



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWS FROM THE HIGH HEAVENS

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"A CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITY"

Dear Jaguar Parents,

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S TO THE FOLLOWING

Joyce Standfast, Cathy Phillips, Brandy List, Christi Kirkpatrick, and Sharon Hoffmann for reading books and writing questions for Battle of the Books.

Christi Kirkpatrick, Con Otto, Andrea Pletcher, Sedina Rardin, Theresa Reavis, Chrissa & Matt Webster, & Katie Renville for volunteering to watch the kids during Teachers Time Out on Friday, October 7th.

Pat Braden, Joyce Standfast, and Angie Watson for helping out in our school library.

Angie Watson for setting up and taking care of 1st-6th grades (plus E-school) Scholastic Book Orders. This is a big job and everyone is grateful.

Con Otto and Andrea Pletcher for helping out on Picture Day.

Pat Lowrance, Deann Korte, and Jamie Tullis for helping with the children with their Mass Readings.

REMINDER - THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY & TUESDAY - OCTOBER 17TH & 18TH DUE TO A TEACHERS' CONVENTION AT KAPAUN MOUNT CARMEL

REMINDER - THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS ARE DUE TOMORROW, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH!! PLEASE GET THEM INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR ORDER ONLINE!!

AR STORE

We will have our first AR Store for the 1st quarter on Friday morning, October 21st. Thank you to our Home & School Association for the set-up helping the children select their prizes. The children in K-6th grades read books and take tests to receive points in order to receive prizes.

Preparing Minds for a Lifetime and Souls for Eternity.

"HOME OF THE JAGUARS"



PARISH ICE MACHINE IN KITCHEN BREEZEWAY

Parishioners may get ice to fill up bags or their coolers whenever they want free of charge. So, if you're having a gathering, bring your cooler and fill-it-up. The ice machine is located in the walkway to the kitchen next to the milk cooler. There are a few ice bags left from the ice cream social in the freezer in the kitchen storage area...please use these first!

ROSARY

The rosary will be recited by the K-2nd grade and E-school every Monday morning during the month of October (except for October 17th) at 8:00 a.m. We are lead by Therese Allen and the students. Everyone is invited to attend morning Mass or the Rosary. Feel free to sit with your child's class.



COAT & MITTEN DRIVE

Mark your calendars.....October 10th-October 31st

It is time to clean out those closets and check to see if those coats and mittens still fit! Please bring clean, outgrown outerwear (i.e. gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, coats, sweaters, etc.) to the box that is located in the school entryway. All items will be donated to the Augusta Community Caring Center. Sponsored by St. James Home and School Association. If you have any questions, call the school office at 775-5721.



FALL PARADE/PARTY SCHEDULE

Monday, October 31st

1:15-1:45 p.m.	Students change into costumes.
1:45-2:30 p.m.	Start parading around classrooms and then to LakePoint Nursing Home and Assisted Living.
2:30-3:10 p.m.	Classroom Parties – DO NOT START THEM BEFORE THE CHILDREN GET BACK FROM THE PARADE OR BEFORE THE PARADE!!!!

If your child/ren dress-up for the Fall parade please use sound judgment. We don't want children to dress up like "death" and "bloody monsters". No toy guns, knives, swords, etc. A wonderful idea for a costume might be dressing up as a Saint in honor of All Saints' Day. I would like to suggest that the students and parents think carefully when selecting a costume for the parade. How would you like St. James students to represent our School/Catholic Church to the community and to their classmates? I believe that last year during the Fall Party that the children and parents did a wonderful job with their costumes.

We want this to be a "fun" activity for the students.

We hope for a *successful* Fall parade and party.

Don't forget to stop by the rectory on October 31st!!!

Father Schemm will be handing out treats from 4:00-5:30 (break for Mass) and 7:15-9:00 or when candy is gone.

Remember Saint Costumes get extra treats!!!!

