

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

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### Important Dates

- 9/19: Back to School Night (6:30-8 PM)
- 9/20: 8 AM Mass, Grade 7
- 9/20: Dress Down Day
- 9/27: 8 AM Mass, Grade 6
- 9/28: Family Fall Festival

# Patience

Saint Theresa of Calcutta

Saint Athanasius

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Saint Gianna Molla

Pray for us!

FROM  
THE  
PRINCIPAL



I look forward to seeing all of our parents at Back to School Night tomorrow night! Our program will begin at 6:30 in the gym.

Please check the school calendar for Friday morning Mass assignments. As a reminder, grades 4-8 are assigned a Friday, 8 AM, Mass to attend together as a class. Please make every effort to attend! Parents are welcome to stay – but students will be supervised by Miss Duffy.

This week, we are studying the virtue of Patience. As I have walked around, I've seen that our students say that patience sounds like:

- Being quiet and waiting our turn
- You can go ahead of me
- I will wait for you

And, patience looks like:

- Waiting in line for lunch
- Raising my hand and waiting to be called on
- Waiting without complaining

Ask your child what they think Patience sounds like and looks like!

Have a great week!

Mrs. Florendo

# From Sister Joann

[BACK](#)

Saint James School excitedly opened our doors to our students and teachers in early September. We especially welcome our 55 new students and our 4 new teachers to Saint James!

Several items were checked off our “bucket” list this summer. We completed the 3 year project and now all our bathrooms have been renovated. A newly built outdoor playground area was completed, updates were accomplished in our computer lab, a new Principal conference room was created, and a new Math curriculum in grades K-5 and a new Science text book for grades K-8 were introduced. You also might have noticed our new “bumps” in the road to maintain safety and several more newly installed cameras were placed in the school.

In preparation for implementing our new science curriculum our teachers attended a **STREAM** workshop with special emphasis placed on Engineering. It was a great opportunity to learn ways to incorporate Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math into one lesson plan. We are off to a great start. Happy September!

Sr. Joann Marie – Director of St. James School



# Home-School

BACK



Donate your clean costumes in good condition and accessories for the costume sale at the Family Fall Festival! Drop off at the box inside the front office until **September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Beth DiDomenico at [bethdido@hotmail.com](mailto:bethdido@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!

A letter went out this week in backpacks from the HSA. A reminder to please send in your HSA and Class dues. The HSA will also collect any dues at Back to School night this Thursday.

## *St. James Family Fall Festival*

**Parents, we need your help!**

**THERE ARE ALSO OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO EARN SERVICE HOURS. (High Schools students may sign up under ADULTS.)**

**We cannot run this event without your help!**

When: Saturday, September 28, 2019

Where: St. James School Grounds

What: St. James Family Fall Festival

Time: You choose a time that works best for you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848AEA922AAFA7-saint>



***If you have contacted us (or we have contacted you) about your ability to help - please DO NOT sign up on this form. We will be reaching out to you separately.***



### The Importance of Attendance

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is one of the most basic, attend school every day. Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Explain that they can only be absent if they are sick or if there is a family emergency.

#### ***Ways you can help:***

- **Help your child get to school on time.** Frequently coming to school late may be noted on your child's permanent record and it will make it difficult for your child to stay caught up with the first lessons of the morning. Teach your child how to set and use an alarm clock and leave the house with plenty of time each morning.
- **Follow the school's attendance policy.** [Click here](#) for the St. James policy.
- **Take an active role.** Stay involved in your child's daily experiences at school by asking how the school day went, and listening carefully to what your child shares with you - both the successes and struggles. Make it a point to meet your child's friends and teachers.
- **Check homework.** Check each night to see that your child understands and completes the day's homework assignments.
- **Locate potential sources of anxiety.** If your child frequently appears upset or reluctant to go to school and cannot tell you why, schedule an appointment with his or her teacher or school counselor to talk about possible sources of the anxiety.
- **Keep updated on school events and announcements.** Read the school documents that your child brings home and take note of important announcements and dates, such as back-to-school night and parent-teacher conferences.
- **Limit the amount of time that your child misses school due to medical appointments or illness.** If possible, avoid scheduling doctor's appointments during the school day. Allow your child to stay home only in the case of contagious or severe illnesses.
- **Schedule family events and trips with your child's school schedule in mind.** Plan holiday celebrations or family trips during weekends or school vacations.
- **Plan ahead.** Encourage your child to prepare for the next school day by laying out clothes the night before and helping to fix lunches.
- **Promote good health.** Make sure that your child eats a balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables, and has opportunities to exercise every day.
- **Create a restful environment.** Ensure that your child gets enough quality sleep (ideal amounts range from 8 to 12 hours).

Encouraging and establishing good attendance habits early, helps students throughout their school years, into college and even into their careers later in life.

*Best of luck to our volleyball players  
as they start their season!*

