

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012

Catholic Schools Week takes place Sunday, January 29, through Saturday, February 4. This is an annual week of recognition sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association. This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service."

Catholic Schools Week provides an opportunity for St. James Catholic School to celebrate our mission and make it more visible in the community. Special events help us achieve this goal. The following events have been planned for this special week.

Sun., Jan. 29

- Children's Mass, 10:30 AM

Mon., Jan. 30

- C.A.P. Day: Care About People: Bring \$1 for charity or 2 canned food items and wear a cap or hat all day

Tue., Jan. 31

- Wear your St. James Spirit shirts!
- **Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30-6:00 pm**
- **Silent Auction, 4:30-6:30 and 7:30-8:00**
- **Family Talent Show, 6:30**
- Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers
- School tours available

Wed., Feb. 1

- School Mass at 9:20 a.m.

Thur., Feb. 2

- "Salad Dressing" Day
- Continue grade level Service Projects

Fri., Feb. 3

- **Sports or Team Jersey day** - Bring a canned food item and wear a sports jersey, non-uniform day.
- **Skating Party**, Heritage Ctr. 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

Our School Carnival will be scheduled later in the Spring on Friday March 16th!



PLAN AHEAD

Catholic Schools Week Jan. 29-Feb. 4

Diocesan Spelling Bee
Queen of Peace School
in Cloquet
Jan. 30th at 12:30 pm

Feb. 20-24 Winter Break

February 29th, 5:00 PM
Middle School
Information Night

March 6th, 10:00 AM
KINDERGARTEN
ROUND-UP &
Preschool Open House

March 9
End of Trimester 2

March 16
School Carnival

Apr. 6-13
Easter Break

Apr. 25-May 4
NWEA testing

FUNDRAISING and FELLOWSHIP Events - Catholic Schools Week

Silent Auction

Tuesday, January 31st
4:30-6:30 and 7:30-8:00 p.m.
(closed during the Talent Show)

Can you help donate an item for the Silent Auction? Some ideas are: hand-made items (quilts, sweaters, mittens, woodwork, paintings, ceramics, crafts, etc), items or services donated from your place of employment, gift certificates to area restaurants or stores, services, new products. **Please call the school office or drop by to obtain a donation form.**

Remember that 100% of the money earned from your donation is credited to your fundraising requirement.

CHAIR: Heather Emmel

Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, January 31st
4:30-6:00 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the spaghetti dinner on Tuesday evening of Catholic Schools Week. If you and/or your middle school child can help, **please contact the school office.**

- Help with setting tables, and/or prep in kitchen during the afternoon
- Serve and bus tables
- Tear down tables, clean up (10-12 people needed after dinner)
- Send a dessert (bars or cookies) on Tuesday, January 31st. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**CHAIRS: Amy Johnson,
Amanda and Jared Mann**



Box Tops for Education



**Our profit from General Mills Boxtops for Education so far this year is:
\$911.50 !**

St. James School received a check for that amount on January 3, 2012.

This is the total from all Box Tops submitted by November 1, 2011, plus about \$30 in bonus points awarded through the program.

We are eligible for another check in April. Christi Lemker is our chairperson for the BoxTops program.

Thank you to everyone and please keep clipping and sending in those boxtops!

DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE CONTESTANTS!!

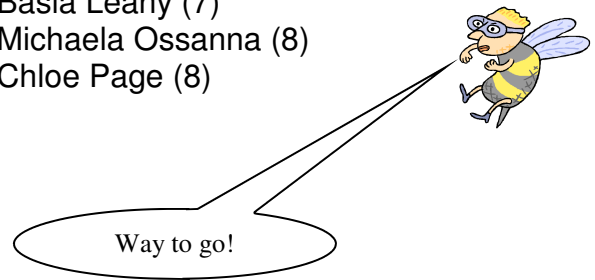
The following students won the school-wide spelling bee and will move on to the Diocesan Spelling Bee on **January 30th, at 12:00 noon, at Queen of Peace in Cloquet.** [We will have those results printed in the March issue.]

