



Newsletter #21

January 19, 2012

Server Schedule:

1-21-12 – 4:30 – Tom Marshall and William Barkofske
1-22-12 – 8:00 – Collin Cordia and Trevor Golick
1-22-12 – 10:30 – Audra Laird and Caroline Laird
Weekday: Kenny Poklis and Tyson Rios

Yard Duty Assignments 1-23 to 1-27-12

Monday: Julie Marshall and Tami Lemcke
Tuesday: Angie Lanemann and Tyann Finn
Wednesday: Michaela Cockrum and Wan Zi Yhou
Thursday: Ann Chulick and Cindy Vanden Heuvel
Friday: Julie Marshall and Maggie Mackie

Girl Scouts

Reminder: The Girl Scouts will be meeting on Monday, January 23rd from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. in the Fr. Flynn Room. Also, Saturday ins **GO DAY** for Girl Scout Cookie Sales, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Chulick and Mrs. Schork will be on the parking lot after school on Friday, January 20th to pass out the order forms to those girls who have turned in signed permission slips. Sales go through Sunday, February 5th. **GOOD LUCK, AND HAVE FUN SELLING!**

Dogtown Pizza Fundraiser

The Home and School Association is sponsoring a "Dogtown Pizza" fund-raiser. The forms will be sent home today with the oldest child. Your order forms must be turned in by Feb. 6th and the delivery date will be February 21st. Please do your best to support this fund-raiser. All money earned will go to the Home and School Association. The Home and School Association pays for busses on Cultural Day, and helps fund the many of the activities throughout the school year.

Yard Duty Workers

If you have taken the "Protecting God's Children" class, we could use a few more people for Yard Duty. Please call if you are available.

Arrival at School

School begins at 7:50. The children may arrive as early as 7:40 and line up in the school yard, or if the weather is bad the children assemble in the cafeteria. It has come to our attention that many students are entering through the front door. Please do not enter in the front door unless you are late.

Blood Drive:

BLOOD DRIVE

WILL YOU GIVE?

St. James the Greater School

Monday, January 23 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

School Cafeteria

For More Information, Contact the School Office at (314) 647-5244
or go online to www.bloodcenterimpact.org Use Sponsor Code: 9742

Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 11/28/11 Eat Before Donating • Hydrate • Bring Photo ID

www.bloodcenter.org



Mississippi Valley
REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

The 7th Grade is sponsoring this blood drive. Please try to stop by and donate. Supplies are very low following the holidays. Every donation has the potential of saving three lives. Please help if you can.

Catholic Schools Week:

Please see the attached flyers concerning Catholic Schools Week. We need volunteers for International Day (Friday) and you parents need to return the permission slip for "Take Your Child to Lunch Day" (also on Friday).

Math Club:

Does your child in grades 5-8 and need a challenge in Math? A new Math Club ("Monday Mathematicians") is being sponsored by St. James for students in upper grades who are functioning on level without resource help and are interested in or needing a challenge in Math. Sessions will be held on Mondays. Students may attend at 7:15 AM or 3-3:30 PM. The same topic will be covered in each session weekly, so if a student needs to change from morning to after school one week (or pm to am) they will not miss anything. Complete the form on the flyer that follows to register your child

This Week In Sports:

Friday 1/20

5:30 4th Grade Girls (St. Raphael) @ St. Raphael
7:00 4th Grade Boys (Putney) @ St. James

Sunday 1/22

2:30 3rd Grade Boys' Basketball @ St. James
3:30 4th Grade Boys' (Putney) @ St. James

Saturday 1/21

9:00 5th Grade Boys' Basketball @ St. James
10:00 3rd Grade Girls' Basketball @ St. Raphael
10:15 6th Grade Boys' Basketball @ St. James
11:30 6th Grade Girls' Basketball @ St. James
12:45 8th Grade Girls' Basketball @ St. James
12:00 4th Grade Boys' (Gibson) @ St. Ambrose
2:00 7th Grade Boys' Basketball @ St. Stephen
4:00 8th Grade Boys' Basketball @ St. @ Gabes

*This schedule is provided for your convenience and is subject to change

Thank You to everyone who has volunteered to help with the Little Guys Tournament. There are three games tonight, Friday night and we wrap it up Saturday night. Please come out and support our St. James the Greater Athletes.

StJYM - St. James The Greater Youth Ministry news:

Thanks to the generosity of the SLU alumni association, we were able to enjoy a nail biting nationally televised **Billiken basketball game** against Temple at Chaifetz arena on Jan 11th. This was the first sellout of the year for the Billikens who had a promising 11-1 start of the season. With a score of 62-61 with 2:14 to play, we were on the edge of our seats. Sadly, they lost 72-67 - but the excitement of the game was exhilarating!

Sat Feb 4, 4:30-5:30pm - Youth Mass. All 6th, 7th and 8th graders and high school students are invited to sit up front with us as a group and to participate in liturgical roles. Come make our presence known! *Please arrive early to assign liturgical roles - greeters, lector, ushers, gift bearers!!!*

Sun Feb 5 - Steubenville registration and \$50 deposit due!!! The Youth Catholic Conference is Jul 6-8, but registration opens 1st week of February and usually fills up immediately. So we HAVE to register then to ensure our participation. The registration form is available on our web page <http://www.stjamesthegreater.org/YouthMinistry.asp>. Open to all youth who will be in high school for the 2012-2013 school year. Total cost will be between \$235 - \$280 depending on the number of participants and transportation costs. Financial assistance is available on request. Final balance will be due April 23rd. See the archdiocesan site <http://stlyouth.org/steubenville> for event details.

