



Newsletter #17

December 7, 2018

Server Schedule:

12-8-18 – Mary M. and Hannah W.

12-9-18 – HNS

12-9-18 – Teagan L. and Senan R.

Recess/Lunchroom Monitor Duty this year will be from 11:50 until 12:30pm. **Recess/Lunchroom Monitoring is a great way to earn a \$5 tuition credit for every shift you work!** Click on this link:

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Recess/Lunchroom Monitor Duty:

Monday: Janet McKemie and Lisa Donovan

Tuesday: Katie Weiss and Lisa Donovan

Wednesday: Lisa Donovan

Thursday: Laura McWilliams and Lisa Donovan

Friday: Oliver Moss and Lisa Donovan

Calendar

December

08 Christmas Concert/Feast of the Immaculate Conception

11 Senior Luncheon Following 9a Mass/Home and School Meeting

21 Noon Dismissal/End of 2nd Quarter/NO AFTERCARE

22 Christmas Break

January

03 Classes Resume

A Note from the Principal

Last evening our second graders received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This is an important step in preparation for their First Holy Communion and they were well prepared by their teacher, Ms. Kay Nicely, and their parents.

Earlier on this same day the remainder of our students also had an opportunity to receive the sacrament. Our entire school community is extremely proud of Mikayla Murphey, an eighth grader here at St. James the Greater School. She was one of three middle school finalists in the 2018 Archdiocesan Pro-Life Video Challenge.

Competition in the Challenge was intense, with this year's entries the most ever received.

Mikayla was honored with a certificate, letter of recognition and a gift card.

Saint Nicholas visited our students on December 6. Candy canes and good cheer were distributed to everyone.

The annual Christmas concert is this Saturday, December 8. Performances begin with our preschoolers at 12:00 noon, followed by grades K-8 at 1:15. Cookies and punch will be served during intermission.

Also, all of our school families are reminded about the activities scheduled for December 11. Beginning at 5:30 PreK through grade 1 families will have an opportunity to meet other families and enjoy some pizza.

At 7:00 p.m. that same evening the Home and School general meeting will feature Ms. Amy Maus as a guest speaker. Ms. Maus will discuss the many issues of today that create anxiety in school and home for parents and students alike.

Finally, on a sad note, the mother of Mrs. Carla Ruth, our PreK 3 teaching assistant, passed away this week. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep Carla and her family in your prayers.

Michael Biggs
Principal

Weekly Prayer

Blessings upon you,
upon those you love
and those you shall never know.

Blessings upon your steps
and upon the vision of your eyes.

Blessings upon your health,
and the descendants many
who fall from your branches
who are the fruits of your love.

Blessings upon you in all circumstances;
joy and sorrow,
for wisdom rests in them,
twin experiences with different faces.

Blessings be upon what lies before you,
the sun, mostly unseen
the challenges and decisions
the pain and the relief.

Blessings upon you, my dearest friend.

Mad Science

For grades KDG – 5th, Mad Science is scheduled to begin Thursday, February 7, and will continue on subsequent Thursdays until March 14. [Click here for the flyer:](#)

Christmas Performance

PreK Performance

The Pre K Christmas performance will be held on **Saturday, December 8 at 12 Noon in the gymnasium**. All are invited to attend.

K – 8 Performance

The Christmas Concert for grades K – 8 will be held on **Saturday, December 8, at 1:30 p.m.** All children are required to attend. The program will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. in the Gym. We should be finished no later than 2:30 p.m. The children's attendance will be used in determining their 2nd Quarter Music Grade. One grade will be given for participation in class and a second grade for their attendance at the concert on Saturday, December 8th. The dress code for the concert is dressy, but still comfortable and modest. Jeans are not allowed.

Pro-Life Video Challenge

Mikayla Murphey---an 8th grader at St. James--was a finalist in the 2018 Archdiocesan Pro-life Video Challenge. She was one of three middle-school finalists. Two of the other finalists were high school students, another finalist was a college student and the winner was a college student, which means the competition was fierce.

The judges said they got more submissions than they had ever gotten in previous years. Also, in previous years it was an essay contest. Videos are much harder to create and revise than essays, since the tone and message

is conveyed not just by text but also via transitions, music and images.

Mikayla received a certificate, a letter of recognition and a Quik Trip gift card (which she will probably spend on sodas or candy bars).





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Parent's Name: _____ Phone #s: (____) ____-____, (____) ____-____, (____) ____-____

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MAD SCIENCE PROGRAM POLICIES

- ★ If your child will be picked up after Mad Science, you must meet your child at the room location.
- ★ Failure to pick up a child within 30 minutes of dismissal time will result in a call to the Police Department, to assist in locating the child's parent or guardian.
- ★ For refund requests made prior to the start of the program, a \$10 processing fee will be deducted. Payments made directly to your child's school are subject to the school's refund policy.
- ★ No refunds will be issued once the program has begun.
- ★ All children are expected to maintain proper behavior while attending the program. If a child displays disruptive, disrespectful, or inappropriate behavior and repeated warnings by Mad Science fail to yield results, parents will be contacted. If the behavior continues, the child will be dismissed from the program and no refund will be given.
- ★ Space is limited. Registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis.
- ★ If a minimum number of students is not reached class will be cancelled, and a full refund will be given.
- ★ The nature of Mad Science programs allows for grades K-6 to participate in the same classroom with one instructor.
- ★ Mad Science's average class size is 12-20 students per one instructor.
- ★ A \$25 fee will be charged for checks that are returned unpaid.