Division II (grades 3 & 4)

Stella LaTour (4)
Allyson Cook (4)

Division I (grades 5-8)

Violet Wennberg (8)
Basia Leahy (7)
Michaela Ossanna (8)
Chloe Page (8)



✠ Lenten Season Begins ✠



Lent in 2012 will start on Wednesday, the **22nd of February** and will continue for 46 days until Saturday, the **7th of April.**

Lent begins this year on February 22nd, Ash Wednesday. On that day, we begin a season of doing special forms of charity (almsgiving); of being more conscientious about prayer; and of fasting. During Lent, our relationship with Jesus grows stronger as we prepare to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of the Lord.

We don't often think about preparing for Lent, yet, preparing for something is one way to ensure that we get the most out of it. Talk with your child about the season of Lent and the things you might do as a family during Lent. We talk about these things in class as well. Perhaps on Ash Wednesday Eve, you could gather as a family and read the Gospel that will be proclaimed at Mass the next day: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18. You will hear Jesus teaching about almsgiving, praying, and fasting. Then, throughout Lent, share moments of generosity, prayer, and fasting with your child.

Together, we can help your child have a meaningful Lent.

** TELL YOUR FRIENDS **



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING is recommended at age 3 years.

If you have a child who will enroll in kindergarten next fall who has not been screened, please call to schedule an appointment.

The Duluth Public Schools offers **free** screenings throughout the school year at the Barnes Early Childhood Center.

Call 336-8816



We wish to express our gratitude to Minnesota Power for their kind and very helpful donation of \$250 to support the St. James School 5th grade trip to the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. The trip is scheduled for March 7-9, 2012.

COVER CONTEST!

Calling all St. James students! We would like the **2012 Yearbook** cover to feature an original design by one of our students. You are invited to submit a color design on 8.5 X 11 inch paper. The design should reflect what makes St. James Catholic School special. For example, consider your favorite part of the school day and draw a picture of it.

Details

- Entries accepted Feb. 6-17, 2012.
- Medium may include marker, crayon, colored pencil, pen.
- Do not include any text. The title will be added electronically.
- Include signature in lower right corner.
- 8.5 X 11 paper, portrait layout



Trash or Cash?

Please continue to send in any glossy paper (flyers/magazines) or white computer paper. You can drop it off at school anytime in the gathering space entry-way or send it to school with your child.

Box Tops, Kemps milk lids, shiny paper, and aluminum cans might look like *trash*, but they're *cash* for our school! Each Box Top is a dime; each milk lid a nickel; each pound of aluminum is currently worth about 60 cents (hopefully on the increase). Last school year we earned over \$3,000 with these "trash" items.

Please note: When you donate aluminum cans, it helps Mr. Pfister if you do the following: put cans in plastic bags, crush the cans before bagging them, and include only aluminum cans.

What else? Campbell's Soup labels earn points we use to purchase Phy Ed equipment.



Kindergarten Roundup and Preschool Open House

Join us for Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, March 6th at 10 a.m. Please invite relatives and friends! Our pre-school Open House will also be held on Tuesday, March 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

REGISTER NOW FOR NEXT YEAR

We are currently registering new students in all grades for 2012-2013.

Spread the Good News about St. James Catholic School!

If you know of an interested family, please call the school office for an information packet. Please inform interested families that a school tour can be scheduled at any time.

Share in the advantages of St. James School...

St. James Catholic School provides a high quality education for students in pre-school through 8th grade.

