

## 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

### School Resumes

Tuesday Jan. 3rd

### Martin Luther King Day

School NOT in session  
Jan. 16

### Jan. 17th

Home & School Assoc.  
Meeting, 6:30 pm

### Jan 17-27

**NWEA testing**

### Jan. 20

Staff Day- School NOT in session for students

### Early Release

Jan. 27th

### 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**

### March 6th, 10:00 AM

**KINDERGARTEN  
ROUND-UP**

### 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**

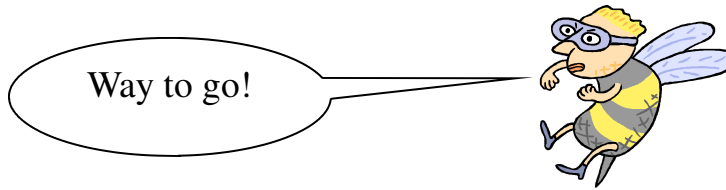




# St. James School Spelling Bee



Congratulations to the winners of our St. James School Spelling Bee on Tuesday December 20th.  
Thank you to all students who participated!



Division I – grades 5-8  
1<sup>st</sup> - Violet Wennberg  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Basia Leahy  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Michaela Ossanna  
4<sup>th</sup> - Chloe Page

Division II – grades 3-4  
1<sup>st</sup> - Stella LaTour  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Allyson Cook

All six students are eligible to participate in the diocesan bee in January.

The Diocesan Spelling Bee will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday January 30, 2012  
at Queen of Peace School in Cloquet.

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## Glossy and White Paper Recycling Collection

So far, we have earned \$200 from the first dumpster load of "shiny" paper. The second load was just picked up and it appeared to have been an even larger amount of paper.

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 entryway or send it to school with your child.

## February Pasty Sale

**Pasty Sale**

**St. James Parish/School Pasties!**  
**DON'T MISS OUT!!**  
**3500 maximum limit to be made.**  
**So place your orders early!**  
**Orders taken through**  
**Monday, February 6th or until the**  
**limit is reached.**

**Just make a CALL:**  
**Parish Office at 624-0125**  
**School Office at 624-1511**  
**715 N. 57th Avenue West**  
**Duluth, MN 55807**  
**DATE: February 10th & 11th**

### Catholic Schools Week - Planning Ahead

#### Silent Auction Theme Baskets

#### Can you help with a donation? ...

- Pre - Fishing (w/ 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- K - Car Care
- 1 - Arts and Crafts
- 2 - Baby items
- 3 - Snow Day items
- 4 - Fishing
- 5 - Baking items
- Middle School - BBQ and Outdoors/Camping

#### Feb 2nd "Salad Dressing Day" guidelines

Students may choose, with parent guidance, whatever type of dressing they want to dress up to be. All of these ideas can be used with or without their uniforms as a base. Adherence to school modesty guidelines is still required.

Thousand Island (Caribbean/Hawaiian)

House (School colors)

Ranch (Cowboy)

Italian – (Italian soccer jersey, Venetian gondolier striped shirt, etc.)

Caesar (Togas and sandals)

Green Goddess

French (Berets, fashionable accessories, etc...)

Blue Cheese



## Catholic Schools

### Catholic Schools Week grade level service projects:

- Preschool and Kindergarten- partners with Grade 2
- 1- Cheer-up Cards for St. James parish shut-ins
- 2- Placemats for St. Eligius residents (with help from Pre, K, and 6-7-8)
- 3 / 4- Meals on Wheels Valentine cards
- 5- Pennies for Patients
- 6-7-8- Display for Silent Auction/Spaghetti Dinner showing the Middle School Friday Service Projects. (and help make placemats for St. Eligius residents)

### **\*\* TELL YOUR FRIENDS \*\***



## EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

**is recommended at age 3 years.**

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**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**

## 2011 – 2012 ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION



As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act - AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The St. James School has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the school shall continue to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, St. James School was inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared, and the state approved, a comprehensive management plan for safely and responsibly handling the asbestos located within its building.

Furthermore, St. James School has completed their 3-Year Re-inspection required by AHERA. Our school building, where asbestos-containing materials were found, is currently under Operations and Maintenance.

This past year St. James School conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

*\*Continued our Operations and Maintenance Program*

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") of each area containing asbestos to be conducted every six months. In addition, the law

requires all buildings to be re-inspected every three years. MacNeil Environmental, Inc will accomplish this under contract.

Short-term workers (outside contractors - i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos that they might come into contact with. All short-term workers shall contact the district's Designated Person, Bob Pfister, before beginning work in the building.

St. James School has a list of the location(s) and type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in the school building and a description and time-table for their proper management. Questions related to the plan should be directed to St. James School at 218-624-1511.

### 2011 -2012 INDOOR AIR QUALITY NOTICE

St. James School is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable and productive environment for our students and staff so that we can achieve our core mission – educating students. Our school will follow the EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone in our school, because each of us daily makes decisions and performs activities that affect the quality of the air we breathe.

School staff, students and parents can obtain checklists or self-help information so they can properly evaluate their child's home or other out of school situation by contacting the school. Staff and parents can also obtain information

about school facility construction, maintenance and house-keeping practices, chemicals used, mold, chemical producing academic subjects, and pesticide and herbicide applications to determine the extent to which school activities contribute to a child's symptoms by contacting the school. St. James School's Indoor Air Quality contact person is Bob Pfister. If there are any questions regarding the school's IAQ Program, please feel free to call the school at 218-624-1511.



