



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWS FROM THE HIGH HEAVENS

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"A CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITY"

THE GREATEST GOOD YOU CAN DO FOR ANOTHER IS NOT JUST TO SHARE YOUR RICHES, BUT TO REVEAL TO HIM HIS OWN.

Dear Jaguar Parents,

DUE TO ALL THE EVENTS NEEDING PARENT INVOLVEMENT (PARISH MISSION) AND TEACHER FREE LUNCH, THE HOME AND SCHOOL ORGANIZATION HAS CANCELLED THE FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT...THEY WILL TRY TO RESCHEDULE IT SOMETIME IN THE SPRING.

WEATHER CONCERNS

In the event the weather necessitates the closing of school, St. James Catholic School will abide by the decision of the Augusta Public School system (USD 402). If Augusta *USD 402) is closed, St. James will be closed also. Announcements will be made on the following radio stations: KTLI/Light 99, KKDR, KRZZ, B-98 FM, KZSN, KEYN, KFDI, T-95, and KHCC. Television stations are: Channel 3 (KSNW-TV), Channel 10 (KAKE-TV), and Channel 12 (KWCH-TV).

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports are being sent home today in the family folders.

MORE THANKS.....

Debbie Weaver....Lunch Room Coordinator, and James Fisher, Shannon Cerre, and Con Otto for serving in the lunch room.

All the parents, grandparents, and visitors that helped make the "Fall Parties" such a big success. Fun was had by all!!!

To Mrs. Samms and Mr. & Mrs. Rogers for driving the 5th/6th grade students to the St. Joseph Convent for a Retreat Day.

A very Special Thank You to Amber Brundege, Christi Kirkpatrick, and Brandy List for organizing the Christmas costumes for the Christmas Play coming up in December.

To Donna Hoefgen for donating 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Manuals to the Parish Atrium in the School. Also for her time teaching our children in the Atrium. She is a God send ☺

Thank you for your stewardship!

Preparing Minds for a Lifetime and Souls for Eternity.

"HOME OF THE JAGUARS"



BOOK DONATIONS

It's not too early to start bringing books that you would like to donate for the Book Sale during Catholic Schools Week. Bring them to Mrs. Hoffmann in the library or to the school office.

Monday, November 14th is NUT Day. Don't forget to bring your \$1.00 in order to wear jeans on that day!!! The students will be able to wear their St. James t-shirts or sweatshirts, or St. James uniform shirts with their nice blue jeans. This month's NUT Day proceeds will go to help out our Family in Need. Any extra donations would be greatly appreciated!!

FAMILY IN NEED

We have a family in need. There was an envelope sent home in the family folders a couple of weeks ago. Please use this envelope (or any envelope) to put whatever donation you can in it...even a couple of dollars helps. The family could use Dillon/Wal-Mart gift cards/certificates, cash, etc. If you can assist, please send your donation or items to school and put in the boxes set up in the hallway in front of the Home and School Bulletin Board. Please bring the envelopes with gift cards/certificates/money to the school office! Thank you to those who have already helped out...your stewardship is greatly appreciated.

THANKSGIVING BREAK – REMINDER!

This is a reminder that there will be NO SCHOOL, Monday, November 21st through Friday, November 25th for Pre-K through 6th Grades at St. James Catholic School. School will resume on Monday, November 28th.

HEALTH ROOM

Remember that if your child has a temperature of 110.0 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 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.

STEWARDSHIP – TIME/TALENT/TREASURE

The stewardship packets for those of you who did not pick them up at Church this past weekend will be going home in the family folders today. Please pray and discern about your commitment for the upcoming year and fill out the forms. All parishioners who have students at St. James Catholic School are required to fill these out and return to the church office every November...please help us out and return your time/talent/treasure sheets in the baskets at weekend Masses, to Vicki in the church office, or to Cathy in the school office by Commitment Weekend, November 19th and 20th.

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION

The celebration for November Baptismal dates was held today, November 11th at the 8:00 am Mass. Congratulations to all the November Baptism Celebrities.

VIRTUS – Safe Environment Training Session

What does it mean to be *Virtus* certified? This is a guarantee that all priests, religious and lay people who work or volunteer in a Church apostolate involving contact with children and young people have participated in a live training session about the sin and crime of child sexual abuse, as well as how they can help to prevent it and respond appropriately to it. The program also provides periodic bulletins for ongoing formation in these areas. In addition, inspired by the same care for the well-being of children and young people, a presentation on safe environment is integrated into the religious education curriculum for each grade level. This is not sex education; rather, it is an age-appropriate effort to help students to recognize when adults behave in an improper manner towards them, as well as how to defend themselves and report such behavior.

