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Tiger Newsletter

# Saint James Catholic School

*Cultivating exceptional scholars to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.*

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## From the Desk of the Dean

I am writing this in a bit of quiet today as our eighth graders are away on their end of year retreat to Conception Abbey. I am struck by the change of season and the transition a school will always undergo at this time of year. We will miss our eighth graders dearly, and we pray for them today, that God will strengthen them to take this next exciting step in their lives.

On the other end of the spectrum, our second graders are going through their own transition. First Holy Communion is quickly approaching, and they have been preparing diligently with their First Confessions and a retreat day of their own. We pray for them also, that God will build within them a strong foundation for our community for many years to come.

Zooming out to everyone, we have so many events coming up! Just look at that list to the right! How exciting that we can enjoy so many great things together before parting for the summer. As the saying goes: The days are long, but the years are short!

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to thank my colleagues here at St. James. I was surprised by a baby shower after school this past Wednesday. My wife and I are expecting Baby #7 in June, and believe it or not, this was my very first chance to attend a baby shower! It was an excellent time of food, conversation, and generous gifts. There were also bibs, bows, and baby food, but I've been promised that pictures will be posted soon that will tell the story much better than I possibly could in words. So, THANK YOU to the faculty and staff of St. James. I truly do love coming to work here.

- James

## Iowa Testing Schedule

*Students in grades 3-8 will test each day next week, for about an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon. We have special surprises planned to keep them going! Our whole school will test the same subjects at the same time. See the schedule below...*

Monday, April 17  
Reading day!

Tuesday, April 18  
Math day!

Wednesday, April 19  
Computation, Punctuation, and  
Written Expression

Thursday, April 20  
Social Studies and Science

Friday, April 21  
Capitalization, Vocabulary, and  
Spelling

## Upcoming Dates

April 14 - Spring Showcase 6:30 gym  
April 15 - Trivia Night! Doors open 5:30 Church basement  
April 17-21 - Iowa testing week  
April 19th - Intro to middle school meeting for 5th grade families, 6:00 library  
April 21 - Geranium orders due  
April 23 - 2nd grade First Holy Communion  
April 25 - Race for Education Donations Due  
April 27 - SJCA Art Gala @ Leblond. St James poetry recitations 6:30-7:00  
April 27 - PreK picnic @ Hyde park  
April 28 - Middle School Dance @ St. James  
May 1st - Race for Education  
May 2nd - K-1 to Crown Center  
May 3rd - Restorative Formation Committee 5:30, School Board meeting 6:30  
May 3rd - Middle school athletic banquet @ SFX  
May 3rd - 6-8 Relics visit @ Leblond 2:00-2:45  
May 8-12 - Teacher Appreciation Week!  
May 8 - Pay to wear Jeans day  
May 10 - May Crowning  
May 11 - 8th grade graduation 7:00  
May 12 - PreK promotion 7:00  
May 17 - Awards assembly  
May 18 - Field day  
May 19 - LAST DAY! 11:30 dismissal

## Lunch Menu

### Monday, April 17

Hamburger, French Fries,  
Baked Beans Sidekicks,  
Milk

### Tuesday, April 18

Chicken Alfredo, Salad,  
Broccoli, Oranges, Milk

### Wednesday, April 19

KFC Bowls, Peaches, Milk

### Thursday, April 20

Salisbury Steak, Mashed  
Potatoes, Roll, Green Beans,  
Applesauce, Milk

### Friday, April 21

Grilled Cheese Sandwich,  
Tomato Soup, Peas, Mixed  
Fruit, Milk

### Race for Education

May 1

*Packets went home with  
students earlier this week.  
If you did not receive one,  
please let us know!*

*Donations are due  
Tuesday, April 25.*

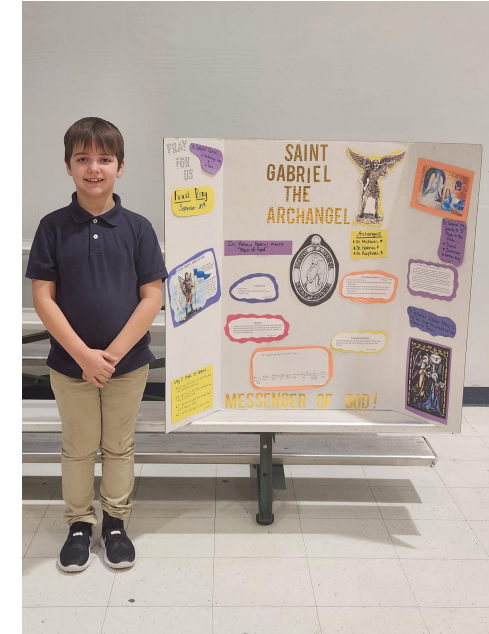
*New this year!  
Incentives for different  
tiers of donations. Look at  
your packet for more info.*



(above and below) 2nd Grade, First Communion Retreat



(above and below) 3rd Grade, samples of their Saint projects.



*Send news and pictures of the great things your student  
does. We will feature them in an upcoming Tiger Newsletter.*