Mr. Loewen, our maintenance person, would love to thank all the children who have been helping out by erasing the scuff marks on the floors! You are all such great helpers ☺

TEACHER'S LUNCH OUT

Thank you to the parents that helped with the Teacher's Lunch Out on Friday, October 7th: Con Otto, Andrea Pletcher, Sedina Rardin, Theresa Reavis, Chrissa & Matt Webster, & Katie Renville. I know the kids had a lot of fun and the teachers had a relaxing lunch. If you did get a chance to help out this month don't worry you can help out next month. Our next Teacher's Lunch Out is Friday, November 4, 2011. We need at least 6 parents to make this successful. At least 2 parents need to show up @ 10:30 to set up the extra tables and chairs we need with ALL the students eating lunch at 11:00. Please email me if you can help out (belle.macsmom@gmail.com)

Thanks, Christi Kirkpatrick

ROOM MOMS/DADS FOR 2011-2012

<p>Pre-3 Party Parent - Kelly Ebenkamp Yearbook Parent - Candace Ratcliff Auction Parent - Christina Sims Secretary Parent - Alicia Craft</p>		<p>2nd Grade Party Parent - Michelle Bergkamp Yearbook Parent - Holly Schaffner Auction Parent - ???? Secretary Parent - ????</p>
<p>Pre-4 Party Parent - Alissa Smith Yearbook Parent - Erin Sanger Auction Parent - Kathleen Fleming Secretary Parent - Chrissa Webster</p>		<p>3rd Grade Party Parent - Jana Kohls Yearbook Parent - Nicole Weems Auction Parent - Joyce Standfast Secretary Parent - ????</p>
<p>Kindergarten Party Parent - Katie Renville Yearbook Parent - Andrea Davis Auction Parent - Sheryl Litton Secretary Parent - ????</p>		<p>4th Grade Party Parent - Chris Fisher Yearbook Parent - Teresa Reavis Auction Parent - ????? Secretary Parent - ?????</p>
<p>1st Grade Party Parent - Mendy Curry Yearbook Parent - ???? Auction Parent - Andee Kant Secretary Parent - ????</p>		<p>5th/6th Grade Party Parent - Elaine Rogers Yearbook Parent 5th Grade - ????? Yearbook Parent 6th Grade - Therese Allen Auction Parent - Maria Hanson Secretary Parent - Laura Swan</p>

Dear Parents,

As you can see, we are still missing some classroom helpers. We need your help to make this year successful. Please contact a Home & School Officer if you can help in any of these areas. To the parents that already have jobs, we will be contacting you with information about your class helper assignment that you signed up for.

Thanks, Home & School

VIRTUS – Safe Environment Training Session

We ask that parents of children enrolled in St James Catholic School attend a VIRTUS, Safe Environment Session. It is our hope that parents will take an active role in their children's education and school activities. It is a requirement of our Diocese that anyone who wishes to volunteer in school activities where they will be around our youth (school volunteer, school parties, school picnics, field trips, drivers ...), **MUST** attend a VIRTUS session and have a background check completed. Attendance at a VIRTUS session is **REQUIRED PRIOR TO VOLUNTEERING OR WORKING IN OUR SCHOOL**. This includes classroom parties like the Fall parties coming up the end of October.

Training sessions are scheduled throughout the diocese as well as at St James (as needed). Per diocesan guidelines, you will not be allowed to volunteer or work at St James Catholic School until you have attended a VIRTUS session and a background check has been completed. Our children are one of our greatest gifts and it is important that we maintain safe environments for them.

VIRTUS Training Sessions in the Diocese of Wichita are listed below:

Monday, October 24th, 6:00-9:00pm, St. Peter - Schulte

Tuesday, November 8th, 6:30-9:30pm – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Wichita

Monday, November 28th, 6:00-9:00pm – St. Peter - Schulte

Monday, December 12th, 6:00-9:00pm, St. Peter - Schulte

If you want to attend any of these sessions, please register on the internet at www.virtus.org

FIRST QUARTER AWARDS ASSEMBLY

The first quarter Awards Assembly for Kindergarten through 6th grade is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th after Mass in the School Community Room. Please come and help give the children recognition for their hard work.