If you plan on volunteering in the office, classroom, be a field trip driver, room parent, help during holiday parties, or serve in the lunchroom you will need to attend. This is one way that you can learn more about child abuse and ensures us that our Diocese is taking the precautions to be one of the safest **school systems in the nation.**

SCHEDULED VIRTUS DATES

There are several dates throughout the diocese that you can attend. VIRTUS training sessions:

Sunday, November 13th (6:30 – 9:30 pm) – Holy Name in Winfield @ 412 East 8th

Monday, November 28th (6:00 – 9:00 pm) – St. Peter in Schulte @ 11000 Southwest Blvd.

Thursday, December 1st (6:30 – 9:30 pm) – Church of the Resurrection @ 4910 N. Woodlawn

Monday, December 12th (6:00 – 9:00 pm) St. Peter in Schulte @ 11000 Southwest Blvd.

Tuesday, January 10th, 2012 (6:30 – 9:30 pm) – All Saints @ 3205 Grand

Monday, January 23rd, 2012 (6:00 – 9:00 pm) – St. Peter in Schulte @ 11000 Southwest Blvd.

Monday, February 27th, 2012 (6:00 – 9:00 pm) – St. Peter in Schulte @ 11000 Southwest Blvd.

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

6TH GRADE LOLLIPOP AND SMENCILS SALES

The 6th grade class will be selling Lollipops, Beef Jerky and Smencils (gourmet scented pencils made from 100% recycled newspapers) after school each Friday from 3:15 – 3:30 for a suggested donation of \$1.00 each.

Thank you for supporting our 6th grade class!

DRIVER SCHEDULES FOR “JUNGLE BOOK KIDS” PLAY

Going home in the family folders is a drivers schedule if you said you could help by driving the children to the Augusta Theater on Wednesday or Thursday of next week for the “Jungle Book Kids” play. Any student that is K-2nd grade will need to have a booster seat. We have them here for those who don’t have enough of their own. Please look at the driver schedule and make sure that we have got the correct combination of booster seats and seatbelts for your vehicle. If you are unable to fit the kids in your vehicle that we have listed, please get with Cathy in the school office at 775-5721 as soon as possible so we can correct the driving schedule. If you can take more than is listed for your vehicle, please get with us also, so that we can alleviate vehicles if we need to. Thank you for your stewardship!

PARKING IN HANDICAPPED STALLS

Parents, please DO NOT park in designated HANDICAPPED PARKING STALLS. Even though we don’t have anyone at the time using the stalls, it still in not proper or legal to park in the handicapped stalls.

VOLUNTEERS NEED IN ART ROOM

Ms. Luckoski would like to have 3 parent volunteers to help with the first grade art class on Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 18th, from 12:00 – 12:50 pm. Please email

eluckoski@usd402.com if you can help out. Thank you!

TARDIES

Arrive at School: Students who arrive before 7:45 am go directly to the gymnasium.

Morning prayer begins at 7:45 am and students are then dismissed to go to class.

Students arriving after 7:50 am are considered tardy.

Tardies are taken by the teacher when the CHILDREN ARE IN THEIR CLASSROOM BEFORE they leave for Mass. Tardies are taken by the teacher at 7:50 am.

STUDENTS NEED TO BE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS BY 7:50 AM NOT TO BE COUNTED TARDY!

If the student will be arriving to their classroom after 7:50 am, the parent should check their child in at the school office.

Three UNEXCUSED tardies in each nine-week period for children in K-2nd will result in the child staying in for one recess and will lose a recess for each subsequent unexcused tardy; and for children in grades 3-6 they will result in a 30-minute detention and will be a 30-minute detention for each subsequent unexcused tardy.

A tardy will not be excused if no reason is given for the tardy and the child is not checked in at the office.

The office or teacher must be notified by phone or in writing stating the reason. A weather related event, breakdown of a vehicle, or medical reasons are examples of excused tardies. Getting up late, relatives visiting, personal business, spouse dropping child/ren off at school and not knowing when school starts, older sibling not getting ready on time, alarm not going off when electricity wasn't off are examples of unexcused tardies.

