What's New at St. James

from the desk of Ms. Saunders; March 15, 2021

March is the Month of St. Joseph

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord." Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

Covid Update: Temperature Logs

As you know, since the beginning of the school year, we have been taking a lot of temperatures in the building and asking parents to take them at home. Each teacher has faithfully kept these logs on file in their classrooms; however, we have yet to use or need these temperatures. As a result, at the beginning of the 4th quarter (Monday, March 15), we will suspend the use of these logs.

I would ask that you please pay close attention to your children. If they don't feel well, please keep them at home. I would also ask that you periodically monitor their temperature at home and give us a heads up if you suspect there may be a problem.

Thank you so much for all of your support this year. I know how hard this has been on everyone. I am extremely hopeful that we can begin to remove other Covid restriction this spring.

Optional Conferences

Reminder: optional conferences will be held Thursday, March 18. Conferences can be scheduled online via Sycamore. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you have any questions. These conferences will be held in person here at school unless you would prefer to request a virtual or phone conference.

Looking forward to seeing parents in the halls! :)



Scrip Due Date--April 1st

Each school family (K-8) will be required to earn \$20 in Scrip rebates by April 1st. Once you earn \$20 in rebates, 50% of additional rebates will count toward your education fee at St. James and applied to your Sycamore account each month, or you can earn credit for LeBlond tuition. The other 50% will go back to the school. If you are unable to fulfill this commitment, your Sycamore account will be charged \$40 after April 1st. Scrip cards are available in the office.

Please call the office if you have any questions.

www.shopwithscrip.com

School Store

If you would like to purchase any St. James apparel, please click on this link.

https://stores.inksoft.com/st_james_stjoseph/shop/home

Upcoming Dates

End of Third Quarter. March 12 Day Light Savings Day. March 14 First Day for Shorts. March 15 Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences. March 18 (Watch for sign up form to come home) St. Joseph's Day, No school. March 19 Iowa Testing. March 22-31 Yearbook Order Forms Due. March 26 Scrip due date. April 1 Easter Break. April 1-9

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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