



St. James Catholic School Newsletter



May 19, 2017



“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. John 14:27

Our Mission Statement

It is the mission of St. James Catholic School to educate students in a Christ-centered environment with an emphasis on Catholic teachings and traditions while providing academic excellence for all.

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Congratulations to our Blue & Gold winner:

Leo Romano-May 15th-\$100.00

3rd-6th Grade Cheerleading

There will be a parent cheer meeting next Monday, May 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. in our school cafeteria. This is for all girls entering 2nd-6th grade who are interested in cheering for the upcoming football season. We will go over summer cheer camp plans and discuss fees, uniforms and expectations for the Fall season.

Please try and attend this meeting. It should only last 30-40 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact your sponsor.

Thank you, Kami Wert (3rd & 4th Grade Sponsor)

228-234-3103 &

Ashley Halliburton (5th & 6th Grade Sponsor) 228-341-0004

Dates to Remember:

1st Grade Choir Loft

May 21st 9:00 a.m. Mass

Pre-Packaged School Supply Orders are Due

May 22nd

4th Quarter Awards

May 22nd 9:00 a.m. Gymnasium

3rd-6th Grade Cheerleading Meeting

May 22nd 6:00 p.m. School Cafeteria

Graduation (2nd-6th grade students will attend)

May 23rd

Last Day of School (no after school care)

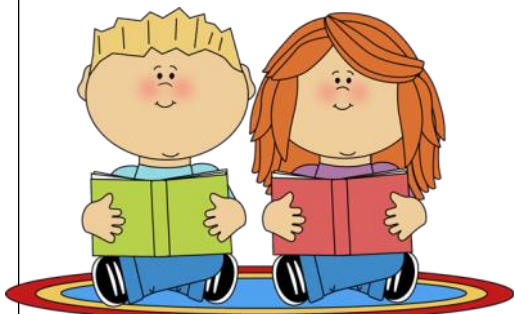
May 24th

St. James VBS

June 19th-23rd

Summer Library Hours

We will be open on certain Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the library. Students are welcome to come and read many new books that we have recently acquired, take Accelerated Reader tests or enjoy crafts projects with the Girl Scouts. Pets on leashes or in kennels are always welcome. As usual all AR points the students earn in summer will count towards their first term goals next school year. This is a great opportunity to polish those reading skills in summer so they shine like a diamond next year. Our schedule includes June 14, 21, 28 and July 5 & 19. See you then!



TERESE EVANS' 2017 SUMMER ART CAMP
FOR GRADES K-ADULT
IN THE LINDA KREMER FINE ARTS BUILDING
9 am-12 noon

JUNE 5-9 JUNE 12-16 JUNE 19-23

JUNE 26-30 JULY 3-7

(CIRCLE DESIRED CAMP DATES)

FEE: \$125.00 PER WEEK
(PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: TERESE EVANS)

ART SUPPLIES AND SNACKS PROVIDED

- STUDENTS WILL DO NEW ART PROJECTS IF ENROLLED IN MULTIPLE WEEKS**
- STUDENTS WORK AT THEIR OWN PACE**

IF INTERESTED FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO TERESE EVANS. YOU WILL RECEIVE A PHONE CALL CONFIRMING YOUR ENROLLMENT A WEEK PRIOR (OR YOU CAN CALL 228-383-3651 TO CONFIRM).

(STUDENT'S NAME)

(GUARDIAN'S NAME & TELEPHONE NUMBER)

LIST ANY FOOD/DRINK ALLERGIES:



News from the Library



On Tuesday, March 21, Mr. Clifford Smith and Mr. Ernest Rousch, both Navy veterans from the Armed Forces Retirement Home, came to speak to our fifth grade classes in a presentation entitled “Appalachian Spring.” First, Mr. Smith gave a geological overview of the Appalachian Mountains and then Mr. Rousch talked about his experiences in the Appalachians. Although Mr. Rousch’s son and grandson hiked the entire Appalachian Trail; Mr. Rousch knows portions of the Trail from a Christian camp where he worked for many summers. We were able to identify and discuss several critical supplies for hikers, including: water, food, a compass, good hiking shoes & socks, a whistle, shelter, first aid and insect repellants. While traveling on the Appalachian Trail, most hikers encounter small towns about every two weeks where they can stock up on provisions. Many townspeople are very kind and generous and welcome the hikers as guests in their homes. Mail from home and replacement hiking shoes can often be forwarded along the way until it reaches the right hiker.

