

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

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Important Dates

- 9/18: 8 AM Mass, Grade 8
- 9/17: Back to School Night - Virtual
- 9/25: 8 AM Mass, Grade 7

Courtesy

Saint Paulinus of Nola
Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint Rose of Lima
Saint Nicholas

Pray for us!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SJS Families,

Well, we did it! Four, full days of school! I am so proud of our school community. We truly have the best students, teachers, staff, and parents! Thank you to the many parents who have emailed the teachers and me – we are so glad things are going so well for your children.

This week, we studied the virtue of Courtesy. Through prayer, classroom discussion, and lots of practice, our students really embraced this virtue! Congratulations to the following students who most exemplified Courtesy this week:

Boden Krenek
Brendan Maloney
Stella Rose Sieving
Alexa Fox
Julia Daus
Filip Sasko
Andrew Barsemian
Patrick Hennessy
Rosalie Krenek
Arianna Goworek
Olivia Barsemian
Ella Lawlor
Marcel Baguer
Emma Cordano
Evelyn McGoldrick
Tara Vogel

I hope you take some time to read the rest of this weekly News & Notes as it contains important information.

Have a great weekend!



Mrs. Florendo

From the School

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MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

If you have not already, please read the [pick-up and drop-off procedures](#).

Some notes:

- Please DO NOT pass cars in the drop-off line.
- If you wish to walk your child to the door, please park in the lot in front of the white house. Please do not park in the drop-off line lot.

I'm sure you understand that this is for the safety of all our children. Thank you for your cooperation!

FRIDAY, 8 AM MASS

We encourage our students to attend Mass as often as possible. Each week, on Fridays, one class attends the 8 AM Mass together (grades 4-8). This tradition will begin again on Friday, September 18. The September schedule is as follows:

September 18: 8th Grade

September 25: 7th Grade

Check the school calendar for your class's schedule!

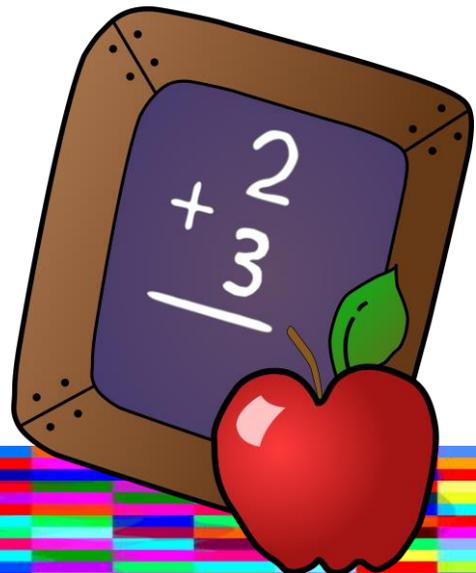
AFTER-CARE

If you wish to use the after-care program, please be sure to complete a registration form!

HONEYWELL INSTANT ALERT

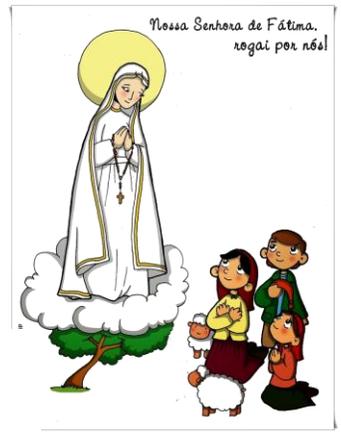
All new families have a profile in the Honeywell Instant Alert System. Please make sure your profile contains phone numbers and emails. This system is used regularly for communications to parents.

Thank you!



Spirituality Opportunities

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THE WAIT IS OVER! DISCOVER THE MIRACLE THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

In 1917, outside the town of Fátima, Portugal, a 10-year-old girl and her two younger cousins witness multiple visitations of the Virgin Mary, who tells them that only prayer and suffering will bring an end to WW I. Word of the sighting spreads across the country, inspiring religious pilgrims to flock to the site in hopes of witnessing a miracle. Inspired by real-life events. Fatima is an uplifting movie about the power of faith.

