



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Stark County Catholic School

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AUGUST 2021

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to start the new school year! The teachers have decorated their rooms with colorful themes. Natalie & Justin have cleaned the floors, windows, desks, and every other surface. Classrooms and teachers have been assigned.

Below are the teacher assignments. Second grade has moved downstairs. 6/7 is in the library.

Ms. Reece – Kindergarten

Ms. George – First Grade all subjects; Second grade Science, Social Studies, Art

Mrs. Cordes – Second Grade ELA & Math; Music & Technology K-7

Ms. Brownsword – Third Grade ELA & Math; 6/7 Social Studies, Science, Art

Ms. Boggs – Fourth Grade all subjects; Third Grade Science, Social Studies, Art

Mrs. Merrill – Fifth Grade all subjects

Ms. Nichols – 6/7 Math & ELA; Phys Ed K-7, Title One Tutoring

Sr. Clara – Gr. 2, 3, 4 Religion

Sr. Judith – Gr. 5, 6, 7 Religion

Gym class for gr 3-7 is on Monday. Gym Class for K-2 is on Friday. To make it easier for families, the children will wear gym uniforms on Monday and Friday this year. Be sure to fill out the gym t-shirt form and turn it in by Friday, Aug 27. This year we

Please take a moment to read about our COVID Policy, school forms, and Free Lunch below. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, August 23 for the first day of school.

Peace be with you, Kathy Kettler

Dates to Remember:

8/23 First Day of School Gr. K-7

8/27 School Mass 9am

9/3 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Inservice

9/6 – NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

9/7 First Day Pre-school

9/8 First Day Pre-Kindergarten



SCHOOL NEWS

COVID POLICIES

Governor DeWine is strongly recommending universal mask-wearing, at least through the next few weeks, and recommending vaccinations.

Currently, all counties are "red", and all are at or above the threshold of 100 cases per 100,000. (Ashtabula is at 100.) In addition 98.5 hospitalizations in Ohio for COVID right now are unvaccinated people.

You can find a link for cases by zipcode here:

[Covid Cases by Zipcode](#)

Here is the link for Cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks: [Cases per 100,000 Residents over Two week Period](#)

And there is lots more data on the Ohio Coronavirus website dashboard:

[Ohio COVID Dashboard](#)

THE STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT, STATE OF OHIO HEALTH DEPT. AND THE AMERICAN PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION RECOMMEND MASKS FOR CHILDREN AND UNVACCINATED ADULTS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS AT THIS TIME. (ecause children under the age of 12

- For these reasons, we are asking all students and adults who have not been vaccinated to wear masks in the school building. When the students are working quietly at their desks, which are spaced 3 feet apart, they will be permitted to take their masks down. When working in small groups or traveling through the building, they will be directed to wear the mask. Teachers, vaccinated and unvaccinated, will wear masks when working with small groups or individuals in close proximity. No masks will be worn during lunch or recess. We will split the lunch groups, so half the school is on the playground and the other half is eating lunch with social distancing of 6 feet. Teachers will inform students when to put their masks on and off.
- Wearing a mask protects others as well as the wearer. The mission of St. James School is to serve God by loving one another. Wearing a mask, at this time, appears to be the loving thing to do.
- It is a State of Ohio mandate that all students wear masks on the bus.
- We will be taking temperatures in the morning again this year as a safety measure.
- We will keep up the hand-washing routines.
- Students should bring their own water bottle with fresh water every day.
- Sanitation of surfaces throughout the building will be continued daily.
- Once again, we will be limiting the number of visitors in the school at this time.

This is a continuously evolving situation. The medical community is doing their best to give advice, but we are all navigating uncharted territory. Please read parent newsletters throughout the year for changes and updates in policies. We will try to keep you up to date on the latest information as we receive it.

FORMS DUE

You will receive a packet of forms from the office on the first day of school. Forms are due Friday, Aug 27. We will have an ice cream party on Thursday, Sept. 2nd for the children who have turned in the forms by 8/27.

FREE LUNCH

Be sure to complete the lunch form indicating whether your children qualify for free or reduced lunch. We need the information in order to receive state and federal funding.

At the beginning of the year, ALL student lunches will be FREE until we receive further notice.