



## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

### St. James the Apostle Catholic School

February 2021



#### Mission Statement

*St James the Apostle Catholic School is a Christ-centered community where children can grow in faith, values of service and academic excellence.*

**Present:** Deborah Harrison, Veronica Bermea, Raul Espinoza, Carol Viagran, Thelma Camps, Eddie Molina, Jessica Garcia, Laura Mata, Christine Augilera, Sr. Debbie Walker, Dr. Jennifer Grenardo

#### Parish Report – Sr. Debbie

- On Fridays during Lent, the parish is offering Adoration at 5 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 5:45 p.m. and Mass at 6:30 p.m.
- Fr. Edward is waiting to return to the USA from Africa once he receives the COVID vaccine.
- New Aux. Bishop – Bishop-elect Gary Janak
- St. James won 2nd Place for the Why I Love Our School video earning \$500 for our school!
- Khaki & Plaid Gala postponed to May 1st

#### PTC Report – Carol Viagran

- CSW Family Rosary
- Cowboy Breakfast
- Peter Piper Pizza Night – March 17<sup>th</sup>
- FIESTA! - “A Night in Old St. James” Drive-in
  - Thurs., April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8 pm & 9 pm and Fri., April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8 pm & 9 pm
- Family Appreciation BBQ Plate Sate – Sat., May 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Principal Report – Dr. Grenardo

##### Old Business

- Amazon Smile - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-4952738>
- Hope for the Future Liason – Mr. David Toscano, Jr.
- Re-registration – Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Tuition for 2021-2022 - Same tuition, increase fundraising by \$100 per family
- Spring Raffle – cash prizes and gift cards

##### New Business

- School Survey – Thurs., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Additional Questions – elected not to have additional questions based on the format
  - Incentives – free-dress pass for Mon., March 15<sup>th</sup> and 2 service hours per family after sending an email to Dr. Grenardo
- 2021-2022 Calendar
  - First Day of School – Mon., Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> with 180 instructional days (not minutes)
  - 10 Early Release Days + 6 Early Release Days to prepare for Accreditation in Spring 2023 = 16 early release days – Proposal – more half days at end of school year
    - As long as the plan is communicated to parents, any schedule will work.
    - Vote to have 1 week for Thanksgiving, 2 weeks for Christmas, 1 week for Spring Break, and use other holidays if necessary as school days in order to end before June.
- Khaki & Plaid Gala – Postponed to May 1st

8:00 pm Closing Prayer

Next Meeting – Thurs., March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm



## St. James the Apostle Catholic School School Advisory Council Principal Report



**Completed by:** Dr. Jennifer Grenardo, Ed.D.

**Enrollment:** 227 students

### Staffing Update:

- We welcome Mrs. Kristie Garza as our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and Mrs. Michelle Chong as our new school counselor.
- Dr. Grenardo has submitted her intent to return as principal of St. James next year.

### Curriculum:

- Exploring the idea of extending third quarter until the week after Spring Break.
- Lunch Bunch with Mrs. Chong for Distance Learners ONLY started Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- REAL Essentials Guidance Curriculum for middle school students starts March 1<sup>st</sup>
- STARBASE Kelly STEM-based, weeklong program – 5th, 6th and 7th, 8<sup>th</sup>
  - March 22-26 (half day Friday) - 5th Grade
  - April 5-9 (half day Friday) - 8th Grade
  - April 12-16 - 6th & 7th Grade
- Learning Management System for next year – discussion – survey students

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Pipe and filter froze on ice machine with a leak; water covered the entire cafeteria. We thank the Martinez Family for coming to clean it.
- Mr. Joe Henry Martinez is doing pipe maintenance repairs.
- Mr. Molina is exploring the option of heaters for the restrooms.
- Pedestal for Mary statue needed for playground.
- Leaks in cafeteria roof, filing claims
- Landscaper is going to donate plants for the playground

### Policy:

- Waiting to hear about making up inclement weather days
  - Must come Fri., April 23rd (Battle of the Flowers)
  - Unsure about other 3 days
- Employees are not required to get COVID vaccine. However, 10 of our faculty and staff are in the process of receiving it.
- Continue to follow COVID protocols
- No bracelets, no rings please

### Past Events

- Pep Rally
- Salesian Week
- Catholic Schools Week

### Our Lenten Journey

- Reconciliation – Mon., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thurs., March 5th – One class per day at 9 am on campus
- Classes will host Lenten Prayer Services
- Station of the Cross
- Padre Nuestro – Religion test/quiz grade at end of Lent
- “We Believe” song by the Newsboys
- In-person students were given Miraculous Medal necklaces to wear throughout Lent
- Lenten Service Opportunities:
  - Rice Bowl - Lesson Plans Available - <https://www.crsricebowl.org/1-8>
  - Catholic Charities 40 Cans for Lent

## March 2021 - Marching through Lent

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 PTC 6 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Reconciliation @ 9 am	3 3A Reconciliation @ 9 am	4 3B Reconciliation @ 9 am	5	6
	Dr. Seuss Week					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SPRING BREAK					
14	15	16	17 Peter Piper Pizza Night	18 Superintendent Visit  SAC 6 pm	19	20
21	22 Picture Re- take Day	23	24 Salesian Day – Wear yellow t- shirt	25 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Mtg. @ 7 pm via Zoom	26 Graduation Pictures Early Release Mental Health PD Part I	27
	STARBASE Kelly Program – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade					
28	29	30 Palm Sunday Mass @ 8:45 am	31 Living Stations @ 2 pm	Holy Thursday	Good Friday NO SCHOOL	

## Read Across America Week - Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Please ensure that your child has a book to read at school as we will be focusing on the joy of reading this week. If you do not have a book at home, then your child is welcome to check one out from his/her teacher's classroom library.

### Monday

**"Fox in Socks"** - Wear P.E. uniform, **silly socks**, and black tennis shoes.

### Tuesday

**"Lorax Day"** - Wear **orange/draw a mustache** on your mask.

Teachers will provide white disposable masks at school for students to draw mustaches.

### Wednesday

**"Wacky Wednesday"** - Wear **mix-matched** clothes.

### Thursday

**"Cat in the Hat"** - Wear a **hat** with a **striped t-shirt or red shirt**.

### Friday

**"Dr. Seuss Day"** - Dress up like your **favorite character** from ANY book.