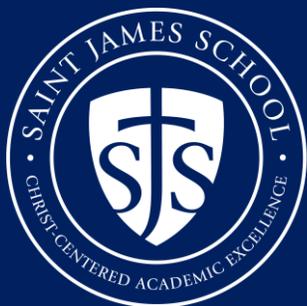


SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

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Important Dates

9/28: Uniform Exchange Opens, by appointment

10/2: Last day for 2019-2020 Yearbooks

10/2: Brown Scapular Mass
(see next page)
(watch on FB Live!)

10/2: 12:45 Dismissal; Faculty meeting

10/9: 8 AM Mass, 6th Grade

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SJS Families,

I hope you were able to join your children's teachers at our Virtual Back to School Night event. Thank you for your positive feedback!

As I mentioned in my pre-recorded message, MAP assessments have been rescheduled to October 13 – October 23. Teachers are reviewing the schedule and we will send it out by Wednesday, September 30. These assessments are not something for our students to be worried about – we just ask that they do their best so our teachers have the information they require to meet the needs of their students.

This week, we studied the virtue of Generosity. Through prayer, classroom discussion, and practice, our students learned how they can share the time and talents that God gave them! Congratulations to the following students who most exemplified Generosity this week:

Theresa Clinton, Madelyn Schulenburg, Bryson Washburn, Josephine Bauchan, Rose Schulenburg, Charlotte Slowinsky, Maggie Volpe, Calista Minervino, Whitney Heiden, Giavanna Larosa, Ella Brennan, Harrison Wavro, Jack Travers, Jeri Rose Barrett, Isabella Vitorino, Ellen DiDomenico, Ethan Love, Samantha Sobol

Please see in the next pages more information about what's happening at Saint James School.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Florendo



GENEROSITY

Saint Fabiola

Saint Giuseppe Moscati

Saint Martin of Tours

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Pray for us!



Brown Scapular Mass, Friday, October 2, 10:15 AM

It is a tradition here at Saint James School to bestow the brown scapular on all new students, faculty and staff.

The brown scapular is made up of two square or rectangular pieces of brown wool that are connected with a cord. The scapular is worn around the neck with one piece of cloth hanging over the chest and the other hanging over the back. This gives the scapular the appearance of being a miniature “habit” that bears a resemblance to the habit worn by Carmelites. The brown scapular is specifically a sign of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

In wearing the scapular, you are showing devotion to Our Lady and a desire to emulate her humble obedience—two goals that always point to the higher aim of uniting us more closely with Jesus. Tradition holds that when the Blessed Virgin gave St. Simon Stock the scapular, she made this promise: “Whosoever dies in this garment shall not suffer eternal fire.” There are two important things to note about this promise. The first is that the faithful are not obligated by any private revelation. Second, the promise is not a guarantee against hell for anyone who simply wears the scapular. Like all sacramentals, the scapular does not have any special power, but it helps dispose us to receive God’s grace. If you want to receive the promises of the scapular, then you must also maintain the interior disposition associated with wearing it.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Our Uniform Exchange program will open on Monday, September 28, for those who wish to pick up items or have donations to contribute. In order to comply with social distancing guidelines, sign up using the [SIGN-UP GENIUS](#). Please go to the following link for instructions and to pick a time slot. Please keep the shelves neat and orderly. If you have any questions, please contact John Falcone at jfalcone@sjsbr.org.

YEARBOOK SALES

The 2019-2020 yearbook can be purchased online through Friday, October 2. Please [place your order](#) soon!!

Spirituality Opportunities

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Spirituality Opportunities for Parents

- ❖ Join St. James School parents in saying the Holy Rosary at 2:30 pm in the chapel before pickup.
- ❖ Spend time with Jesus during Adoration in the Chapel. Every Thursday from 10am-3 pm.
- ❖ Please join us as we kick off the 2020-21 school year for coffee and conversation.

Come make new friends as we gather to pray for our children and our school. Listen to a fellow St James School mom share her spiritual insights on her "Journey of Faith" and the highs and lows of raising future saints!

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other mothers in a relaxed and comfortable setting and be inspired.

Small children are always welcome!

Please Join Us...

For a Back to School Coffee

Wednesday, October 14th after Dropoff

Chapel Basement



A Journey of Faith

Featuring Corrine Hoffman

St. James Parishioner and

Mother of St. James School Graduates

Please Wear a Mask

UNDERSTANDING COVID-19 TESTING AND SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

1. When should my child stay home and/or will be sent home from school?

Any of the symptoms below could indicate a COVID-19 infection in children and may put your child at risk for spreading illness to others. Please note that this list does not include all possible symptoms and children with COVID-19 may experience any, all, or none of these symptoms. Please check your child daily for these symptoms:

Column A

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fever (measured or subjective)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chills
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rigors (shivers)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Myalgia (muscle aches)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore Throat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nausea or Vomiting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fatigue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Congestion or runny nose

Column B

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cough
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shortness of Breath
<input type="checkbox"/>	Difficulty Breathing
<input type="checkbox"/>	New loss of smell
<input type="checkbox"/>	New loss of taste

Students who are sick (e.g. fever, vomiting, diarrhea) should **not** attend school in-person. If **TWO OR MORE of the fields in Column A are checked off OR AT LEAST ONE field in column B is checked off**, please keep your child home and notify the school for further instructions.

If your child's symptoms fit the above criteria, please call your child's doctor for further guidance. They will determine if a COVID-19 test is necessary.

1. If your doctor tests for COVID-19:

A. Rapid test:

Negative result: This does not rule out COVID-19 and your doctor should send out a lab test. Your child should remain home until lab test confirms the negative diagnosis.

B. Lab test: Your child must remain home until the test results come back. Siblings must also stay home until the COVID-19 status of the child is known, as they would be a close contact. Call the school to notify of results when available.

1. If your child's doctor **does not test for COVID**, but an alternate diagnosis is provided (allergies, etc.) please have the doctor write a note with the diagnosis and when they are allowed to return to school.
2. If your child tests **positive** (either rapid or lab test), the school must be notified and the child must stay home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Siblings must stay home for 14 days since their last contact with the infected individual. A return to school note from the doctor must be provided.
3. If you choose to keep your child home for observation due to symptoms as a precaution, they cannot return until all of their symptoms resolve. Please contact your doctor for advice and if testing is recommended.

CLOSE CONTACTS

If your child must stay home and you must call the nurse:

- A. Your child has had close contact (within 6 feet of a COVID positive person for at least 10 minutes).
 - B. Someone in your household is diagnosed with COVID-19
 - C. Your child has traveled to an area of high transmission.
 - D. A close contact is symptomatic and they are awaiting test results.
4. Please contact the nurse at 908-766-4774 ext 228 if you have any questions.

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.

*Please be sure to follow all Covid-19 protocols and screenings. Please be on alert for signs of illness in your children and keep them home when they are sick.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Cross-Country team won the "Sparky" trophy at their first meet of the season!

Way to go!

