



# Newsletter #1

August 17, 2018

## **Server Schedule:**

8-18-18 – Mikayla & Olivia Murphey

8-19-18 – Adult Volunteers

8-19-18 – Katie Hall and Hannah Williams

## **Yard Duty:**

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

## **Calendar**

### **August**

21 Back to School Open House 7p

30 Noon Dismissal/No Aftercare

31 Homecoming/No Classes

### **September**

01 Homecoming

03 Labor Day/No Classes

17-21 Standardized Testing

## **A Note from the Principal**

On a very rainy Wednesday this week we welcomed to St. James the Greater School 76 students in grades K-8 and 31 children into the PreK 3 and 4 programs.

Because the first day was also the Feast of the Assumption, our students attended the 8:15 liturgy-“thank you” to the parishioners in attendance at Mass who led the singing and served as lectors.

That same morning a large number of parents enjoyed coffee and donuts, courtesy of the Home and School Association. This annual event is always a good opportunity for new parents to be welcomed into the St. James the Greater School and Parish community.

If you haven't already done so please complete and return all of the forms that were contained in the brown envelopes that were made available for each family at the Ice Cream Social and the first day of classes. This material is extremely important for an efficient office operation.

The Palmer Music program parent meeting is scheduled for August 23, 6:30 p.m., in the Father Flynn room. Plan to attend if you would care to find out more about this instrumental music program for children.

Back to School Night is scheduled for August 21 at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Please enter through the double doors on Wade Avenue. Babysitting will be provided.

Finally, school families are reminded that no cars are allowed on the lower parking lot for drop-off and pick-up on days when school is in session. During periods of inclement weather park along Tamm Avenue and enter the school building through the main entrance.

Michael Biggs  
Principal

### **Weekly Prayer**

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the Universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Exercise upon me all Your rights. I renew my baptismal promises renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps. I promise to lead a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my poor actions in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred royalty and that thus the reign of Your peace may be established throughout the universe. Amen.

### **Recess/Lunchroom Monitor**

Recess/Lunchroom Monitor Duty this year will be from 11:50 until 12:30pm. Recess/Lunchroom Monitor involves assisting a teacher on the playground during recess, and also helping students in the cafeteria during lunch. **Recess/Lunchroom Monitoring is a great way to earn a \$5 tuition credit for every shift you work!**

Please visit Help Counter and sign up for a shift. Click on this link:

<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/13b69dfb224>

If you are interested in serving as a Recess/Lunchroom Monitor or as a Room Parent, or as a coach - you must attend a Protecting God's Children workshop. If you have already completed this workshop, you do not need to do it again. If you have not attended the workshop, however, you must do so before you will be allowed to serve in these positions.

For a complete listing of Protecting God's Children Workshop locations, follow this link:

[http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theOrgID=14498&theme=0](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=14498&theme=0)

Please remember that children are not allowed at the workshop. The material presented is not appropriate for children!! Please plan accordingly.

### **Free and Reduced Lunch Program**

St. James the Greater School will once again offer the Free & Reduced Lunch Program. If you participated last year, you are still part of the program until the end of September. You must reapply before the end of September to continue. All families are encouraged to visit the Free & Reduce Lunch Program information on the school's website. Please click here for the application link: [Hot Lunch Free or Reduced Application](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Michelle at [mkolf@stjamesthegreater.org](mailto:mkolf@stjamesthegreater.org)

### **Homecoming**

St. James the Greater Homecoming is scheduled for Friday August 31st - Saturday, September 1st.

It is a great event with Rides, Great Food, a Beer Garden, Live Entertainment, a Parade and lots of games and activities for the kids.

Volunteering Opportunities:

Planning and executing an event of this size takes a village! We are looking for volunteers who can help with set-up, clean-up and to assist with running Food and Game booths during the event. School families will be able to sign up for shifts using our HelpCounter online tool. We are working on getting it updated now and will let you know as soon as it becomes available. For Parishioners, we will be placing sign up sheets on the tables on each side of the church. If you leave your contact information we will contact you to assist you with signing up for shifts.

Live Entertainment:

Friday, August 31st at 6pm - Steve Ewing from the Urge.

Saturday, September 1st at 6pm - Presentations

Parade:

Saturday, September 1st starting at 10am thru Dogtown.

This year's theme is "Come Try Your Luck".

Parents of School kids: Teachers will be sending more information home once school starts on individual class details for parade.

Other ways to help:

We need Bottles!! We are now collecting bottles for the very popular Bottle Booth! You can drop off bottle donations in the back of church before and after mass. You may also drop off at the Rectory, M-F, 8am to 4:30pm.

Starting September 15th you can drop bottles off at the bench in the school lobby between 7:30am and 3:30pm on school days.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Johnson at (314)781-4838 or [peppermintpatt2778@att.net](mailto:peppermintpatt2778@att.net). All bottles should be new, full and unopened.

Examples of Bottle donations include (but not limited to): Soda, Gatorade, Ketchup, Mustard, Shampoo, Individual Size Candies, cookies or chips (please do not include anything that will melt in the heat), Bubbles or other fun kid activity related items individually packaged.

We will also need CAKES for our Cake Walk Booth. Drop off of these items will not start until the Monday prior to the event. Watch future communications for more details.

Raffle:

We will be doing a 50/50 raffle again this year. More information regarding raffle ticket sales will sent out soon.

Advance Ride Tickets:

We will begin the sale of Advance Ride tickets next week. More information will follow on date and times.

Sponsoring Opportunities:

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of our event, please contact Holly Huebner at [hollycasper20@hotmail.com](mailto:hollycasper20@hotmail.com) or Julie Poncet at 314/210-5208 or [jponcet@att.net](mailto:jponcet@att.net). We except sponsorship's from individuals, families, groups or companies.

More details to follow over the next several weeks. You can also find additional information on our Event's Facebook page. Details will be posted there as they are received.

Thank You!