

WHAT'S NEW AT ST. JAMES

== FROM THE DESK OF MS. SAUNDERS, MAY 3, 2021 ==

MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

In addition to the myriad of feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

AND THE DAYS KEEP FLYING BY

Whoa. All of a sudden, it feels like school is speeding by at warp speed. I find this especially appropriate since as I am writing this I am listening to the planes flying overhead, practicing for the air show. To say the least, the students have been more than a little distracted the past several days. Lol

As we are nearing the end of our school year, we have been taking steps to normalize our activities. While we still can't have full-blown field trips, teachers are finding creative ways to bring joy to their students. For example, the kindergarten class took a field trip to the kitchen. There they learned about baking, and even helped to create strawberry shortcake! It was delicious! The fifth graders watched a rock presentation from Mrs. Fischer and were able to open some geodes with a hammer! The eighth graders, with some excellent help from Tara Stevenson, updated the flower bed in front of the school. They worked hard, and the front of the school shows it! Thank you, Tara, and great job, eighth graders!

Speaking of our eighth graders, they have been preparing for their final, end-of-year activities. They took their class trip this past Tuesday, traveling to Great Wolf Lodge for a morning of swimming, fun, and pizza. They then visited Wyandotte County Lake Park in the afternoon. They had a great time! They are currently practicing for May crowning next week and for graduation. It is a very exciting time for the St. James 8th grade class.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Joseph Catholic Schools shoe drive! Way to "step up" St. James families!

Finally, we will be having field day on May 20. We will keep it close to home this year. Journey Baptist Church has granted us permission to use the grass lot across the street from the school. We will start the event with a pep rally in the parking lot, organized by the 7th grade class and will begin our games after the rally concludes. Rough plans at this time are to hold games all morning with classes returning to the building in the afternoon for more teacher planned activities or movies. There will be an awards assembly in the gym at 2:30. Parents are welcome to attend the morning activities and the awards assembly. We are so thrilled to welcome parents back to school! Its about time!



WANTED: BOARD MEMBERS

St. James school board is in need of at least two board members. If any of you are interested or feel called upon to help out, we would definitely love to have you! This is such a dedicated group of St. James supporters! We appreciate all of their help and support for our school! Please give some serious thought to joining this important group.

TALENT SHOW TIME

We will be holding a talent show for students on May 19 at 2:00. Parents are welcome to attend. 😊.

Please remind your child that they need teacher approval for their presentation.

WAX MUSEUM/LIVING SAINTS PROJECT

In keeping with our theme of returning to normal, the fourth grade will be holding its annual Famous Missourian Wax Museum. The event will be held in the gym on May 17 at 2:00 in the gym.

Additionally, the third grade will be presenting their Living Saints projects. The presentations will be held on May 7 at 1:30 in the cafeteria.

Students in grades three through seven will be able to attend both events as will families of students in each class. We are so excited to be able to present two of our favorite class activities this year!

REGISTRATION

Don't forget: registration packets can be turned in at any time.

Also, preschool has 20 total spots . If you know anyone who might be interested please have them contact the office to reserve a spot!

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Due to all of our Covid restrictions this year, there will be no charge for volunteer hours. Thank you so much for those of you who were able to donate your time. We greatly appreciate all of the wonderful parent support at St. James. We are looking forward to having everyone back in the building next year!

FACILITIES WALK-THRU

As part of our new St. Joseph Catholic Schools Partnership, St. James (along with each of the Catholic schools in St. Joseph) recently hosted a facilities walk-thru. Facilities committee members completed a thorough check of the buildings and outdoor areas here at St. James. I am pleased to report that we received very positive feedback overall on the condition of our buildings and grounds. While we know there are a few areas that are going to need attention in the near future, we have no immediate concerns at this time. We also received many compliments on the cleanliness of St. James. This is due in large part to the hard work of Mr. John Purdy. Thank you so much for everything you do here at St. James!

UPCOMING DATES

May Crowning. May 5. 8:00 a.m. Pictures at 7:30.

Board Meeting. May 5. 6:00 p.m.

Graduation. May 6. 7:00 p.m.

Living Saints, 3rd Grade. May 7. 1:30 p.m. Cafeteria.

Pay 4 Jeans. May 10

Last Day of Preschool. May 12. 11:30 Dismissal for Preschoolers.

Preschool promotion. May 12. 7:00 p.m. (Rescheduled)

Wax Museum. 4th Grade. May 17. 2:00 p.m. Gym.

Talent Show. 2:00 p.m. Gym.

Field Day. May 20.

Awards Assembly. May 20. 2:30. Gym.

Last Day of School. May 21. 11:30 Dismissal.





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John 8:32

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