### Trash or Cash?

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 50 cents. Last school year we earned over \$3,000 from milk lids and over \$600 from aluminum cans by returning or recycling these "trash" items.

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

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



### MN Power Grant supports 5th Grade Trip to Wolf Ridge

We wish to express our gratitude to Minnesota Power for their grant of \$250 to support the St. James 5th Grade class trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, which is scheduled for March 2012.



Holy Rosary School  
St. James Catholic School  
St. John's School  
St. Michael's Lakeside School  
St. Rose School

## **Progress Report: December 2011**

We are settling in for winter after a long and beautiful fall. Students are busy practicing Christmas songs that reflect the true meaning of the season—Christ—one of the reasons families choose our Catholic schools. Concerts abound in December, and a full list of dates and times can be found on our website at [www.duluthcatholicschools.org](http://www.duluthcatholicschools.org).

A video crew was in action at the Pastoral Center November 2, capturing students singing and sharing their thoughts about attending Catholic schools. Duluth Area Catholic School Board Chair Fr. Jim Bissonette, principals, parents, and alumni also voiced their feelings about Catholic school benefits. This video soon will be available on our website and will be used to spread the good news about what we offer.

School staff members are looking forward to a special in-service, called "Imagine," which will be held January 20 from 8:00-11:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church. Sr. Lisa Maurer, OSB, will lead staff in a time of reflection and rejuvenation of our Catholic faith. What a great way to prepare for the start of the second semester!

Progress is being made on first year objectives of our School System's strategic plan. The development committee is preparing a new case statement to educate people about the mission of Catholic schools and the responsibility we share to educate children in the faith. It outlines our values and vision for the next five years. The committee also is developing potential funding streams for Duluth Area Catholic Schools, including a major annual event and a permanent endowment. These efforts will complement ongoing support from area parishes and help keep our schools viable and affordable.

Another priority discussion is how to best configure our schools to meet the modern needs of families. A commission has drafted tools to help assess the health and viability of individual campuses and to gather input on how our School System should look in the future. The board is revising these tools prior to the February meeting.

Also in February, watch *The Northern Cross* for a 4-page Catholic Schools Week insert. It will feature alumni profiles, plus photos and articles showcasing Catholic schools in the Diocese of Duluth. Check out our new School System website and follow links to customized websites for individual schools. These coordinated sites provide valuable calendars and information for parents and prospective families.

The next regular school board meeting is February 2, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. Visitors are welcome to attend.

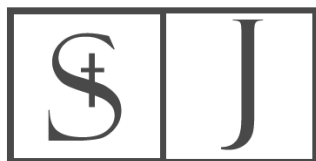
## MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

- **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**

### FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US:

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## Specialists

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, Mr. Timothy Rand

The physical education classes at St. James Catholic School have been enjoying exercise and skill development using a variety of games and activities. As we continue the school year I hope to continue having the students develop wellness and physical development through exercise and activity. Being that I only get to meet with the students twice a week for 45 minutes, I try to reduce formal instruction time and keep the students moving to burn calories and develop health related and skill related fitness. I also emphasize social aspects in physical education, like how to be good sports and that you get what you put into exercise and activity. Little life lessons help to develop character and a strong work ethic. I have really enjoyed my time at St. James and look forward to continuing to serve our school. Have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to working with you in 2012.



### Music Notes

#### MUSIC TEACHERS: Sister Dorene King and Mrs. Jenna Mattson

-Thank you students, families, and friends for helping to make "Christmas Star", the Christmas program, a truly memorable and meaningful night.  
-Thank you Bob Pfister for providing the dark blue sheet which served as the night sky (a background for the star) and for constructing a pole to hang it upon.  
-Thank you to Hayden Mann's dad for creating the manger and to Hayden for the use of his doll.  
-We will begin including instruction with the recorder, a flute-like instrument, as part of the music curriculum in January. This will be for grades 3rd through 5th grade. The 4th and 5th grades will begin recorder lessons on Wednesday, January 4. The 3rd grade will begin recorder lessons on Tuesday, January 10. If your child is in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, please purchase a good plastic recorder (a music store would probably be the best place to purchase one). We have a few plastic recorders on hand.  
Sister Dorene King



Thank you to students and families for making our Christmas Concert a success. What a joyful addition to the Christmas season! Coming in January, middle schoolers will be composing music on the computer and researching their composers. We will discuss chords and harmony, melodic structure, and the process of composing!  
Mrs. Mattson

From both of us: May you be blessed with a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

### Art Fair!

Don't forget the Annual Art Fair during Catholic Schools Week. Students and staff may submit artwork of all types. This may be artwork created at home or during art class at school. Please make sure each item is submitted with the artist's name and grade. All artwork will be displayed in the main hall during Catholic Schools Week, January 30-February 3. Don't forget to check it out!

### A Message from Mr. Van Loh

Thank you to everyone for the many gracious Christmas wishes and for the wonderful gifts and treats shared! Best wishes to all!  
As we begin the year 2012 at St. James, we pray for peace in our world, and in the hearts of all people. May we carry the Christmas message of love and hope throughout the new year and continue to work toward our school mission:

*To develop the full potential of all students and prepare them for their God-ordained purpose in the mission of Christ.*