

# St. James School

## Giving children WINGS to fly!

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Principal's Message Dear Parents and Students,

Overjoyed is the best way to describe how it feels to be back in school! We are all so happy to be here. I asked the teachers and aides to send pictures for this newsletter. I was overwhelmed by the variety of activities and the enthusiasm displayed in the photos. As you read the newsletter you will get a glimpse. If you don't see your child, they will surely show up in the yearbook in the spring!

Every year we focus on different aspects of our faith. This year our focus is on the saints and feast days. The daily readings this week celebrate the Feasts of the Archangels, St. Jerome, St. Therese of the Little Flower, and Guardian Angels. We celebrate each of these feasts because the angels and saints lead us closer to God. The angels are messengers sent by God to protect and guide us. Every day before dismissal the whole school prays "The Guardian Angel Prayer" before leaving for the day. The prayer reminds us that God's love dwells with us in the presence of our own special angels.

May the peace of St Michael the Archangel be with you. May the strength of St. Gabriel the Archangel be with you. May St. Raphael the Archangel bring you good health, today and every day, Kathy Kettler

Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

### Free Lunch for ALL Students

We are able to offer FREE lunch for all students in the school until December 31. The Free lunch for all is funded by a federal grant through the Free and Reduced Lunch program. Milk is included in the lunch but students who pack must purchase milk.

### **Reminders**

Please make sure your children **wear a clean mask every day** and bring fresh water in a water bottle. Be sure to return all forms to the office immediately.

Be sure to **read, sign and return the COVID-19 Supplement to the Family Handbook** as soon as possible. Signatures for the Handbook Supplement should include parents and students.

#### BBQ Drive – Thru

Saturday, October 10 is BBQ night at St. James with drive thru pick up from 4-6pm.. Adult dinners include Pulled Pork Sandwich, Beans, Cheesy Potatoes, Applesauce, BBQ Sauce for \$10. Kids meals are \$3 for Corn Dog, Cheesy Potatoes, Applesauce & Capri Sun. Pre-order by Tuesday, October 6. Call 330-866-9449 to order. We promise the food is great and you'll get hearty portions.

#### **COBRA Self Defense System**

We are pleased to introduce Wayne Burley, certified COBRA instructor. Mr. Burley is teaching the COBRA Self-Defense System as part of our Physical Education program to our children in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. COBRA is an internationally known program that teaches self defense for real world situations. The program was created by experts in law enforcement, martial arts, and close quarter combat instructors. The program was designed for the sole purpose of teaching personal safety and self-defense.

Pictured with Mr. Burley is kindergartener, Bailey Peters, practicing her newly acquired self-defense moves. Mr. Burley is the owner and instructor of COBRA Self Defense school, located in Waynesburg. He offers classes for children, youth, and adults. Call 330-204-5661 for more info.



### PHOTO GALLERY

#### Great learning and good fun!



Kindergarten boys enjoy a mask break while showing off their climbing skills.

Sr. Clara takes religion class outside where first graders show they are experts at social distancing.





Leslie Michel, Kindergarten Aide, was the center of attention when she brought Spike to school!



Fourth graders mask up to learn about sedimentary rocks in Science class with Mrs. Merrill.



Miss Brownsword's fifth and sixth graders took art outside, where they learned the technique of Pour Painting.



Second and third graders use their personal chromebooks to practice using Google classroom and hone their Math skills playing math games.

If you have to wear a mask, it might as well be fun!





Pre-school was thrilled with the play equipment donated by the Blemler family.



Sitting on the floor is a great place for storytelling in first grade.

Kindergarten enjoyed art into the pavilion where they practiced cutting and gluing to decorate their pumpkins.



Taking care of their "pet" spider was all the rage in pre-school. They even fed it strawberries and cookies from their "kitchen".



