

WHAT'S NEW AT ST. JAMES

FROM THE DESK OF MS. SAUNDERS, JANUARY 29, 2021

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

WHERE HAS THIS MONTH GONE???

January sure has moved quickly! I can't believe how the time has flown. Wasn't it just Christmas? It has been a quiet month here at St. James. Students have gotten back into the school groove after their Christmas break. And our Covid quarantine numbers have gone down. Right now we are at our lowest levels since the beginning of school. Praise be to God!

As always, thank you for everything you do! When we put out the announcement last week that we were out of disposable masks in the office a few families donated masks. What a blessing you all are! While our supplies are still low and we still ask that you continue to send your kids to school with their own masks and water bottles, I am reminded of how generous you all are.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS VITALITY SUMMIT

I would like to invite and encourage all of you to attend the virtual, Facebook live Catholic Schools Vitality Summit which will be held this coming Sunday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m. This summit will kick off Catholic Schools Week here in St. Joseph.

The Summit is being presented on the St. Joseph Catholic Schools facebook page. The following is a description of the event:

Set aside an hour or so on Sunday, Jan. 31, for the St. Joseph Catholic Schools Vitality Summit.

The purpose of the event is to update the community on the Vitality Plan's progress including:

- *Increasing dignity and joy in the classroom*
- *Elevating academic performance for all students*
- *Ensuring long-term sustainability*
- *The formation of a new partnership with Benedictine College*

The Summit will include an address from Bishop James V. Johnston, Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph; Todd Meierhoffer, Chairman of the St. Joseph Catholic Schools Partnership; Steve Minnis, President of Benedictine College and multiple other leaders from the faith and academic portions of the plan.

Hope to see you all there! This is an exciting time for St. Joseph Catholic Schools.

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JAN 31-FEB 5

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, Jan.31st. There are lots of fun and exciting things planned throughout the week!

Animal Shelter - We will be collecting items to donate to the Animal Shelter. Attached is a wish list from the shelter listing the items they that need. Please send in your donations by Wednesday, as we will be delivering all items that afternoon.

Sunday - Online vitality summit to kick off Catholic Schools Week. The Summit is being presented on the St. Joseph Catholic Schools Facebook page at 2:00. The purpose of the event is to update the community on the Vitality Plan's progress.

Monday – Time Travel Day: Dress from your favorite era/decade

Activity : Each class will design/display a class poster that will portray a Saint of their choice.

Tuesday – Mirror Image Day: Dress alike with someone else! It can be twins, triplets, quadruplets, etc. Students may also choose to dress like a teacher or staff member if they wish.

Activity : At 2:00, we will have our 8th grade vs. staff volleyball game. The event will be live streamed on our Facebook page!

Wednesday – Love our Community day: Best dressed uniform.

Activity: We will be delivering our donated items to the Animal Shelter.

Thursday – Color Wars: Each class will dress in their assigned color.

PreK: Boys- Stripes Girls- Polka-dots

K- Green 1- Red 2- Purple 3- Orange 4- Pink 5- Yellow 6- Blue

7- Gray 8- Tie Dye Staff- Black

Activity: Coloring Contest by grade level, judged by Mrs. P and Ms. Saunders. A prize will be provided to our 1st and 2nd place winners in each grade.

Friday – Pajama Day OR Chiefs day

Activity: Movie and snack in the afternoon



ST. JAMES HAPPENINGS

- Trash Bag sales start Monday, February 1. Watch for order forms to come home on that day.
- St. James now has masks! They can be purchased for \$8 each from our school store. Click on the following link to purchase:
https://stores.inksoft.com/st_james_stjoseph/shop/home
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- Don't forget about our Sweetheart Raffle. The drawing will be February 14. All tickets and money need to be turned into the office by February 10. Feel free to turn in money as you sell!



UPCOMING DATES

- First Penance Sacramental Meeting. January 28
- St. Joseph Catholic Schools Vitality Summit (online). January 31, 2:00 p.m.
- Catholic Schools Week. January 31-February 5
- Trash Bag Sales Begin. February 1
- Board Meeting. February 3
- 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
- No School, Professional Development for Staff. February 25-26
- Parent/Designated Informational Meeting. February 25, 7:00 p.m.

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.



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

John 8:32

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