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## Jimmy's Journal June 2010



JUNE 2010

### PLAN AHEAD

JUNE 14-17 & 21-24  
TITLE I READING CAMP

JULY 19-23  
VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL  
9-NOON

JULY 19-23  
FUN & FITNESS CAMP  
1:00-4:00

AUG. 16, 4-7:00 PM  
UNIFORM SALE AT  
HOLY ROSARY

AUG 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19  
TITLE I TUTORING  
&  
PAID TUTORING

SEPT 14th  
First Home & School Meet-  
ing at 6:30 p.m.

**3rd Annual Fruit, Flower  
and Vegetable Show**  
Care for your plants during  
the summer and bring  
them to the show!  
Details to follow...

### PLAN WAY AHEAD

1st Day of School  
Tue, Sept. 7  
For grades 1-8

Kindergarten begins  
Wed. Sept. 8

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Welcome Back  
Night will be  
scheduled the week  
before Labor Day.  
Wed. Sept 1st

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

St. James School is accredited through the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA). A major requirement of accreditation is to keep an updated Strategic Plan with goals targeted for each school year. A copy of the complete plan can be obtained through the school office. Below is a list of goals accomplished this past school year.

#### Goals Accomplished This Year

- Developed clear procedures for putting school news in St. Lawrence and Holy Family church bulletins.
- Teachers compiled a list of examples describing how our faith is integrated into the various subjects across the curriculum.
- Analyzed standardized test results to make adjustments to classroom instruction.
- Conducted a Self-Study generating strengths and challenges with input from staff, parents, and parishioners.
- Update list of possible clubs/activities.
- Appeal to parents and parishioners to provide volunteer leadership for middle school activities.

- Identified two parents who are researching grant opportunities to provide funding sources for extra-curricular programs.

Every seven years, accredited schools are required to undergo the re-accreditation process. This involves development of a comprehensive Self Study (a year-long process) and an onsite accreditation team visit.

- ⇒ **2009-10:** St. James has worked through the Self Study process. The Self Study report and a new Strategic Plan will be developed through the participation of all stakeholders under the direction of the school administration.
- ⇒ **2010-11:** St. James is scheduled for an onsite accreditation visit in April 2011. Our accrediting association (MNSAA) will send a trained team to visit our school, authenticate our Self Study and evaluate our Strategic Plan.



### AWARDS & RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

Thursday, June 10  
10:00 AM



Most award notifications have been sent home. Notification for Honor and Merit Roll are being sent home after final grades have been determined.

**Please join us for the program.**

### JOIN THE BAND!

Band is offered to students beginning in 3rd grade. Students will receive a 20 minute small group lesson and a 50 minute band rehearsal each week. The students will perform in at least two concerts throughout the year. The cost is \$29 per month for the first child in each family and \$15 for a second child from the same family, an additional child is free.

If you would like to join the band or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Osborne at 879-7235.



## WISH LISTS for Classroom Needs

### Middle school:

Mrs. Uremovich needs book shelves.

Ms. Powers needs:

- a bookshelf painted white approximately three feet tall (so it fits under the ledge of classroom white boards)
- any middle school appropriate books that people would like to donate (examples: Harry Potter or books by Jerry Spinelli / Gary Paulson / Sharon Creech / JRR Tolkien / C.S. Lewis, etc.)
- art supplies people are willing to donate for in class projects (examples: markers, crayons, paint sets, paint brushes, glue, scissors, etc.)
- Middle School [Spanish posters](#)
- Poster board for students' projects

## Introducing Our Incoming Home & School Association Officers

### Chair, Chuck Frederick

Chuck has been a St. James parent for ten years. His oldest daughter, Claire, graduated from 8th grade last year, and his daughter, Charleigh, will be in 4th grade next year. His youngest, Reggie, is looking forward to kindergarten in a few years. Chuck is a member of St. James Parish.

### Vice Chair, Heather Emmel

Heather wears several hats at St. James. She is the mother of two students. Ben will be in 5th grade next year and Elizabeth will be in 3rd grade. Heather has been the Home & School secretary for two years. Among other volunteer duties, she coordinated the Silent Auction during Catholic Schools Week. Heather is a member of St. Lawrence Parish.