One experience that Mr. Rousch shared with us is one that campers and hikers enjoy in nature far away from bright city lights. This experience he called the “million stars in the night sky” phenomena. That is the moment when a viewer recognizes that God has placed all those magnificent, scintillating stars in the sky above and knows each and every one of them just as he knows each and every one of us. Part of the appeal of spending time in nature is that it strips away the distractions of our hectic modern life to reveal the undeniable presence of God’s majesty.

We can’t begin to thank Mr. Smith & Mr. Rousch enough for all their presentations and volunteer time this year. Their presence has been an exciting adjunct for our studies and we can’t wait to design next year’s speaking schedule. Anyone with an exciting area of interest or a passion for some subject who would like to share with our students please contact Ms. Connie in our library at cfavret@stjamesgulfport.com

We certainly want to thank Mr. Edward Farrell, a United States Marine Corp veteran from the Armed Forces Retirement Home, for visiting our library on Tuesday, April 25. Mr. Farrell, also a former 5th grade Catholic school teacher and Scoutmaster, shared exciting information with our fourth grade classes in a presentation titled “Appalachian Reprise.” Mr. Farrell hiked the entire Appalachian Trail twice; first in 1985 and the second time in 1996. He explained that the Appalachian Trail is over 2,000 miles long and passes through 14 of our American States. Hikers attempting the entire journey begin on April 1st each year so that they may complete it by October 16. The Appalachian Trail is the longest “hiking-only” footpath in the world and about 3 million people hike some part of it each year.

Mr. Farrell said that there are many unique customs and a specialized vocabulary surrounding the Appalachian Trail. One custom is that each hiker that completes the Appalachian Trail receives a nickname and Mr. Farrell’s is “Lazy Bones.” Our students learned what they need to take along should they ever hike the Appalachian Trail and what to expect along the way. Beginning with a typical backpack, weighing between 50 and 65 pounds, hikers carry about 10 days of food and stop at “Trail towns” along the way to replenish their supplies. Mr. Farrell told us that “GORP” is one of the most important foods to travel with. GORP stands for “good old peanuts & raisins.” He showed us a part of a Trail tarp which is used to make an “Adirondack Shelter” or “lean to” for sleeping. He said hikers can encounter deer, porcupines, snakes and many more of God’s creatures. Mr. Farrell explained that “Trail Magic” is a completely unexpected event that happens while walking in nature and that “Trail Angels” refer to townspeople along the way that like to care for “their” hikers. These town folk often generously provide meals and places to stay when the challenges of living out-of-doors becomes difficult. Hikers also shoulder responsibility for other hikers that travel ahead of them. If a hiker becomes injured or lost or has a need for some supply, the hiker coming up behind them is expected to stop and assist. Wouldn’t life be grand if we all adopted the same courtesy and had the privilege of caring for those that come before us?

What's happening at St. James Catholic School?

