

April 21, 2017

Dear Families,

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

- On Tuesday, April 18, 2017, Mr. Montville took the Grade 8 Graduation pictures in our school gym, church and school grounds. Thank You.
- As part of Earth Day, Stephanie Arsenault, Julie Fauxbel and grades 2 and 3 will spruce the grounds at St. James. They plan to tackle the garden by the back door. Students will be weeding and getting the soil ready for the spring planting. Donations are needed for garden soil to spruce things a bit. Thank you.
- LaFleche & Sons Electric installed tamper proof outlets in the Kindergarten classrooms and an outlet for a sump pump in the boiler room. The tamper proof outlets were a recommendation from the insurance company inspection last month. We had 30 days to complete the 4 recommendations. Our sump pump in the boiler room wasn't working before the vacation and had to be replaced during the break. Quality Plumbing and Heating replaced our antiquated sump pump.
- Casson-Foster will be doing school pictures on October 4, 2017. We had to schedule so far in advance for our fall school pictures. Reminders will be sent out in the fall.
- Reminder: If you are planning to send your children to St. James next year, please complete the necessary forms. Decisions need to be made concerning the number of students per class, textbook ordering, classroom materials and staff needed for the 2017-2018 school year. If you have made a decision and you are not returning, please contact the main office so we can send your child's records to their future school. Thank you.
- On Thursday, April 20, 2017, a brief ceremony was held to honor Mr. Erwin Sanchez who helped make the field ready for the students to play ball. Father John bless the field and appreciate all the efforts of Mr. Sanchez for preparing the field for our games. Thank you so much.
- Students will be tested beginning next week on the Iowa Assessments and the Cognitive Abilities Test for spring 2017. It is important that students have a good night sleep and a breakfast. All testing will be completed by May 12th.
- The parent survey results have been tabulated and I will share the information with you. However, I need to share the results with the faculty and staff on Friday. I also need to share the information with Deacon Rene and Father John. Our advisory board will need to know the information as well because it is part of a marketing approach by the Norwich Diocese. There is also another survey that needs to be completed by the families of St. James. More information will be forthcoming.
- Meghan Sposato, Financial Assistant, attended a workshop on FACTS on April 19th in Norwich. She was excited to learn how to maneuver the site and we can proceed doing more things with the site. I also had training using the FACTS in the fall. Great information!
- We have an additional new Smart Board for the Art/Spanish room that we received this week. We have to purchase a projector but will have the Smart Board ready for the fall. In addition, I will work on getting another one for the K class next year. This is a summer project.

Any questions or concerns, please call the office. Please remember to complete your Registration Forms by May 1st. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Marie Joyal/Principal