<https://fatimathemovie.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=69a858458aa40cee6c0ca99f2&id=d9071962c5&e=dd7a93994f>

Here are some other resources about Fatima.

https://themoviescreener.com/fatima/resources/?utm_source=Fatima+Movie&utm_campaign=b3e23ea6c4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_08_27_06_17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b7b0cc6c9c-b3e23ea6c4-393510333

Our world is in need of prayer more than ever. With so much confusion, despair, loss of faith, loss of purpose, loneliness, anger, distractions and more, we need God to hear our prayer. Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in our chapel on Thursdays 10am until 3 pm. Our Lord is waiting for you to visit!

St Padre Pio famously said that “The rosary is the weapon for these times”. That was over 50 years ago! Imagine how much more important it is today. Come to our park and pray rosary on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 pm in the chapel and pray for our children and our school. Check out this on line rosary spiritual pilgrimage guide to help you get started!

<https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/>



Masks

Your children are doing a great job with their masks!

1. Please make sure you check your child's mask each morning to make sure it fits well. You can tie knots on the ear loops for a more snug fit. Some children need to try a few different brands before they find their most comfortable fit.
2. Please pack an extra mask in their backpack in case their mask becomes soiled or broken.
3. We will continue to encourage frequent hydration with their water bottles.
4. Currently, the CDC does not recommend the use of **gaiters**. Some studies have shown that they are not as effective at preventing the spread or protecting you from COVID. It is in the best interest of your child's health and those around them that they wear either a surgical mask or cloth mask with 2 or more layers of washable, breathable fabric.
5. Surgical masks should be replaced daily and fabric masks should be washed regularly- daily, if possible.
6. For additional information, please see the CDC website for information regarding face coverings.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Attendance Policy

To report your child absent, you can either:

1. Call the nurse at 908-766-4774 ext 228
2. Email the nurse at sjsnurse@sjsbr.org

****If your child will be absent from distance learning, a call or email to the nurse is still required. If you email your child's teacher to notify them they will be absent, please also cc the nurse.

Counselor's Corner

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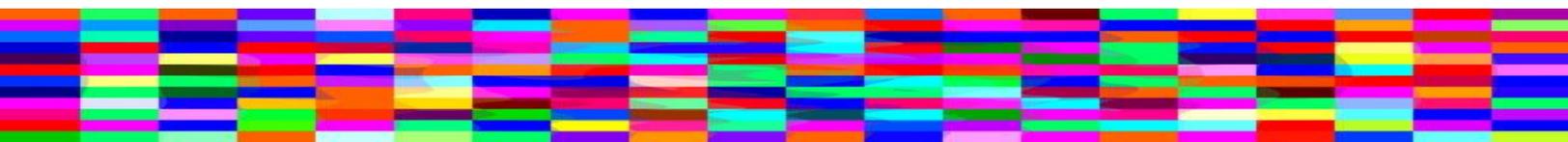
Welcome back to school!! I hope that you are all well and were able to enjoy the summer with family and friends despite the unique circumstances we all face. While things may be different, I am confident this year will be a great one!