We are so proud of all of our students who competed in the Diocesan Track Meet! Our school received 3rd place! Congrats to the following students who placed in their events: Gemma Jordan-1st Grade 50 Yard Dash-3rd Place, Bella Jordan-3rd Grade 50 Yard Dash-1st Place, Hailey Necaïse-5th Grade 50 Yard Dash-2nd Place, Daniel Williams-1st Grade 50 Yard Dash-3rd Place, Jackson Lafferty-2nd Grade 50 Yard Dash-2nd Place, Cameron Messer-3rd Grade 50 Yard Dash-1st Place, John Luke McClure-5th Grade 50 Yard Dash-3rd Place, Colin Chatman-6th Grade 50 Yard Dash-2nd Place, Catherine Adams-3rd Grade 75 Yard Dash-3rd Place, Chloe Santiago-5th Grade 75 Yard Dash-2nd Place, Abby Badurak-6th Grade 75 Yard Dash-1st Place, Carson Werner-2nd Grade 75 Yard Dash-1st Place, Matthew Krass-5th Grade 75 Yard Dash-2nd Place, Luke Harris-6th Grade 75 Yard Dash-1st Place, Ella Adams-3rd Grade 100 Yard Run-2nd Place, Court Salloum-3rd Grade 100 Yard Run-2nd Place, Bobby Hebert-4th Grade 100 Yard Run-3rd Place, Olivia Williams-6th Grade 220 Yard Run-3rd Place, Anna Katherine Thriffiley-4th Grade Softball Throw-1st Place, Hailey Necaïse-5th Grade Softball Throw-2nd Place, Madison Normand-6th Grade Softball Throw-1st Place, Micah Balder-3rd Grade Softball Throw-2nd Place, Conrad Balder-5th Grade Softball Throw-3rd place, Jacob Palazzo-6th Grade Softball Throw-2nd Place, Luke Meyers-5th Grade Softball Throw-2nd Place, Hailey Necaïse, Chloe Santiago, Ashlynn Stegall, and Sophia Pisciotta-5th Grade 440 Relay-3rd Place, Emma Holter, Abby Badurak, Taylor Stawarski, and Mary Ellen Edwards-6th Grade 440 Relay-3rd place, Cole Hilton, Matthew Krass, Conrad Balder, and John Luke McClure-5th Grade 440 Relay-3rd Place, Rose Weir-1st Grade Long Jump-3rd Place, Lillieann Bentz-3rd Grade Long Jump-3rd Place, Chloe Santiago-5th Grade Long Jump-1st Place, Abby Badurak-6th Grade Long Jump-1st Place. Graham Mattina-1st Grade Long Jump-2nd Place, Colin Lyons-2nd Grade Long Jump-3rd Place, Ty Palazzo-3rd Grade Long Jump-2nd Place, John Krieger-4th Grade Long Jump-3rd Place, Matthew Krass-5th Grade Long Jump-2nd Place, Luke Harris-6th Grade Long Jump-3rd Place



Cafeteria News

If you are interested in having lunch with your child in the cafeteria, please inform Ms. Gargiulo in the office or Ms. Goacher in the cafeteria the day before you'd like to visit.

Lunch Money - Please specify on your lunch check the amount of money for each child. A reminder also that the price of daily snack was added to your child's tuition.

We will offer ice cream on Fridays. Students must have cash in order to purchase ice cream. All of the ice cream products that we sell are approved by the state office of Child Nutrition and fall within the guidelines of our Wellness Policy.

PK-3, PK-4, Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Students can bring money in a zip lock bag with their name on it. If you would like to pay in advance, teachers will keep up with the money in the zip lock bag. They will send the bag home when it is empty.

2nd - 6th Grade

Students will purchase their own ice cream and will be responsible for keeping up with their money.



\$1.00 items

Ice cream sandwich, low fat, chocolate wafer
 Low fat Dream Bar
 Low fat Cookies N' Cream Bar
 Frozen yogurt, strawberry swirl
 Fudge Bar
 Frozen yogurt, vanilla
 Chocolate Shortcake bar
 Strawberry Shortcake bar
 Crumbled Cookie Cone
 Creamy Cotton Candy
 Sour Swell Cherry

\$0.50 items

Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry-low fat ice cream-3 oz. cup with spoon
 Low fat mini ice cream cone

Lunch Calendar

22 Chicken Tenders Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli Fresh Oranges Milk	23 Chicken Quesadillas California Vegetables Corn Diced Peaches Salsa Milk	24 Cheese Pizza Baked Fries Sunset Juice Box Apple Slices Milk	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL
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