END OF FIRST QUARTER

This Friday, October 14th will mark the end of the first quarter. Wow! How time flies. It definitely has been a very busy and active first nine weeks with the reviewing of old skills from last spring and learning of the new ones. **THE SCHOOL STAFF WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT** you have given your child/ren and faculty. If you have any concerns, please contact your child/ren's teacher or myself. We pray that your continued **COOPERATIVENESS, KINDNESS, SUPPORT, UNDERSTANDING,** and **PRAYERS** for the second quarter will be even better than the first quarter. Report cards will go home with the children on Friday, October 21st. Please be patient while the teachers update PowerSchool. Overall the school staff and I are pleased with the way things are going at this time. We **THANK** our volunteers tremendously. We appreciate their assistance whole-heartedly. I personally believe that we are working on common issues that are for the advancement, safety and progress of our students and school. Our most important aspect of our school is the religious environment. The fifth/sixth graders lead us in the "Angelus" at noon and Mrs. Allen is truly a blessing. She is helping our staff increase our Catholicity by leading the Rosary on Mondays during the month of October. The religious environment and Catholicity of our school are enhancing daily. We will always continue to enhance on a daily basis of **WHAT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is supposed to be. St. James Catholic School is a Catholic Learning Community and we will always continue to enhance this process.

FORMER STUDENTS SERVING AS VOLUNTEERS

St. James Catholic School enjoys having former students come back to visit and volunteer their services when the public school is not in session. However, if a former student wants to volunteer at St. James, please contact the school office 3-4 days in advance. We will then let the teachers know that former students are willing to volunteer in their classrooms(s). When teachers let the school office know that they want a volunteer(s) and for how long, the school office will contact the volunteer(s) and let them know it's OK to come and volunteer in the school. Sometimes, we have too many students and not enough volunteer work to be done.

We just want the former students to be busy volunteering.

LUNCH GUESTS

Parents/Siblings/Grandparents are always welcome to eat lunch with their child/ren. Please, call the school office (775-5721) by 9:00am to make those reservations. We have to call in our order and do not order extras to cover.

Thank you so much for assisting us in this matter! Remember to check-in at the school office when you arrive!

PARENT/GRANDPARENT/VISITOR CHECK IN-CHECK OUT

Please make sure to check in and to check out of the school office anytime, you are visiting or going to lunch with your child. There is a Check-in/Check-out (red) folder in the office. You will also need to get a visitor's button/sticker to wear while you are in the building. Please let anyone who might be visiting the school know about this policy. Thank you for your cooperation!

PICTURE DAY

Pre-3 Individual and class pictures and any retakes or missed pictures from the first Picture Day will be taken on Thursday, November 3rd. Pictures will begin at 8:00 am with pre-3 class. Grades K-6 retakes will follow after Mass. Anyone taking pictures may wear their school uniform or church clothes. Pre-3 Individual and Class order forms are being sent home in today's Family Folders. Please return your picture packet order envelopes if you are wishing to purchase by Tues. Nov. 1st.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The school directory was sent home last week in the Family Folders. The information has been taken from powerschool, enrollment sheets, and any information changes that have been given to Cathy in the school office. Please check your information over and make sure it is correct. If there are any corrections, please get with Cathy in the school office and let her know what they might be. We will get any changes out in the family folders so that the information in the directories can be updated. This information is greatly used by parents for birthday party invitations and school parties. Thank you for your cooperation!

We have one directory change: Jason Renville's cell # is 316-377-9832!

Amy Lowe's email: alowe1973@hotmail.com

FALL FUNDRASIER

The Home and School Association made \$4,008.50 from our Fall Fundraiser...\$250.00 was in candy bars. Seven students will go out for lunch and a movie with Mr. Guy for selling 25 items or more. Their names are listed below:

Preschool: Claire Brown, Maeve Fleming, Hunter Smith

Kindergarten: Kaden McClure

First Grade: Claire Pletcher

Second Grade: Reese Ratcliff, Adrian Walker

****The field trip date will be scheduled today or tomorrow and a field trip permission sheet will be going home by next Wednesday.**

Seventeen students will received a Free Jean Day also for selling 15 items or more. Their names are listed below:

Preschool: Dylan Beckley, Claire Brown, Maeve Fleming, & Hunter Smith

Kindergarten: Riley Beckley, Kaden McClure, & Brodie Phillips

First Grade: Belle Kirkpatrick & Claire Pletcher

Second Grade: Tanner Becker, Allie Kavalasuskas, Reese Ratcliff, & Adrian Walker

Third Grade: Cheyenne Becker

Fourth Grade: Juan Miranda & Jacob Reavis

E-school: Isaac Phillips

****THE FREE JEAN DAY FOR THESE 17 STUDENTS WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH ****

STREP AT ST. JAMES

We have been having a string of cases of Strep going around St. James. We have had 3 more confirmed cases this week...in 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades. Some of the symptoms of Strep are sore throat, headache, stomach ache, slight to high temperatures, and vomiting. If your child has any two of these symptoms, especially the sore throat, please take the time to get them checked out.