### Secretary, Kirstina Johnson

Kirstina is the mother of Victoria, who has been in 1st grade this year. Kirstina has attended most of our Home and School Association meetings during the year and is looking forward to her new role as secretary. Kirstina is a member of St. Joseph's Parish.

## SUMMER GETAWAYS

With summer fast approaching, you are probably planning your summer activities. Why not check out some of these great getaways?

**Camp Survive** is a wonderful choice for St. James middle school students to attend this summer. Camp Survive is a Catholic faith formation camp for grades 6-8. If you are interested in Camp Survive for your child, contact the school office or visit the web-link below.

<http://www.dioceseduluth.org/index.php?PageID=91>

### **Camp Gray, Lake Delton, WI**

A Catholic summer camp dedicated to bringing faith, friends, and fun to youth and forming the future leaders of our church. It is a ministry of the Diocese of Madison. Come discover the Spirit at Camp Gray!

<http://www.campgray.com/>

### **Catholic Land**

To promote and provide Catholics with a place of recreation and refecton, re-

### **CATHOLIC IDENTITY COMMITTEE**

treat and reunion. We have Catholic Family Weekends, Summer camps and group (youth / adult) retreats.

<http://www.catholicland.com>

### **Catholic Pilgrimages**

Since 1985, we have worked diligently with over 250,000 pilgrimages to many Shrines around the globe. From your initial inquiries until your return, we work on materializing your pilgrimage. Upon arrival at your destination, professional guides accompany you each step of the way. Our faith, dedication, and expertise in Catholic Pilgrimages enables us to offer you the spiritual journey of a lifetime.

<http://www.206tours.com>

### **National Shrine of St. Therese, Darien, IL**

Devotees of St. Thérèse come from many different parts of the world to visit the beautiful National Shrine of St. Thérèse. Pilgrimages to the Shrine are available Monday through Friday.

<http://www.saint-therese.org/>

### **Holy Hill - Hubertus, WI**

Holy Hill is located in southeast Wisconsin, on the highest elevation in that part of the state. Situated on 435 acres of rural countryside, it provides the visitor with the opportunity for spiritual enrichment. We often hear visitors remark about the peace, beauty and serenity they find at Holy Hill.

<http://www.holyhill.com/>

### **Grasshopper Chapel, Cold Spring, MN**

Each year, thousands of people revel in the tranquility, beauty and mystic that surrounds the grounds. Overlooking the city, the chapel is nestled among the towering trees. The history of Assumption Chapel is legendary. It is the story of townspeople gathering together in efforts to rid the area of grasshoppers which were destroying farmers valuable crops.

<http://www.roadsideamerica.com/tip/6876>

## Help Us Plan Ahead

We have already begun planning for the next school year, and you can help. If your child will not be attending St. James School next year, please let us know as soon as possible. Even if you aren't sure, please let us know that it's a possibility. We have been receiving calls and visits from prospective parents, and it is very important that we know how many spots are available in each class. We are also ordering textbooks and materials for next year, so it is very helpful to know what our class sizes will be. PLEASE INFORM US OF YOUR CHILD'S PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -- Send a note or call the school office. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

## ☑ END-OF-THE-YEAR CHECKLIST ☑

- Make sure your child has returned all school library and text books.
- Inform school of child's plans for next year.
- Sign up for Vacation Bible School and/or Sports & Fitness Camp.
- Send uniform items to the Uniform Closet.
- Have fun* with your kids this summer!
- Don't forget to PRAY!!!

**IMPORTANT: When shopping for school uniforms , please remember that white shirts need to have collars, and all pants must be uniform style — no outside pockets, corduroy or flares. Micro-fleece vests, pullovers, and cardigans are available through Donald's Uniform Store.**

## ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL FUN DAY

Thursday, June 10, 1:00-2:45



### Helpers Needed!

If you would like to help out with games or treats, please contact Bonnie Bosiacki or the school office.

