

Parent Newsletter – February 2020



St. James School Giving children WINGS to fly!

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Dates to Remember:

2/26 Ash Wednesday
Mass 9am

2/28 Stations of the Cross
10am
Fish Fry 4:30-7pm

3/2 – 3/13 IOWA Testing

3/2 – 3/16 Read to Feed

3/6 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm

3/13 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm

3/20 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm

3/ 20-3/27 NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

3/27 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm

3/31 Beef Jerky Sale
begins

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

In religion class, the sixth graders have been talking about Catholic social teaching, which emphasizes our responsibility to care for other people and care for the earth.

Catholic Social Teaching is centered on 7 themes:

Life and **Dignity of the Human Person**

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

Rights and Responsibilities

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The **Dignity of Work** and the Rights of Workers

Solidarity

Care for God's Creation

The class learned that solidarity is about supporting fellow human beings and respecting who they are as individuals. With this in mind, the class talked about ways they could help the poor, as well as teach others about solidarity and social justice. They learned about Heifer International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth and managing gifts of livestock and training for families. Heifer helps lift families from poverty to self-reliance. The class decided the theme of our Right to Read week should be **Read to Feed**, a program that encourages reading, teaches social justice principles, and helps the poor in third world countries.

Here's how it works: The kids ask sponsors to pledge a donation for the number of pages they read. Every day for two weeks they read, then collect the donations they have earned. Next, we order animals for families in poor countries. Heifer International trains the families on care of the animals and connects them with markets where they can sell their products.

Read to Feed begins with a kick-off led by the sixth graders on Monday, March 2. The children will bring home papers explaining the project that day.

Thank you for your support and may the Lord richly bless you,

Kathy Kettler



“We are all one family in the world. Building a community that empowers everyone to attain their full potential through each of us respecting each other's dignity, rights and responsibilities makes the world a better place to live.”

Saint John Paul II

SCHOOL NEWS

IOWA TESTING

The children will be taking IOWA tests at 9am this week and next week (March 2-13). Please be sure they are rested, have breakfast and arrive to school on time at 8:45. Also, please talk to them about the importance of taking time to carefully read and answer each question. IOWA tests give us a view of each child's progress and provide valuable data to guide instruction.

READ TO FEED

Students will read and collect donations for animals to be purchased through Heifer International. Reading begins March 2 and ends March 16. See the attached paper for a sneak preview of the planned events.

LENTEN FISH FRY

HELP NEEDED

We need you! Here's how you can help:

- Bake a dessert and bring it to the cafeteria any Friday during Lent
- Work in the kitchen serving and cleaning up
- Bring your family for dinner
- Order take out and take dinner home to eat



WHEN:

- Friday, February 28th thru Friday April 3rd
- Dinners served from 4:30-7:00 pm

*All proceeds benefit St. James School

Please return the sign up sheet that was sent home if you are able to help. Thank you!

MENU:

Fish – Baked or Fried
Mac n Cheese or French Fries or Rice
Cole Slaw or Applesauce
Adults: \$10 Child: (under 12) \$5.00 (Kids under 4 eat free)
All dinners include: Rolls, Coffee, Drinks, Dessert
Call in orders for Carryout 330-866-9449 (Please call by 4:00pm)

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following students had perfect attendance during the second quarter of school:

First Grade: Tristan Rine and Marbella Leonard

Second Grade: Lily Wade and Daniel Friedman

Third Grade: Jon Casto, Dominic Huffman, Carter Mockerman, and Sheyanne Moore

Fifth Grade: Lauren Jones

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten: Daisy Huffman because she is always trying to help Miss Reece and her classmates. She participated in and enjoyed the activities during Catholic Schools Week.

First Grade: Tristan Rine because he is a hard worker, helpful to classmates and teachers. He has a positive attitude and is very respectful of adults.

Second Grade: James Kelleher because he is a very sweet student and kind friend to all his classmates. He is smart, has great answers in class and knows so much about our world!

Third Grade: Eli Higgs because he works hard in class, follows directions and is well liked by his classmates.

Fourth Grade: Tommy Paulin because he really cares about his schoolwork. He loved learning and writing about his favorite president. He constructed a beautiful project for Ohio History's transportation project. He also loves participating in Mass as an altar server.

Fifth Grade: Owen Mucci because he has wonderful manners, has a fabulous sense of humor, works very hard and always tries to do his best.

Sixth Grade: Landry Steiner because she is a hard worker, a great friend, a huge helper, a creative problem solver, and is respectful to all adults.

ART SYMPOSIUM – STARK COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Sunday, March 8 at 1-4pm

Canton Museum of Art and Cultural Center

Free student showcase including St. James student art projects

Featuring: Art / Theater, Band, and Vocal Performances / STEM displays

STEM interactives for kids to do: Bricks4Kidz Legos / Mad Science / Face Painting / Keva Planks / Sphero Bots / 3D Printer Snap Circuits / Robotics / Crayola Imagine Arts

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

It is time to begin preparing for next year. Attached is a registration form for next year. Anyone currently on Ed Choice is receiving a renewal application. We ask that you return the registration and Ed Choice applications as soon as possible, so we can begin making plans for the 2020-21 school year. This past year we grew in enrollment because you referred other families to St. James. Please continue to tell your neighbors, friends and family about our wonderful school!

ED CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to new students entering kindergarten through sixth grade. Current students who are on the Ed Choice Scholarship this year received a renewal application. Students already in our school, but not on the scholarship currently, may also qualify based on family income. Be sure to call the office if you have questions. And be sure to tell others about the scholarships.

SCHOOL STORE

Many families have already signed up and started using school store. We appreciate your participation and we are already making money!

So far, the winning gold ticket for \$100 has not been entered. If you have not logged in to www.schoolstore.net, you'll find directions and a Gold ticket in the envelope that was sent home.

Your child will earn prizes, with your help. Hopefully, you can take a few minutes to go over the materials, sign up, and start using school store when you are doing on-line shopping.

ANGEL AUCTION

The annual auction is set for Saturday, May 2nd at the Metropolitan Center in Canton. The auction is our biggest fund raiser. The proceeds are used to pay teacher salaries, gas and electric bills. The auction assists with the tuition for every child in the school. We are grateful to Laurie Farber and Alex Blemler for chairing this major project. We are all part of the team so here are some ways families are can help:

Donate an item or seek a donation from a friend or local business.

Bake cookies for the auction

Buy a ticket and attend the auction

Work the night of the auction (you receive a bid sheet so you can bid and take home a few treasures)

Donation forms have already been sent home. Please know that your help is greatly appreciated!

PHOTO GALLERY

Catholic Schools Week Family Fun Night



Kindness Boxes - Kids in Pre-school through sixth grade participated in Family Fun Night. Their creations were colorful and imaginative! They spent the week spreading kindness around the school



IF YOU *see* SOMEONE
WITHOUT *a smile*
give THEM
ONE OF *yours!*

A TEACHABLE TEACHER -DOLLY PARTON

ONE
KIND
WORD
Can Change
Someone's
Entire Day



Everywhere
you go, leave a
glitter trail of
KINDNESS
behind you.
Unique Teaching Resources



**Crazy about St. James
with Crazy Hair Day!**

