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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Modeling Faith...Embracing Family...Respecting Diversity

With the economy in rough shape, the National Catholic Education Association recently asked the question, "Why send your child to a Catholic school in these difficult economic times?" Here are the top five answers from the Elementary Department's Executive Committee:

- In these tough times, we need to be reminded that this life is only the beginning. Catholic schools prepare students for the future, and not just the here and now.
- Our neighbors are in trouble and need help; Catholic schools teach service and social justice better than any other educational institution on the planet.
- We got into this economic mess through greed and materialism; Catholic schools teach moral values without compromise.
- To get out of this mess and avoid it in the future, we need strong leaders who are not afraid to speak the truth; Catholic schools teach Jesus Christ, the most courageous speaker of truth the world has ever known—the Son of God Himself.
- Finally, in difficult times like these, it is easy and tempting to play the blame game, to step on others to get ahead; Catholic schools remind their students that we are brothers and sisters belonging to the same family. The hallmark of any Catholic school is its sense of community spirit, united by belief in one God who is constantly forming us into His body.

Now more than ever we need a strong educational foundation, and as stated, Catholic schools can provide a future that will last forever. To help families keep their children enrolled, **St. James would like to extend an opportunity to assist families during these difficult times by freezing the tuition for the 2012-2013 school year for all programs offered.**

Let us take this opportunity to thank the parents, parishioners of St. James/St. Brigid, and the faculty/staff for the hard work, volunteerism and dedication to the school through supporting all the necessary fundraisers last year that made freezing the tuition possible; especially the Angelic Auction which raised approximately \$34,000.

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No School Monday, February 20. ASC will be open from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. @ an additional charge \$10 per student for preschool/pre-k and \$26 for K-8. Please register in advance with the school office. **Availability is limited, please check with the school office.**



Angelic Auction and Fish Fry...Your help is needed to make our biggest fundraiser of the year a success! Last year we grossed approximately \$34,000 for the school community. With your help, we can surpass last year's earnings and help the school to "soar above" the rest! Please help us with needed donations to fill themed baskets sponsored by each classroom. The baskets will then be auctioned on March 30 at the close of our Angelic Auction Fundraiser.

➤ **Baskets:**

- Preschool, Ms. Johnson...School Supplies
- Preschool, Mrs. Utley...Books
- Pre-K, Mrs. Hoskins...Dog
- Pre-K, Mrs. Ely...Garden
- Kindergarten, Mrs. Henley...Spa
- 1 and 2, Mrs. Durrett...Barbie/Action Figures
- 3 and 4, Mrs. Snapp...Lottery
- 5 and 6, Mrs. Hagman...Kitchen
- 7 and 8, Mr. Murphy...Game Night

If interested in volunteering for the Angelic Auction, please notify Shelly Ackerman @ (502) 494-9952.

Attention Bakers...Homemade (from scratch) cakes, pies, cookies, and other desserts are needed for the Angelic Auction. These items will be auctioned the evening of Friday, March 30. Please call Janet Allison at 456-2033 if able to donate. Cake plates or trays can be provided if needed.

Fish Fry...We need VOLUNTEERS!!! Please email Kelly Yurt with the school office at www.kellyyurt3@gmail.com if available to help. We also need workers from 8-9 p.m. following each fish fry to help clean and sweep the auditorium. Please consider the dates and shifts below:

- 1st shift begins at 4:15-6:30 and 2nd shift begins at 6:15-8:30 p.m.
- February 24
- March 2, 9, 16, 23
- March 30 (Angelic Auction/Fish Fry)



Lunchroom...

- Please be mindful not to allow your balance to become outstanding. If your child should receive notice of an outstanding balance from the lunchroom, be sure to address the matter in a timely fashion. Your help is truly appreciated!

Student Government...

- Valentine Suckers... Thanks for buying and supporting this event!
- Student Penny Wars for the American Red Cross (TBA)
- Mr. Schmitt received a letter from Hand and Hand Ministries, asking the student body to raise \$2, 000. We will investigate cost per family or splitting the responsibility with another small Catholic school community.

The Child Connection Inc... Provides services for Missing and Exploited Children, public awareness, search and recovery, and the K-9(S.A.R.).Unit. Educators with this organization visited our school for a Stranger Danger Safety Program on Thursday, February 9. This program was made possible by a grant. To find out more about The Child Connection, Inc., please visit their web site www.childconnection.org or refer to the attached flyer.



Bluejay Sports...

- Spring sports are upon us. If interested in signing up, please contact the school office for additional information.



School Announcements...

- **No School Monday, February 20...President's Day**
- **Financial Aide Applications available in the school office.**
- **ASC new phone extension...#26 (please use after 3 p.m.)**
- **3/4 Grade Play...Thursday, February 23 @ 7 p.m. in the auditorium.**
- **End of the 2nd trimester...Friday, February 24**
- **School Committee Meeting...Tuesday, February 28 @ 7 p.m.**
- Check out our newest edition in the hallway above the fish tank for school events, announcements and the Easy \$\$ Sweepstakes winners.
- **Daily winners now posted on our new digital board located in the main hallway above the fish tank.**



Humor for the Day!!

Young Larry stopped by the corner grocery store and read the following list to the clerk:

10 pounds sugar at \$1.25 a pound
4 pounds coffee at \$1.50 a pound
2 pounds butter at \$1.10 a pound
2 bars soap at \$.83 each

"How much does that come to?" asked Larry.

"Twenty-two dollars and thirty-six cents."

"If I gave you three ten dollar bills, how much change would I get?" said the boy.

"Seven dollars and sixty-four cents," stated the clerk who appeared to be irritated by all the questions.

Larry said, as he disappeared through the door, "I don't want to buy the items...that's our arithmetic lesson for tomorrow, and I needed some help with it."

www.schooljokes.informationresourcenetwork.com

Congratulations...Winners of the PTO Easy \$ Sweepstakes

| <u>DATE:</u> | <u>DAY:</u> | <u>AMOUNT:</u> | <u>WINNING NAME:</u> |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1-February | Wednesday | \$50 | Donna Douglass |
| 2-February | Thursday | \$50 | Patrick Heck |
| 3-February | Friday | \$50 | Gerard Nooning |
| 6-February | Monday | \$250 | Frederick Siler |
| 7-February | Tuesday | \$50 | Susan Murley |
| 8-February | Wednesday | \$50 | Jeff Fowler |
| 9-February | Thursday | \$50 | Robbie Herbert |
| 10-February | Friday | \$50 | Nick Schaefer |
| 13-February | Monday | \$50 | Elizabeth Brown |
| 14-February | Tuesday | \$500 | Susan Welsh |
| 15-February | Wednesday | \$50 | Bob Montgomery |