## APPLY NOW FOR NEXT YEAR

If you would like to apply for **free or reduced price lunch** and **tuition assistance**, application forms are available in the school office. Families who received these services this past school year will be mailed an application. If you do not receive your form, please contact the school office.

**\*\* Application forms are due by July 15.**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMES TO ST. JAMES K4J: Kids For Jesus!

You won't want to miss K4J Vacation Bible School coming to St. James on July 19-23, 9 am to Noon. Vacation Bible School is for all children ages 4 through entering 4th grade. Older students are welcome as helpers and skit performers. **We are also seeking adult volunteers.** Enrollment is limited to the first 50 who register.



Watch the church bulletin for registration information and further details on K4J (Kids for Jesus) Vacation Bible School. The program features fun activities to help learn more about our Catholic faith and the role of missionaries in the Church. **Registration forms are available in the office.**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

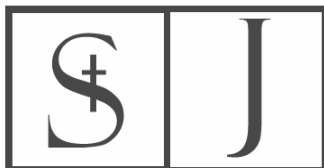
- Eighth graders took their class trip June 6-9.
- Camp Survive is a wonderful choice for St. James middle school students to attend this summer. Camp Survive is a Catholic faith formation camp for grades 6-8. If you are interested in Camp Survive for your child, contact the school office.
- Lauren Lemker earned Honorable Mention for her River Quest Essay (Top 7 of all private, charter, and public schools that participated in River Quest).
- The 6th grade Performance of their original production, "A Fashion Designer Goes Bad," was performed for the younger grades.
- The 7th/8th Science class and the 1st grade class collaborated on creating a Scale Solar System in the gym.

## FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US:

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## THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR AND LIST OF IMPORTANT



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# 2010-2011 TUITION AND FEES

## 1. TUITION

PRE-SCHOOL—5th Grade	CATHOLIC	NON-CATHOLIC
PRE-SCHOOL full-day (M-W-F)	\$2,475	\$2,775
PRE-SCHOOL full-day (Tue-Thu if sufficient enrollment)	\$1,650	\$1,850
KINDERGARTEN 3-day	\$1,750	\$2,050
KINDERGARTEN 5-day	\$2,750	\$3,350
ONE CHILD Gr 1 - 5	\$2,750	\$3,350
ONE CHILD + 1 3-day K	\$4,150	\$4,750
2 CHILDREN	\$4,950	\$5,550
2 CHILDREN +1K	\$5,912	\$6,512
3 CHILDREN	\$6,462	\$7,062
4 CHILDREN	\$7,287	\$7,887

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6, 7 and 8	1 student	2 students	3 students
Surcharge to above rates	\$315	\$525	\$625

**Tuition assistance** is available for needy families. Application should be made by August 1st. Available to those with incomes similar to those who qualify for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, tuition assistance will amount to approximately 20% of full billed tuition. Please contact the principal or pastor for application information.

**2. FUND-RAISING** (Grades K-8): The goal for next year will be \$43,000. With 100 families contributing \$430 each, the goal can be reached if all families contribute \$430 per family. The Fundraising Committee will publish the list of fundraisers in May. A family may provide \$430 in one of two ways:

- adding an additional \$430 to their overall Tuition support of the school,
- working the fundraisers to provide at least \$430 **profit** per family.

**3. VOLUNTEERING** (Grades K-8): you are invited to volunteer your time and talent to the school family to help out as requested. While there is no upward limit on how many hours you may volunteer, we require that each family volunteers at least 20 hours each year. No volunteer hours are required for a family with only Preschool children. Please help out where you can.

Volunteering best expresses our school's family spirit.

**4. ACTIVITY/MATERIAL FEE** A \$40 activity fee is charged per child, per year in grades K-8. This fee can be paid in two parts: \$20 in September and \$20 in January. The activity fee for preschool is \$20 per child, due in September. The fee goes is used to cover expenses for field trips, guest presenters, special art or science materials, classroom games, special instructional materials, etc. The activity fee is not for textbooks.

## SMART TUITION

If you haven't already completed, signed, and turned in your Smart Tuition registration form, please do so by June 15th.

If yours is misplaced, we have additional blank forms in the school office.

Thank you for your help in completing this!