This is a very serious disease and can lead to serious complications if not taken care of.

Remember that if your child has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater, he/she must remain at home until fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of fever-reducing medication. The same rule applies to vomiting or diarrhea; the student should be kept home until the vomiting or diarrhea has been gone for 24 hours without the aide of medication. If your child has a rash of any type, it must be covered and documented by a physician whether or not the rash is contagious. Thank you for your cooperation.

Plus, with STREP, the child needs to stay home till they have been on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours and are without fever. This will help to keep the transmission from child to child down to a minimum. If your child has STREP, remember to throw away the old toothbrush, and replace the reeds on your child's band instruments and clean them thoroughly. This will help prevent your child from becoming re-infected.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Fri. Oct. 14 th	End of First Quarter – 42.5 Days
Sun. Oct. 16 th	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Mon. & Tues., Oct. 17 th & 18 th	NO SCHOOL – Teachers Convention at KMC
Tues-Thurs., Oct. 18 th -20 th	No Masses at St. James
Wed., Oct. 19 th	Meet the Author – Jeffery Knapp – K-3 rd - 1:45-2:15pm & 4 th -6 th (E-school if available) – 2:15-3:00pm - Gym
Mon. Oct. 24 th	White Heart Rosary– 8:00am – Church – K-2 nd & E-school Fundraiser Jeans Day – ONLY Students who sold 15 items or more
Tues. Oct. 25 th	1 st Quarter Awards Assembly – After Mass – School Community Room School Council Meeting – 6:00-6:45pm – School Library Parent Informational Meeting — 7:00-8:00pm – School Gymnasium “Risk Factors to Look for in Children with Substance Abuse” THIS IS FOR ALL PARENTS WANTING TO ATTEND!!!
Fri. Oct. 28 th	No Buses Running October Baptismal Celebration
Mon. Oct. 31st	White Heart Rosary– 8:00am – Church – K-2 nd & E-school Fall Parties – Parade starts at 1:45pm Trick-or-treat at Father Schemm’s – 4:00-5:30 and 7:15-9:00 or till done. Holy Day Vigil Mass – 6:00pm – Church
Tues. Nov. 1st	Holy Day of Obligation – School is in Session!!! All Saints Day Mass – 8:00am & 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 3 rd	Lifetouch Pictures Pre-3 Class & Individuals and Retakes
Fri., Nov. 4 th	Staff November Birthday Celebration First Friday Devotions – After 8:00 Mass Teachers’ Free Lunch – HSA Parents watch children
Sat. & Sun., Nov. 5 th & 6 th	Parish Stewardship Fair – Church Foyer & Hallways – After all weekend Masses
Sun., Nov. 6 th	Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back)
Sun - Tues., Nov. 6th - 8th	Parish Mission – 6:30-7:30pm –(Childcare available) Bob Voboril (Diocese of Wichita Superintendent of Schools) – PARENT ATTENDANCE REQUIRED!!!
Mon., Nov. 7 th	NO BUSES Running White Heart Rosary–8:00am–Church–All classes attend
Wed., Nov. 9 th	5 th /6 th Grade Retreat – All Day First Reconciliation Parents Meeting – 7:00pm – Church
Fri., Nov. 11 th	No Mass – Father gone
Sat., Nov. 12 th	Fall Family Festival – More info to come
Mon., Nov. 14 th	NUT Day (Jeans Day) Little Flower Club – 3:15-4:30pm
Tues., Nov. 15 th	School Council Meeting – 6:00 pm – School Library – Anyone May Attend!
Wed., Nov. 16 th	“Jungle Book Kids” Play – 1:30pm – 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th , & 6 th Augusta Historical Theatre
Thurs., Nov. 17 th	Little Women Hosp. Club–3:15-4:30pm – School Community Room “Jungle Book Kids” Play – 9:30am – Kindergarten & 4 th grade – Augusta Historical Theatre
Fri., Nov. 18 th	November Baptismal Celebration
Mon. – Fri., Nov. 21st – 25th	NO SCHOOL – Regan Institute/Thanksgiving Break
Tues., Nov. 29 th	Friends of Augusta Student of the Month Luncheon – 11:45 am – Pizza Hut

