school calendar.  
**No School**



# February/March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Athletics 6 p.m.	3	4	5 9:00 Mass gr. 3 12:40 Dismissal	6
<i>Catholic Schools Week</i>						
7	8	9	10 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 gr. 8	11	12 12:40 Dismissal No p.m. busses	13
14 	15 No School	16 No School	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Dress Down Day	27
28	29 	1	2 ACRE testing gr. 5 & 8	3	4 9:00 Mass gr. 7 End of Marking period 12:20 Dismissal to accommodate DSO Professional Development in Willimantic	5