Before a detention or recess is taken away, the parent will be informed after the second unexcused tardy that the next time a detention or loss of recess will be issued.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. , Nov. 14 th	NUT Day (Jeans Day) Little Flower Club – 3:15 to 4:30 pm – School Community Room
Tues., Nov. 15 th	Cultural Capacity Meeting – 3:40 to 5:40 pm Enrollment Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm – School Library
Wed., Nov. 16 th	“Jungle Book Kids” Play – 1:30 pm – Augusta Historical Theatre (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th & 6 th)
Thurs., Nov. 17 th	“Jungle Book Kids” Play – 1:30 pm – Augusta Historical Theatre (Kindergarten & 4 th)
Mon., Nov. 21st thru Fri., Nov. 25th	NO SCHOOL – Regan Institute/Thanksgiving Break
Mon., Nov. 28 th	Regional Principals’ Meeting – All Day – School Community Room
Tues., Nov. 29 th	Friends of Augusta Student of the Month Luncheon – 11:45 am – Pizza Hut
Sat., Dec. 3 rd	First Reconciliation Retreat
Sun., Dec. 4 th	First Reconciliation
Mon., Dec. 5 th	White Heart Rosary – 8:00 am – Church
Mon., Dec. 12 th	NUT DAY Christmas Program – 6:30 pm – Augusta High School Auditorium
Fri., Dec. 16 th	Christmas Craft Day – 1:00 to 3:00 pm – Sponsored by HAS
Tues., Dec. 20 th	Friends of Augusta Student of the Month Luncheon – 11:45 am – Pizza Hut
Wed., Dec. 21 st	End of 2 nd Quarter/1 st Semester Last day of school before Christmas Break
Thurs., Dec. 22nd thru Tues., Jan. 2nd	Christmas/New Years Break
Tues., Jan. 2 nd	Faculty Work Day
Wed., Jan 3 rd	School Resumes



NOVEMBER FRIENDS OF AUGUSTA STUDENT OF THE MONTH

BAILEY PENNYCUFF has been chosen as the November Friends of Augusta Student of the Month recipient. Bailey has a strong determination and cheerful attitude! Bailey never gives up even though she has been battling her tonsils, which has made her miss school. Her work is always done and she is ready for new lessons. Bailey displays excellent citizenship skills as well. Congratulations Bailey!

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH

This school year I will continue to recognize families for the STEWARDSHIP that they provide for our school. Each month I have a difficult time determining which family will be recognized. We have so many families that can be recognized and do so much for our school and parish. Sometimes families are recognized months later than they should be. This month, I am recognizing the **JON and ANGELA PENNYCUFF** family. This family could have easily been recognized last year. They have been on my list for quite some time, as with the last month's Family of the Month.



Jon and Angela have four children: Bailey – 5th grade, Morgan – 3rd grade, Magdalyn – 1st grade and Anastacia – Kindergarten.

Jon and Angela has served on the Parish/School Auction Executive Committee for three years. Jon has served two years on the ST. James School Council and helped build cages in the school basement.

Angela is currently serving on the Home and School Association as secretary.

Overall, Jon and Angela have been very supportive of St. James Catholic School. They are excellent examples for their children and a great example of a Catholic Christian family for our school and church community as well as Augusta community.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Please come join us Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm in the Church Classroom. WE are just starting our new material *Catholic Women's Bible Study* by Fireside. It is very exciting. Our topic will be "Acceptance." For more information please call Alissa Smith at 775-2448.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

We still plan on doing the Adopt-A-Family again this year. We do not have the information to share yet. We will get the information to you as soon as possible.

CHILDREN AND COATS

Please remember to dress your children appropriately with coats and mittens if needed. The classes will be going outside for recess unless the weather does not allow it. Just because it is cold does not mean they will be staying inside. It is good for them to get out and get the sun and exercise. If your child is not dressed appropriately with coats for the temperatures outside, they will not be allowed to go outside. So, please make sure to dress them according to the weather. Thank you for your cooperation!

FIRST QUARTER AWARDS
Honor Roll – 3rd thru 6th Grade – All A's & B's
Principal's Honor Roll – All A's

Kindergarten Awards:

Perfect Attendance: Riley Beckley, Kaden McClure, Brodie Phillips, Aaron Standfast and Ava Stephenson
Good Conduct Award: James Allen, Riley Beckley, Andrew Davis, Anna Karkins, Jenna Litton, Madison Renville,
and Ava Stephenson
Good Behavior Award: Emerson Bergkamp, Kaden McClure, Brodie Phillips and Aaron Standfast
Good Handwriting Award: Katie Anderson, Riley Beckley, Emily Brundege, Collin Jansen, Jenna Litton and Ava
Stephenson
Good Helper Award: Sam Mosier and Stacia Pennycuff
Manners Award: Riley Beckley
Sight Words: Anna Karkins and Madison Renville

First Grade Awards:

Perfect Attendance: Walt Gray and Sophia Otto
Good Conduct Awards: Claire Pletcher
Honor Roll: JD Biehler
Principal's Honor Roll: Joe Kappelmann
General Awards: Briana Anderson, Cannon Carey, Morgan Curry, Alex Jehner, Gabe Kant, Joe Kappelmann, Belle
Kirkpatrick, Kiersten Lowe, Stasia Mosier, Maggie Pennycuff, Jenna Speere, Kara Speere, Ellie Stewart
and Karlie Warne
90% or Better on AR Tests: Cannon Carey, Morgan Curry and Sophia Otto

Second Grade Awards:

