

# What's New at St. James

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## FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind. Saints who had a special devotion to Christ's passion include St. Francis of Assisi, who was the first known saint to receive the stigmata; St. John of the Cross; St. Bridget of Sweden; and St. Catherine of Siena.

## FEBRUARY: THE LONGEST/SHORTEST MONTH OF THE YEAR!

I wish someone could tell me why February always seems so long. Since it's the shortest month, you would think it would go by faster. But the cold weather seems to make it drag. Perhaps it is the anticipation of spring. Regardless, it is here, and I suppose it will still be over before we know it.

Covid quarantine numbers have been the lowest of the year to date. At the time that I am writing this, we only have one student in quarantine. Praise God! Hopefully, we can continue to keep the vast majority of our students in the classrooms.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We are just concluding another fun-filled Catholic Schools Week. We have tried to have some fun with the kids this week. It seems we have had so many fewer celebrations this year than in years past. Hopefully this week gave the kids a bit more normal feel. The 8th grade/faculty volleyball game was definitely fun. And while we wish we could've invited everyone, at least the upper grades were able to attend (safely separated from other classes, of course :). We've

had dress up days trivia and coloring contests. Each class went above and beyond choosing classroom saints and making posters.



## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Reminder: On February 25 at 7:00 p.m., we will be holding an informational meeting for parents and parishioners regarding changes to our curriculum that will be happening over the course of the next few years. Please come and share with us in our excitement about this new journey. Feel free to ask any questions you like at this time to gain greater understanding.

## LAST PUSH FOR RAFFLE SALES

This year, in lieu of our normal auction, we opted to have a money back raffle instead. Our goal for sales was 800 tickets. At this time, we have only collected money for approximately half of our goal. Next week is the last week to sell. We need all money and tickets by next Wednesday. The drawing is on Valentine's Day.

Let's make one last push for raffle ticket sales. We would love to meet our goal!

Thank you so much for helping St. James raise some much needed money in a difficult year!

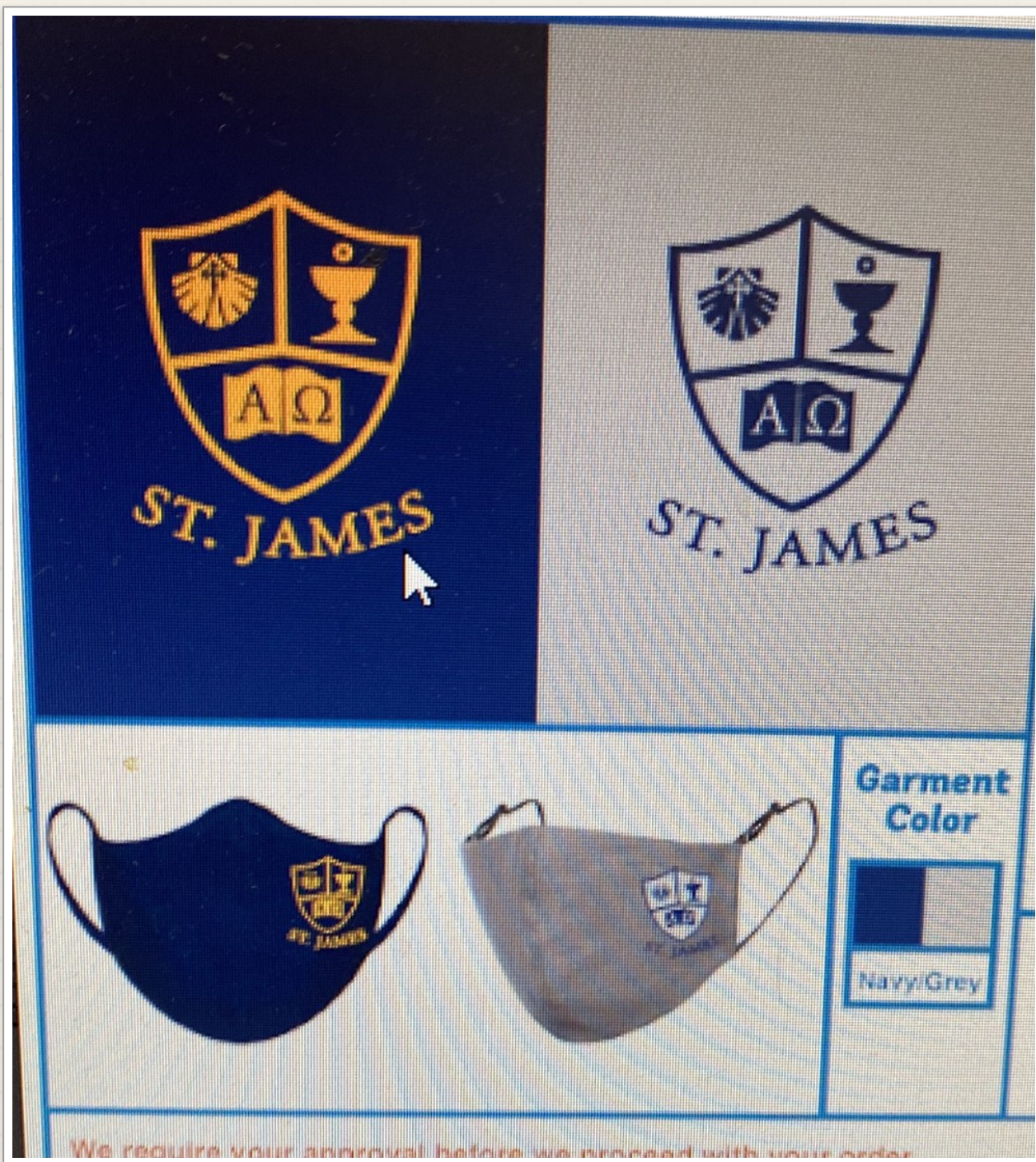
## ST. JAMES MASKS

Reminder: if you want to purchase a St. James mask, please order online by February 11. If ordered by that date, they will be delivered to the school within a couple of weeks. If orders are placed after February 11, you will need to pick up your own at First Street Graphics.

They are great looking masks! Get yours today!

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## UPCOMING DATES

Pay for Jeans. February 8

Sweetheart Raffle Money and Tickets Due. February 10

Preschool Valentines Party. February 10

Valentines Parties, K-8. February 11

No School. February 12

No School, Presidents' Day. February 15

Trash Bag Sales Due. February 16

Ash Wednesday. February 17

No School, Professional Development for Staff. February 25-26

Parent/Parishioners Informational Meeting. February 25, 7:00 p.m.

God Is Retreat. February 27



## FOR THE COMING MONTH

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



## ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:32

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