

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
MARCH 11, 2020

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Important Dates

- 3/12: Kindergarten Retreat
- 3/13: NO SCHOOL, Faculty PD
- 3/16: NO SCHOOL, Bishop's Day
- 4/3: Night Under the Stars

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Guardians,

If you somehow missed the physical letter and follow-up Honeywell email regarding the school's plan in case the decision is made to close schools, please see the [letter from the administration](#). The [Diocese of Metuchen](#) also released an update to the coronavirus situation.

Our teachers will be sending home books and work packets with students tomorrow JUST IN CASE the decision is made to close schools over our long weekend. We will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves.

Remember, students do not report on Friday, March 13 and we have our Bishop's Day off on Monday, March 16.

Let's all pray for those who have been infected, who are caring for the sick and those who are working to stop the spread of the virus.

Have a great week,
Mrs. Florendo



RESPECT

Dear Jesus,
Help me to show reverence to people who are in authority over me as I would to You. And help me to give all persons the honor they deserve as Your unique creations. Amen

KEEP "LIKING" AND "SHARING" OUR POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

FACEBOOK: SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
INSTAGRAM: SJSCHOOL

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FINANCIAL AID

Did you know that there is financial aid available?

[Application Information](#)

Newspaper Club

Read the Spartan Spirit!

A newspaper written, edited, and published by the 8th graders of Saint James School!

Refer-A-Family Program

Refer-a-Family to Saint James School and earn up to \$1,500 in tuition credit!

We want to thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors!

Refer a new family to Saint James School and earn a \$500 tuition credit for each new family you refer, up to \$1,500!

Just ask each new family to state your name as a referral when they register at Saint James School and, as long as they complete the 2020-2021 school year, we will issue a credit to your tuition.

We submitted our Spring BoxTops earnings to the company for reimbursement. The class winner is eighth grade with 194 BoxTops.

The number of hard copies of box tops has dropped significantly. However, it looks as though there is a significant increase in online savings through the app. The records show that over \$550 in digital earnings were earned by participants for St. James School so keep using the app!

Thanks to Mrs. Longo and Mrs. Fox!

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OUR BIGGEST
FUNDRAISER OF THE
YEAR!

Sell your raffle
tickets books!



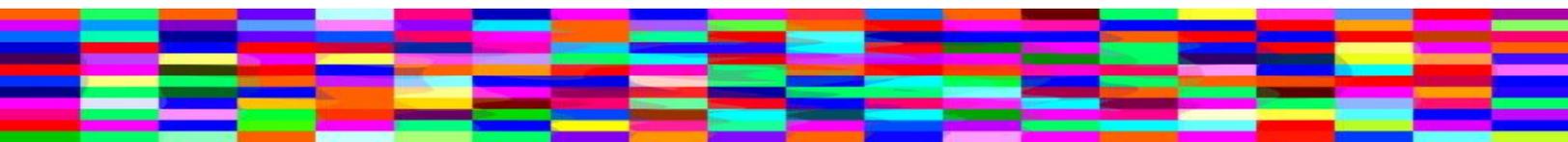
Class prizes for the classes (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades) that sell the most raffle books:

1st place - dress down day, free snack at lunch and full afternoon of recess.

2nd place - dress down day and ice cream social.

3rd place - dress down day and munchkin/donut treat.

Families that sell the most tickets as of March 13th and March 27th will be awarded a gift card to a local restaurant.



SAINT JAMES CHURCH IS IN NEED OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS!!

ST. JAMES ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY:

Students entering the fifth grade (or higher) in September 2020 are invited to answer the call to become an Altar Server in the St. James Parish. In this role you will serve at Mass and other liturgical functions, giving you the opportunity to learn more about your faith through participation!

New servers will be assigned to weekday Masses (7am or 8am) in the Chapel during their first year of service, which begins in July. Depending on the number of children joining, this will mean serving one week of Masses about every 5 weeks. During subsequent years of service, servers will be assigned to weekend Masses every 3-4 weeks, Holy Day and special Masses in the Church.

Schedules are emailed home at three or four month intervals. Children with a school start-time before 8:00 AM will be assigned to the 7am weekday Mass and those with a start-time later than 8:00 AM will be assigned to either the 7am or 8am weekday Mass according to their wishes. If unable to serve as scheduled, servers are required to find a substitute. Although there are challenges in scheduling 100 servers, we try to accommodate individual special requests (e.g. vacations or time away). We appreciate your understanding, support and cooperation.

PARENTS, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS MINISTRY FOR YOUR CHILDREN! This is a rewarding experience and a wonderful way for the young members of our parish to get involved and actively participate in the Mass. In addition, older Altar Servers are given credit for 7 Service Hours per year towards Confirmation requirements. Also, in appreciation of their service, all Altar Servers are invited to participate in a trip to Dorney Park in June of each year and a Pizza Party halfway through the year.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please complete the attached and email the application to saintjamesasm@gmail.com **There will be training sessions for all new Altar Servers. Attendance is required in order to properly prepare the children for the important task of serving at the Lord's Altar during Mass. I will schedule these practices once all registrations have been received.** Thank you.