Perfect Attendance Award: Reese Ratcliff and Emily Webster
Follows Directions and Science Awards: Tanner Becker
Art and Never Gives Up Award: Ben Bergkamp
Not Following and Smile Awards: Ellie Craft
Reading, Math & 93% on AR Test Awards: David Ebenkamp
Not Giving Up and Quietly Working Awards: Brandon Mosier
Answering Questions and Read Aloud Awards: Dusty Jones
Writing, AR Points 39.7 and 93% on AR Test Awards: Allie Kavalasuskas
AR Points 21.2 and Math Awards: Chance Kohls
Math and Individual Awards: Charlize Lichlyter
Positive and Sounding Out Words Awards: Kateri Mosier
Friend and Work in on Time Awards: Fiona Rardin
Work in on Time and Leader Awards: Reese Ratcliff
AR Points 29.3 and Butterfly Catcher Award: Mallori Renville
STAR Student and Leader Awards: Tommie Schaffner
Story Writing and Math Awards: Adrian Walker
AR, Helping Others and 97% on AR Test Awards: Emily Webster

Third Grade Awards:

Perfect Attendance Awards: Morgan Pennycuff
Good Conduct Awards: Cheyenne Becker and Taylor Curry
Honor Roll: Bradon Anderson, Blake Brundege, Daniel Doell, Landon Gray, Duke Lichlyter, Payton Sanger, Katie
Warne and Solomon Whiteside
Principal's Honor Roll: Cheyenne Becker, Taylor Curry and Tyler Kohls
Service Award: Tyler Kohls
Most Valuable Partner: Grace Standfast

Fourth Grade Awards:

Perfect Attendance Awards: Kolbe Mosier and Wyatt Timsah
Good Conduct Awards: Alex Brundege and Allie Ebenkamp
Honor Roll: Allie Ebenkamp, Jacob Reavis and Wyatt Timsah
Manners Award: Alex Brundege
Improvement, Creative Writing and Art Award: Catherine Doell
Service Award: Allie Ebenkamp
Great Attitude, Creative Writing and AR Awards: Roni Fisher
Singing, Math and Time Saver Awards: Hayden Jansen
Technology, Handwriting and Math Facts Awards: Juan Miranda
Spelling and Math Facts Awards: Kolbe Mosier
Spelling and Math Facts Awards: Jacob Reavis
Science Award: Wyatt Timsah

Fifth/Sixth Grade Awards:

Perfect Attendance Awards: Bryce Watson
Good Conduct Awards: Olivia Rogers, Matthew Treto and Bryce Watson
Honor Roll: Jakob Bergkamp, Bailey Pennycuff and Connor Rardin
Principal's Honor Roll: Michael Whiteside
Spelling Award: Jakob Bergkamp
People Respecting Others Award: Matthew Hansen and Grace Allen
AR Award: Marie Standfast, Connor Rardin and Michael Whiteside
Top Reading Award: Marie Standfast
Effort Award: Bryce Watson and Carter Swan

CORRECTIONS TO SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Please make the following corrections to the School Directory:

Ms. Yates new phone # is 316-308-4190

Parents of Landon, Walt & Grant Gray new cell # -

Terrence is 316-322-5640 and Tammy is 316-322-5527

Parents of Olivia Rogers new address is 927 Alice, Augusta, KS 67010

NOVEMBER PRESCHOOL PAYMENTS DUE

If you have not yet made your November Preschool payment, it is time to do so.

Please stop by the school office and make your payment.

Please remember that it is \$95 for Pre-4 and \$75 for Pre-3.

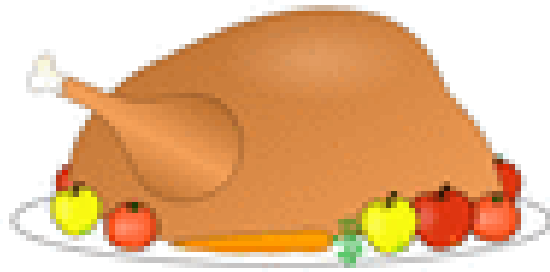
Thank you for your promptness in this matter.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, November 5th, Sally Korte and Donna Hoefgen attended the annual meeting of the Sunflower Region of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Mary Parish in Derby.

Mary Mirrione, the National Director, spoke to all participating. Her presentation was centered on John 21:15-16. A tribute to the founder of the catechesis, Sophia Cavalleti was presented in her memory.

Also attending was Maralee Quinn, Who is the trainer for the Wichita Diocese. We hope to start a new Level I training next fall if enough are interested in taking the class.



Happy Thanksgiving

As we celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving, I wish to thank all of you for the gifts you share, especially the gift of your children. It is a joy to be part of a school with so many willing, generous and kind people helping to do what God asks of us.
May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving.

Have a nice day,

Yours in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Richard Guy".

Richard Guy – Principal
St. James Catholic School