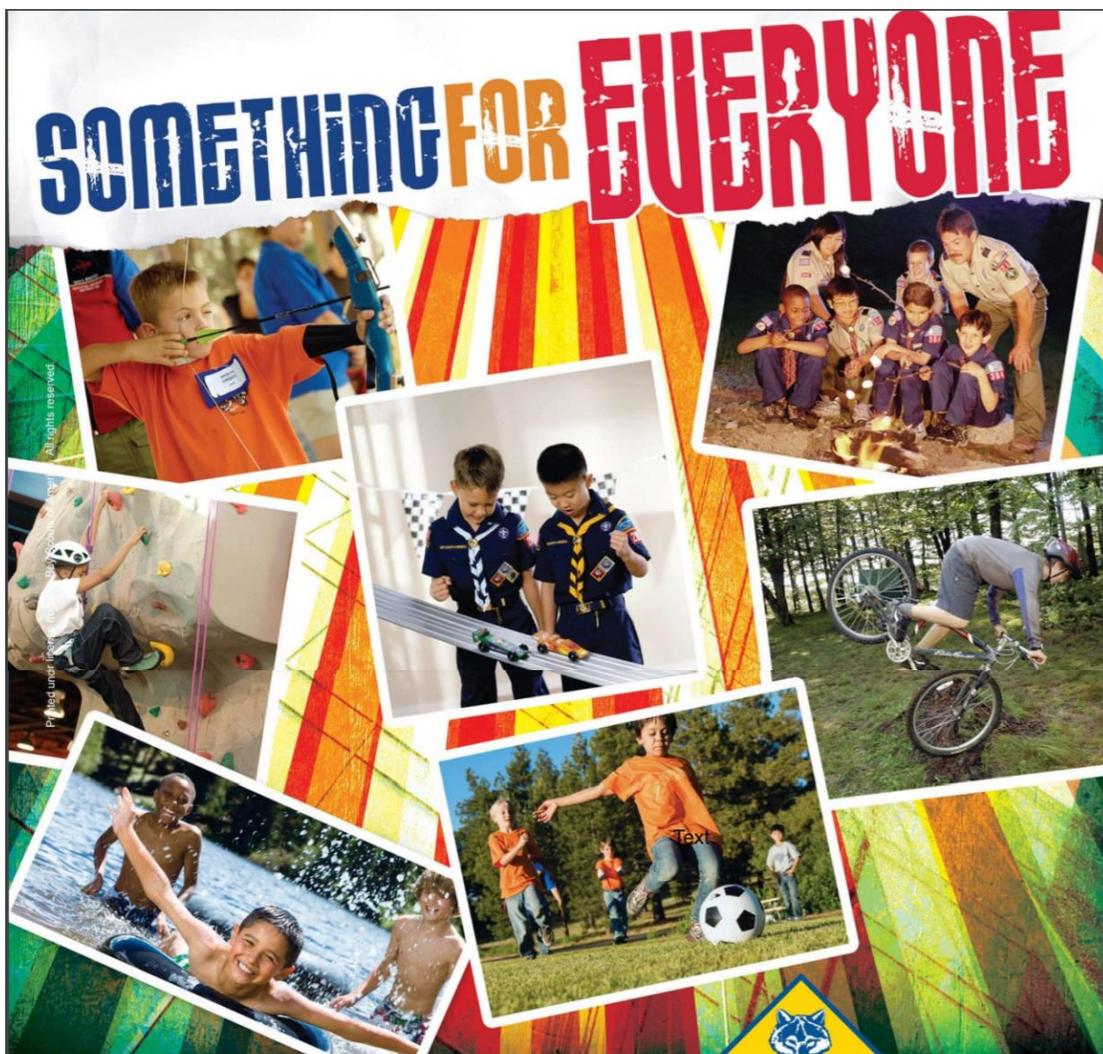
For those that are new to St. James, my name is Kristin McInerney and I am the school guidance counselor. I provide individual counseling, small group counseling, and classroom lessons to all students from preschool through 8th grade.

I want every student to know that I am available to support and guide them through whatever challenges they may face. In addition, I am available as a resource to all parents/guardians so that we can work together to create a positive school environment for your child. I collaborate regularly with teachers, nurses, and school administrators and I also coordinate care with outside therapists, counselors, and the Somerset Education Commission to ensure all students' needs are met.

I am in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays and I can be reached via email at kmcinerney@sjsbr.org or by phone at 908-766-4774 ext. 224. Please reach out at any time with questions or concerns you may have.

*Best of luck to our cross-country runners
as they start their season!*





Cub Scout Pack 55

Stomp Rocket Night



Friday, September 18th - 6:00-7:00 pm

St. James Church (lower field)

184 South Finley Ave, Basking Ridge, NJ

Boys and Girls grades K-5 welcome to attend - Masks are required

Come see what scouting is all about!

For more information email cubmaster@pack55.com