We offer:

- Faith and knowledge together, with strong academics through small class sizes.
- Individualized attention from caring, experienced, and quality staff, in a safe and nurturing environment.
- Strong Catholic traditions which provide a solid moral foundation for students.
- A variety of service projects that help increase understanding, empathy, and stewardship.
- Excellent educational programs, which are reflected in our high standardized test scores.
- Parent and family involvement that's encouraged at all levels.
- Outstanding music and arts opportunities.
- Outdoor learning component in the primary grades.
- In-school lessons for piano and band instruments.
- A strong technology experience through hands-on opportunities in our computer lab, in each classroom, and using a Smart Board.
- Quality before- and after-school care by licensed teachers through our latchkey program.
- Full-day preschool programs which are very popular for families with children ages 3, 4, and 5.
- A tuition assistance program that allows every child to attend St. James regardless of financial ability.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

FROM THE DESKS OF THE



Specialists

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, Mr. Timothy Rand

- **Middle School Information Night** is scheduled for 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wed. February 29th! New and current St. James families with students in grades 4 through 7 are encouraged to attend.
- **Life Skills classes** take place during the spring trimester. If you can help with any of the following classes, please contact the school office. **We need additional adult helpers:**
 - 6th: First Aid/CPR
 - 7th: Cooking, Sewing
 - 8th: Woodshop

The physical education classes at St. James are enjoying getting in some valuable conditioning to develop cardiovascular fitness. Making sure students are active in phy ed is extremely important today. By developing cardiovascular fitness it helps young people to develop stamina and improve body composition. One of the most important aspect of fitness is cardiovascular health.



Games like tag, capture the cones, fitness dodge ball, and floor hockey keep the students moving and elevates heart rate, which strengthens the heart and burns chloolesterol. It is recommended that young people get about 60 minutes of physical activity a day. Any type of game that keeps young people moving will be considered valuable and healthy. Fitness is so important these days due to the lifestyle habits of people today.

Music Notes

MUSIC TEACHERS: Sister Dorene King and Mrs. Jenna Mattson

Music in the month of January began with all classes in Preschool through 5th grade working on their songs for the Spring program in May! The Spring program theme celebrates the Holy Spirit.

—The Preschool through 5th grade celebrated, in a diversity of ways, the anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The Preschool/ Kindergarten classes had a lesson in listening to variations in pitch from low to medium to high sounds which was given by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (a wolf puppet). The first grade class became familiar with Wolfgang's variations on the tune, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." The second and third grade classes heard a story about Wolfgang and his sister, Maria, accompanied by a recording of one of Mozart's "Piano Sonatas." The fourth and fifth grade students focused their attention on Wolfgang's opera, "The Magic Flute."



Middle school music students have recently completed 16-measure pieces with chords and melodies. Ask your student to play them for you on Noteflight.com! We will be adding to these pieces as we learn about more complex harmonies and key signatures. We will also be turn our attention to more advanced rhythms, new time signatures, and students will be independently researching composers this unit as well! Soon, we will begin rehearsing for our Spring Concert.

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US:

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The ARTIST'S PALLET—Art News!

Students in grades 4 through 8 have been working with Shannon Cousino from the Duluth Art Institute to create clay bowls for the Empty Bowl fundraiser hosted by the Second Harvest Food Shelf. It is a great opportunity to help fundraise while also connecting to the monthly community service learning projects middle school students already do at the Second Harvest Food Shelf.

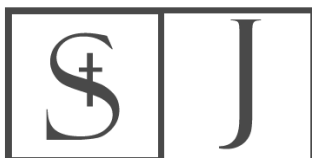
Mrs. Lindquist and Ms. Ierino are coordinating this effort.

Tea for Two—for Mothers and Daughters

Essentia Health / St. Mary's Medical Center of Duluth, is sponsoring a program for mothers and daughters on Sunday, February 26, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The program is designed for pre-teen girls ages 9-11 and their mothers to help strengthen the mother/daughter relationship during this time of change. There will be a short presentation. Fancy treats, tea and punch will be served, with time to create a keepsake craft together.

The cost is \$20 with a registration deadline of February 21st.

For more information or to register, call: 218-786-2378 or 1-800-842-0279



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