

# Parent Newsletter – October 2019



## St. James School Giving children WINGS to fly!

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### Principal's message

Dear Parents,

Every morning the children's voices resound in the classrooms and hallways as they recite our mission statement, led by sixth graders, Kendall Hadden and Landry Steiner. Imagine the joy the staff feels when the whole school, in one strong voice proclaims, "The mission of St. James School is to serve God by loving one another."

Our PAX (Peace) program connects perfectly with our mission as a Catholic school. As part of PAX, the children and staff notice acts of kindness and write notes to the person who performed the kind deed. The notes are placed on the classroom door to inspire everyone to be considerate and look for goodness in each other every day. The notes are brought to Mass each week and placed in the offertory basket. In this way, the Mass becomes a reminder of the love and kindness the children and staff have shared through the week.

I am happy to say that our website has been refurbished and it looks great! Go to: [stjameschoolwaynesburg.org](http://stjameschoolwaynesburg.org) for the lunch menu, monthly calendar, parent newsletter, and notice of daily activities. Let us know if you have suggestions to make it better.

May the Lord richly bless you, Kathy Kettler

### Upcoming events:

10/15-18 Book Fair

10/16 Christmas Fundraiser  
Kick-off

10/18 School Mass 9am

1/22 Student Council Mtg.

10/24 School Pictures Pre-K  
3year olds and K-6  
Out of Uniform Dress Up

10/26 Halloween Party 3-  
4:30pm

10/31 Out of Uniform  
Wear black & orange

11/1 All Saints Day Mass  
9am



## SCHOOL NEW

### HALLOWEEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

On October 26, St. James will host a neighborhood Halloween Party at 3-4:30pm with food, games, and crafts. Trick or treat in Waynesburg is at 5-7, after the party. The party is free for all and will take place rain or shine, so bring a friend for a grand time!

### STUDENT COUNCIL & STUDENT OF THE MONTH



This year, all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to serve on Student Council. This first meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 22 in the Library during lunch. Julie Blemler, our school nurse, will be serving as the Adviser. The first event Student Council will be working on is a Veterans Day service after Mass on November 8.

We would like to encourage leadership in all grade levels so we will be choosing a one student from each class as Student of the Month. It is especially nice for K-3 students because they don't have a chance to earn Honor or Merit Roll.



## VETERANS APPRECIATION MASS

On Friday, November 8, the school will honor local veterans after morning Mass. Veterans and their families are invited to join us for Mass at 9am followed by a short service at 9:45, planned by our Student Council. Student Council will host the veterans to donuts and coffee in the cafeteria after the service.



## NOVEMBER DINNER

Bring your appetite, invite your friends and enjoy the Thanksgiving feast on **Sunday, November 3rd**. Dinner will be served from **10:00am – 1:00pm** in the cafeteria. Sign-up sheets to donate desserts will be posted at the church entrances. Help from parishioners is always needed and greatly appreciated. As always, thank you for your support!

### ***“Change for Chase”***

Proceeds to benefit **CHASE FAEILLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** and **STARK COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES**. Donate your loose change in honor of Chase Faeillo. Your donation will help families who have chosen St. James School for their children, but struggle with the cost of tuition.

This year the proceeds will also help kids in Foster Care in Stark County. Part of the money collected will be used to purchase personal care items for children who are being placed in foster homes. It will also be used to purchase fleece for blankets made by our student service club.

We will be collecting change beginning Monday, Oct. 21 until Nov. 4th.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

Once again, we will host “Christmas in the Village” Arts and Crafts show Thanksgiving weekend on Friday, Nov. 28 at 11am-4pm and Saturday, Nov. 29 at 10am-4pm in the school and Activity Room.

### **Crafters and Vendors Registration**

Crafters and vendors may purchase a table for \$30 for the weekend. If they are willing to donate a craft item for the Chinese raffle, the cost is \$20 for a table. To reserve a table, send an email to [stjamesrep@aol.com](mailto:stjamesrep@aol.com) or call the school office.



## SAFETY DRILLS



In September, the whole school practiced Evacuation and Lockdown drills. Teachers read and discussed the book “I’m Not Scared, I’m Prepared” with their classes before the drills. We practiced evacuating from the playground, cafeteria, church, and classrooms. Should we need to evacuate, our procedure is to walk in the grass along West Lisbon St. to Sarchione Ford where they will give us safe haven. If there were an emergency, we would remain at Sarchione’s until First

Responders gave us permission to release the children. We would be in contact with parents via cell phone to keep parents updated on the situation and reunification with their children.



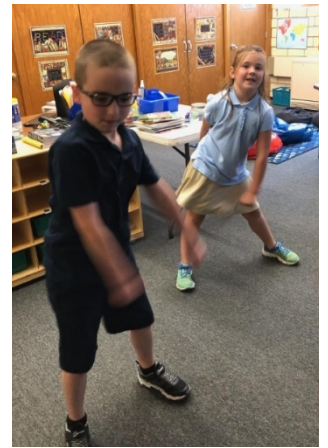
## CLASSROOM INSIDER

### Third Grade Graphic Design

On the left, third Graders proudly display their cereal box designs. Students enjoyed the project which gave them a choice in topic and was designed to develop their creativity, computer, art and design skills.

### Move to the beat

On the right, second graders show their moves in music class.



### Pre-school Science

Experimenting with marbles and gravity has captured the attention of the pre-schoolers, pictured on the right.

### Safety & Community Service Providers

In addition to learning about the world through science experiences, the pre-school and kindergarten classes have just completed a unit on safety. Below, they listen intently to Waynesburg Police Chief, Bill Bath explain about ways the police department helps keep people safe.



### Apple Art

As part of a science unit, kindergarteners experiment with sponge painting apples.



Below, pre-schoolers learn about fire safety and wait their turn to climb up in the fire engine.



The whole school participated in fire safety demonstrations by the Mohawk Valley Fire Department. Below, second graders smile from the front seat of the fire engine. Below right, fourth & fifth graders take turns spraying the fire hose.



On the right, the third graders wait patiently for their turn to climb in the driver's seat.



Below, fifth and sixth graders enjoy the beautiful day while they pose with friends and learn about fire safety.



### **Pumpkin Patch Field Trip**

What could be more fun than going on a hayride and climbing to the top of the hay bales on a gorgeous fall day! Kindergarten, first and second graders would love to tell you all about their field trip!