Sr. Esther Falzone, SCC Pastoral Associate
Email: saintjamesasm@gmail.com
Phone: 908-766-0888, ext. 238
St. James Altar Server Coordinator

CHURCH OF ST. JAMES - NEW ALTAR SERVER APPLICATION
(detach and return to the Parish Office or email to: saintjamesasm@gmail.com by 3/16)

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

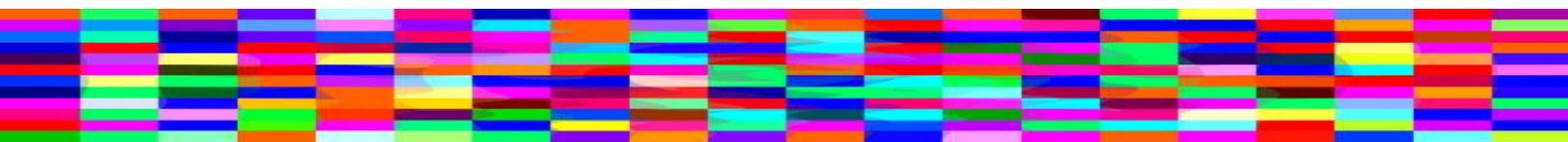
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
(to be included on phone list for server's use in finding substitutes)

FATHER'S NAME _____ MOTHER'S Name _____

GRADE in September 2020 _____

SCHOOL (check one): St. James Private Public (Name) _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



8 Ways to Help Your Middle-Schooler Connect With Other Kids

Making friends in middle school can be stressful and tricky. If your child struggles with social skills, it may be even more challenging. Here are some ways to help your child connect with other kids.

1. Go over social rules and cues.

Some middle-schoolers have more trouble with social skills than other tweens. Talk with your child about social cues and social rules—but don't just do it in the aftermath of a social blunder. Discuss basic social skills when things are calm and going well, too.

It can also be effective to discreetly point out social cues when you see others using (or missing) them. For example: "Do you see how Mr. Jones backed away when Zach talked to him? That's because Zach was standing too close."

2. Remind her there are different types of friends.

Not everybody can be a friend for all situations—and that's OK. Talk that through with your tween. For instance, some kids aren't good at keeping secrets, but they're lots of fun. Some are easy to talk to about feelings, but don't share the same interests. Some are great to work with on projects with but not so great to hang out with.

Let your child know just because someone isn't "best friend" material, that doesn't mean she can't be a friend. It just means there are limitations to that particular friendship.

3. Understand what your child wants and needs.

Some kids don't need a bunch of friends. Managing the drama of multiple friends is sometimes too much. Check in with your child. Ask, "What are you looking to get out of a new friendship? What kinds of things do you picture doing with a friend?"

Keep in mind that your child's friendship needs might not match yours. And they may change over time, too. So keep checking in.

4. Keep talking about what's important in a friend.

Explore what your tween thinks makes a good friend. It may actually help her understand how she views friendship. Try to listen and not project your own ideas. Ask open-ended questions like, "What do you think makes someone a good friend? Why?"

Exploring what your child has to offer as a friend can also help. Ask her to consider what qualities or things make her a good friend to have.

5. Help her recognize possible friends.

Your child may not recognize the kid who could be a friend. Talk about who she likes to spend time with, either at school or outside of it. Point out who she talks about in positive ways.

Sometimes kids aim to be friends with kids who have very different values. Guide your child by helping her voice values that are not negotiable to her. Ask things like: Do you want a dependable friend who shows up on time? Is honesty very important to you, or having a friend you can confide in?

6. Explore new ways she can start friendships.

Joining after school activities is a good way for tweens to meet kids with common interests. Once your child feels confident with kids in that group, she may want to hang out one-on-one.

Help her come up with things to say like, "You do great accents in drama club. Let's hang out sometime and maybe you can teach me." She could also invite a friend to come with her to an activity. "Are you going to the food drive on Saturday? Want us to pick you up on the way?"

7. Talk about behaviors that can damage a friendship.

Kids may wear out a friendship because they want so badly for it to work. Kids can also overwhelm friends by talking nonstop or interrupting.

Be frank with your child about what she needs to know to avoid hurting a friendship. For instance: Friends need space and can't always be together. They may each have other friends they want to see sometimes. You and your friend both need a chance to talk about your feelings and what's important to you. And friends can disagree without hurting each other.

8. Keep your eyes and ears open.

When kids are this age, keeping on top of the help they need in making friends can be tough. Volunteer to drive carpools or host a small group of kids for a movie marathon. Or volunteer at school to see what's happening in that environment. You'll get a chance to observe and listen to not only their words, but to their emotions as well.

Let your child know she can talk to you—and you will listen without being judgmental. That indirect route of being a sounding board helps keep the lines of communication open.

Source: www.understood.org

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What Couples Can do During Lent

Service Opportunity



NYC HOLY WEEK MISSION CLOTHING DRIVE

Do you have some spring cleaning to do in your closets and drawers? If so, please consider sending some of your unwanted clothing our way! We are participating in a **Mission trip over Holy Week this year in NYC**. During one of our nights there, we will be participating in a **“Midnight Run”** where we will be helping to **DISTRIBUTE food and clothing to the homeless**. Donations are greatly appreciated and we ask that that you limit items to the following:
(**ADULT clothing only, please**) would be much appreciated!

Items Needed:

- **MEN AND WOMEN’S Jeans, pants (L/XL)**
- **MEN AND WOMEN’S Shirts, t-shirts (L/XL)**
- **MEN AND WOMEN’S Jackets, sweatshirts (hoodies are a favorite!)**
- **MEN AND WOMEN’S Comfortable shoes, sneakers**

We thank you in advance for any donations you are able to make!

To make a donation: <https://www.regnumchristinyctnj.org/donatehwym/>

To learn more about our mission: <https://www.regnumchristinyctnj.org/nyc-holy-week-youth-mission/>

**Fun
Opportunity**

BACK

Villa Walsh Academy
Presents

The WIZARD of OZ

Tams-Whitmark

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 20
10AM GROUPS ONLY**

**SATURDAY ,
MARCH 21ST -7:00PM**

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 22ND 3:00PM**



455 WESTERN AVENUE, MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

FOR TICKET INFORMATION CALL 973-538-3680

Online ticket purchase WWW.VILLAWALSH.ORG under latest news