

February 3, 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.

- Mrs. Hanley's science students are happy to receive science materials, slides, microscopes, kits for performing experiments and additional gadgets to enhance our curriculum. Thanks to a generous donation before the holidays, we were able to purchase science equipment so desperately needed.
- On Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> Mr. Jay Cyr provided Leadership Training for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the gym. He provided them with educational activities and a video. Students enjoyed his Leadership Training. He will return in the future to provide CPR for the students.
- We began Catholic Schools Week with a mass at 9 A.M. Mrs. Ann Aulerich planned and organized the mass with the students who participated in the Liturgy. The following students participated in the Celebration of the Eucharist: Jake Beaudreault, Avery Dillon, Ava Pereira, Lucas Bertram, Olivia Andrade, Logan Bertram, Anina Desabota, Isabella Lepine, Donovan Hendrick, Victoria Watt, Christopher Dooley, Keegan McLeod, Morgan Beaudreault, Karley Harriott, Connor McLeod, and Dominic Alvarez. Dominic read his Catholic essay from the Seton Dinner Scholarship Program.
- In addition, the following Student Council members served as Greeters for the Open House: Karley Harriott, Rse-Michaela Nsubuga, Dominic Alvarez, Ethan Aspiras, Joey Werge, Callista Bibeau, Meaghan O'Brien, Charlotte Morrisette, Isabella Gonzalez, and Conner McLeod. Thank you.
- A special thanks to Sue Bertram, Carrie Benoit and Meghan Sposato for working the food, raffle and new family registration. In addition, Mrs. Gagnon was available promoting her band program at St. James. The winner of the 32 LED TV was Chloe Montigny. Congratulations!
- Mr. Terry O'Brien painted the ceilings in the front foyer over the weekend. Thank for you donating your time and unendless effort in making our school ceilings painted. Thank you.
- In the fall, St. James School was given a gorgeous rosary from the Provincial House in Putnam. The rosary beads need to be placed in our building. So, in order for us to hang them in a safe and secure place, Mr. Brendan Gilligan from Gil-Mor construction built a beautiful glass shadow box for the rosary beads. He donated his time and materials for the shadow box. The shadow box will be hung in the hallway for all of us to view. Thank you so much for your generous gift!!!
- On February 1<sup>st</sup> a generous donation came to our school. The person wishes to remain anonymous.. The monies will be spent on purchasing a new school camera for our yearbook. The issue of an antiquated camera was brought to my attention by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. I spoke to Mrs. Arsenault who organizes our school yearbook and agreed that we needed a new camera. So, a new Nikon camera has been ordered for the school.
- In addition, on February 1<sup>st</sup> we had a Family Fun Night organized and supervised by Jennifer Litke, Melissa Whitely, and Mary Kate Barnwell. **Jungle Book** was shown in the gym, while students were eating popcorn with their families. The donation can gave us \$104.90 which we will use for our new camera. Thank you for this wonderful evening!
- We had a surprise assembly for Father John on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students from each grade level presented Father John with cards, a cross and a bucketful of blessings. We honored Father John for his Faith, Knowledge and Service to the school and the parish. Congratulations!!!!

- The judges for the International Door Contest were as follows: Sue Bertram, Father John, Korey Seney, Kerri Beaudrault, Jaelih DeAngelis and Dolores Werge. The students did a great job with each of their countries. The winners received a 'Free Ice Cream Coupon.' The results of the International Door Contest are as follows: Grade 1 Egypt, Grade 4 Guatemala and Grade 8 Spain. Congratulations to all the students displaying their countries with pictures, research, maps and food!! As I read the winners, you could hear the children screaming in the classrooms. It was great!!!
- Just a reminder: Catholic Foundation Tuition Assistance Applications are due on March 6<sup>th</sup>. To date, only 48 applications have been received. Please apply as soon as you are available. We do not want families to not receive assistance because they missed the deadline.
- Please provide your children with extra socks and mittens for the winter. We have a number of students coming to school without hats, gloves and boots. Sometimes they get wet and we do not have extra clothing for them. Thank you.
- More information concerning the results of Catholic School Week activities will be in my next newsletter home. We have the results of the spelling bee and the basketball information yet to be determined. I needed to conclude this newsletter so you would have information about the events of the week since we have many more events happening today.

If you have any questions or concerns, please notify me in the main office. It has been a fun filled week and the children enjoyed themselves.

Sincerely,

Linda Marie Joyal/Principal