Wed Feb 8, 7:30-8:30pm: PB&JB - please join us for our next Peanut Butter and Jelly Bible evening. We meet every second Wed of the month in the school meeting room (basement across from gym). We sing, play games, read and discuss scripture - and eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches! (or just peanut butter or just jelly we aim to please!)

Upcoming Retreats! Mark your calendars! **Jul 6-8, Steubenville** Catholic Youth (High School) Conference, Springfield, MO; **Jul 20-22, A Walk With Jesus Retreat**, Babler State Park, \$40;

~~ Our Mission : To share God's Love with teens through recreation, socialization, and spiritual enrichment. ~~

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and high school students are invited to participate in the Youth Ministry activities. On-line school calendar - <http://www.stjamesthegreater.org/calendar.asp>. Web page -

<http://www.stjamesthegreater.org/YouthMinistry.asp>. For more information contact Andrew Donovan, Youth Minister, StJamesTheGreaterYouthMinistry@yahoo.com, 314-952-0145

Reminder – Registration for 2012-13:

Registration for 2012-13 begins on January 29th. Next week, we will be sending home information about registration in an email that is separate from your newsletter. Please watch for it! Several forms have changed since last year, so you will need to pay close attention. Thank You!



Catholic Schools Week

January 29 – February 3, 2012

Sunday January 29th – Showcase St. James the Greater Day

- Family Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- All-You-Care-to-Eat Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- St. James School Open House – 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday – January 30th – Our Future's so Bright Day

- Students may wear hats & sunglasses with their school uniforms
- Bishop DuBourg Swing Dancers – 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday – January 31st – Teacher Appreciation/Wack-a-doodle Day

- Students may wear wacky, ill-matching outfits in lieu of school uniforms
 - no wigs, masks, face paint, or distracting accessories may be worn
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday – February 1st -- Support Your Team/A Skate in the Park Day

- Students may wear a sports jerseys with jeans or active wear
- Families are invited to a Skate Night for Southside Catholic Schools
 - Steinberg Ice Rink in Forest Park – 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - Fees = 1 canned good & \$7.00 per skater
 - Fees include: ice time, skates, and a cup of hot chocolate

Thursday – February 2nd -- Presentation of Our Lord Day

- Students must wear their school uniforms
- All-school Candle Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Friday – February 3rd – Student Appreciation/International Day

- Students may wear jeans and casual attire in lieu of school uniforms
- Feast of St. Blaise Service – 9:00 a.m.
- Father Johnson's Birthday
- Take-Your-Child-to-Lunch Event – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - The attached permission slip must be signed & returned to your child's homeroom teacher
- International Day Activities – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



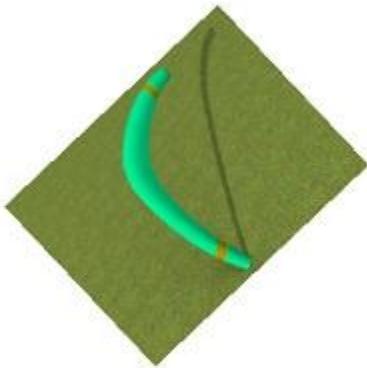
- ✓ **Please Note:** all clothing must be deemed school – appropriate & represent Catholic values.

International Day



Friday, February 3, 2012

1:00-2:45 pm



Celebrating

St. James the Greater Schools

Around the World



Each class will have a presentation about a country with a St. James school. There will be food or a craft from that country for all to share.

Join us after "Take Your Child to Lunch"- or even better- sign up to help.

Dear Parents,

International Day is February 3, 2012 from 1:00 to 2:45 pm for the Kindergarten through Eighth grades. The children will be able to visit different tables to learn more about different countries. Each table will have an activity or treat at it. This will follow "Take Your Child Out to Lunch". We are in need of many volunteers to help at the tables. The children like having their parents/grandparents volunteer. If you are unable to volunteer to work that day, we are need of people willing to get the materials for the event. The Home and School Association will be sponsoring the event.

Please fill out the bottom of this form to let us know how you will be helping.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
The International Day Committee

____ Yes, I would love to volunteer.

____ I am willing to get and organize materials needed for the event.

Signature _____

Student/Students' Name _____

Grade ____



Dear Parents,

Beginning January 29, 2012 we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme for the week will be “Catholic Schools; Faith, Academics and Service”. In appreciation of our children, we will be celebrating “Take Your Child Out to Lunch”.

On Friday, February 3rd, you will be able to take your child/children out to lunch. If you are unable to go, a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or an authorized adult may take your child/children for you. You may pick your child/children up beginning at 11:00. Your child/children **must** return to school by 1:00 p.m. The children will love going out to eat with you. Thank you for your cooperation.

My child/children, _____, _____, _____
will/will not be going out to lunch.

My child/children has/have my permission to go with _____

The approximate time my child/children will be leaving for lunch is _____.

Date

Parent’s Signature

St. James the Greater is proud to sponsor

a new

Math Club for students in Grades 5-8



Monday Mathematicians


When:

- Every Monday school is in session- Begins January 23, 2012
- Choose to attend at 7:15-7:45 AM - or - from 3:00-3:30 PM
- Sessions will cover a topic in the morning and repeat the same topic in the afternoon- students will attend only one session

Where:

- 7th Grade Classroom  (Computer room may also be used)

Who:

- Any 5th -8th grade  student with an interest in more complex Math
- Students who are functioning "On-level" without resource support who need challenging

What: Activities will include

- Real-Life Applications of Math Skills in Group-Work Settings
- Challenging Applications for everyday math concepts
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Sign up your child by completing the following and returning it to Mrs. Robben

My Child _____ has permission to attend Math Club on Monday

My child will most often attend: 7:15 - 7:45 AM or 3:00- 3:30 PM

_____. *Students can change times weekly if needed.* Parent Signature