“JUNGLE BOOK KIDS” PLAY

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, & 6th grade children will be going to “Jungle Book Kids” at the Augusta Historical Theatre on Wednesday, November 16th at 1:30pm; and the Kindergarten & 4th grade children will be going to “Jungle Book Kids” on Thursday, November 17th at 9:30am. The permission slips are going home in the family folders, please return the \$1.50 per person attending (that includes parents, siblings, students, etc.) and permission slips back to the office as soon as possible. It helps to get them back early so we can get the money to the Theatre in time. We will need lots of drivers...so please, if you can help out, sign up on the permission form or call the school office at 775-5721!

THE PARISH MISSION

Father Schemm would like to invite all parishioners to attend our Annual Parish Mission scheduled for November 6th, 7th, and 8th. The mission will begin each evening at 6:30 pm and will end at 7:30 pm with some social time to follow. Child care will be offered. The theme of the Mission is on “The spirituality of our faith:

Catholic Parish Discipleship.” Mr. Bob Voboril will be our presenter and each evening will cover a different aspect of the theme.

Sunday, November 6th: “What does it mean to be a Catholic?”

Monday, November 7th: “What does it mean to be a Catholic Parishioner?”

Tuesday, November 8th: “What does it mean to be a Catholic Parish Disciple?”

Please begin planning to attend as we grow with one another in Faith.



St. James Catholic School children showed their Augusta Pride and Jaguar Spirit as they walked in the Augusta High School Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 1st.



The St. James Catholic School students, teachers, and staff showed their support for National Stomp Out Bullying Month by wearing their blue shirts!



On Monday morning, October 10th, Officer Yelverton from the Augusta Department of Safety gave a presentation on “Stranger Danger” to the children in Pre-4 through 3rd grade. It was a program in which the children were taught seven rules to follow when meeting a stranger.



On Tuesday afternoon, October 11th, the Augusta Fire Department came and gave a Fire Safety presentation to the Kindergarten through 3rd grades. They took the children out and showed them the fire truck and how it works. It was a big hit!



These four students are being recognized for excelling in their weekly McMath timed tests. They all four work very hard and are doing very well. Pictured are Cannon Carey - 1st grade Level 3, Morgan Curry - 1st grade Level 3, Allie Kavalaskas - 2nd grade Level 4, and Joe Kappelmann - 1st grade Level 3. Congratulations students!

2010-2011 ASSESSMENT REPORTS

The 2010-11 Assessment Report for students currently in 4th-7th grades will be sent out today. There is an explanation above the assessment results. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Guy or your child's teacher.

The Assessment Report will include your child's scores on the Diocesan Religion Test, Kansas Reading and Math Assessments, and last years Science scores for the current 5th grade students, as well as the school and diocesan averages.

ALL SAINTS' DAY and ALL SOULS DAY

On November 1st, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. Each day we have approximately 120 little saints who pass through the entrance doorway to receive instruction that teaches minds for a lifetime and souls for eternity. We are here to encourage our children to be constant learners in their academics and catholic spirituality.

In November, the month of Poor Souls, we should reflect on our lives here on earth, as well as the Poor Souls that are waiting in Purgatory to move on to eternal life with Jesus. It's also a time to reflect on our family and friends and to pray that their souls will have an everlasting life in eternity.

ALL SAINTS' DAY and ALL SOULS DAY Continued

As we pray for the relief of the Poor Souls in Purgatory, that they will soon enjoy their deserved blessedness, we continue in the purgatory journey to greater confidence in the perfecting powers of Christ.

Begging your prayers, be assured of our prayers in thanksgiving for your generous support of the work of St. James Catholic School. We thank God for all of his abundant blessings and ask Him to bless you for your charity. Thank you. May the Mother of Perpetual Help watch over us all, her little children, so that we may safely arrive home in the eternal joys, Our Father's Heavenly Kingdom.

Have a nice day,

Yours in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Richard Guy - Principal
St. James Catholic School