



Newsletter #2

August 24, 2018

Server Schedule:

8-18-18 – Tessa C. and Mary M.

8-19-18 – Adult Volunteers

8-19-18 – Senan R. and Keegan D.

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>

Recess/Lunchroom Monitor Duty:

Monday: Tim Yohe

Tuesday: Anna Carrigan

Wednesday: Tim Yohe

Thursday: Noon Dismissal

Friday: No School

Calendar

August

26 All You Care to Eat Breakfast

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

Thanks to all of our school families who attended this week's Home and School meeting and "Back to School" night. Your interest and support of St. James the Greater School is the foundation of the future.

Also during this past week Spanish classes began. This program, now available to our K-8 students two times per week, is an educational opportunity that is only possible because of the parish's support of last year's auction and "Fund-A-Need".

Student accident insurance is available to any family in our school who may be interested. This coverage is offered through K&K Insurance Group, Inc., a company that has been dealing with student accident insurance for many years. The plans are underwritten by Nationwide Life Insurance Company, an A.M. Best A+ "Superior" rated carrier. To find more information about the program, access K&K's website at www.studentinsurance-kk.com. (Information on this website is now available.) Online enrollment is also available at this site. You can also obtain printed information through the school office.

The after school chess club is scheduled to begin September 17. If you participated in the past or just starting out consider joining this group.

School parents are reminded to sign and return to the school office the Parent-Student Handbook acknowledgment that was included in the students' first day envelopes. Please review at your earliest convenience the information that can be found in the Handbook (found on the school's website) prior to signing

and returning this form.

The annual parish Homecoming celebration is next weekend, with the school parade beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 1. Volunteers willing to help are always welcome.

Because of Homecoming classes will be dismissed at 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 30 and there is no school on Friday, August 31.

There is no After Care on August 30.

Michael Biggs
Principal

Weekly Prayer

O most holy angel of God, appointed by God to be my guardian, I give you thanks for all the benefits which you have ever bestowed on me in body and in soul. I praise and glorify you that you condescended to assist me with such patient fidelity, and to defend me against all the assaults of my enemies. Blessed be the hour in which you were assigned me for my guardian, my defender and my patron. In acknowledgement and return for all your loving ministries to me, I offer you the infinitely precious and noble heart of Jesus, and firmly purpose to obey you henceforward, and most faithfully to serve my God. Amen.

All You Care to Eat Breakfast

We will be having All You Care to Eat Breakfast this Sunday, August 26, from 9am until 11am in the school cafeteria. This month will be a "free will" offering. Come enjoy pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, eggs, fresh fruit and more! Come for the great food and enjoy visiting with friends and family. Proceeds go to St. James the Greater School.

Room Parents

Room Parents are needed specifically for 1st, 5th, and 7th grades. Please contact Morgan Landers at mdobson85@gmail.com for more information.

Aftercare

Aftercare is looking for DVD's or VHS tapes that are kid-friendly (g-rated). If you have any you are willing to donate, please drop them off in the school office.

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

HOMECOMING INFORMATION

Our annual Homecoming event is happening Friday, August 31st and Saturday, September 1st!

August 31st from 5pm - 10pm
September 1st from 11am – 10pm

Parade Details:

- The parade will be on Saturday, 9/1 at 10am.
- The theme this year is "Come try your luck at St. James the Greater".
- All Kids are invited to participate. Their teachers have been working with them on their class theme.

School Parents: You should have received instructions from your child's teacher(s) about any class specific details.

- If your child is participating in the parade, please be sure to have your child at school at 9:30 am on 9/1 dressed in their costume.
- There will be signs placed out in front for each grade. Please go to your grade sign and wait for

instructions.

- All 8th graders will meet at float, which will be in the parking lot. Parents who have agreed to walk with the float, please meet by the float, as well.
- **Traffic Guard Volunteers - We need volunteers!!** should also meet at the float at 9:30 so they can get there traffic sign and be deployed to designated locations.

We need YOU to Volunteer.

We still have a lot of shifts available to work.

For every 2 hour shift you work during the event, you will receive 1 drink ticket that will be good for the beverage of your choice from the beer booth or food booth.

The hours you work go toward your family hours.

If you have a high schooler that needs volunteer hours, you can contact us to get them signed up.

For Parishoners: we have sign up sheets on both sides of the church, please sign up there and someone will contact you to get you signed up.

For School Families: Please log into HelpCounter today and sign up for a few shifts.

You can sign up online at <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/13b69d2c283>

or contact Julie Poncet at jponcet@att.net.

If you need assistance with your login information, please contact Katie Ryan at kryan@stjamesthegreater.org.

We also need help with set-up and clean-up. Set-up and clean up shifts are now in HelpCounter.

Set Up Shifts:

Monday 8/27 6-8pm

Tuesday 8/28 6-8pm

Wednesday 8/29 6-8pm and 8-10pm

Thursday 8/30 Noon-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, 6-8pm, 8-10pm

Friday 8/31 10am -Noon, noon-2pm, 2-5pm

Clean-Up Shifts:

Sunday, 9/2 starting at 10am to possibly 4pm, depending on the number of helpers we have. This is a volunteer effort that usually DOES NOT get a lot of help, we normally only have a few people show up so it takes us a long time. **The more people who can come for a few hours in the morning, the better so please consider coming to help. Even if it is only for an hour or 2, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Please bring your tools to Set-up and Clean Up. We will be in need of screw guns, hammers, and other basic tools needed to assemble and disassemble the booths.

Of course, if you do not have any tools that's ok too...we will not turn down offers to work.

We also thought it would be nice to invite the 6th, 7th and 8th graders to assist us in setting up the tables and chairs on Friday, Sept. 1st or assist with clean up on Sunday, Sept 3rd. If your child can make it, please let us know.

Advance Ride Ticket Sale Dates:

- 8/27 – School Back Lot from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 8/28 – School Back Lot from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 8/29 – School Back Lot from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 8/30 – School Back Lot from Noon – 8:00 p.m.

Tickets during advance sale dates: Sheet of 24 for \$18.

The day of event they will be a sheet of 24 for \$24.

Rides take approx. 3-4 tickets per ride.

Bottles:

We are collecting bottles for the famous bottle booth again. You may drop off any donations of full, unopened plastic bottles at the school office Monday - Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm, the back of the church before and after Mass or at the Rectory during business hours.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Johnson at (314)781-4838 or peppermintpatt2778@att.net.

Cakes/Baked Goods:

Baked goods can be dropped off at the school office starting Monday, 8/27 thru Wednesday, 8/29 7:30am - 3:00pm and on Thursday 8/30 from 7:30am - noon. After noon on Thursday, they can be delivered behind the school thru Saturday at the Information Booth.

Raffle Ticket Sales:

- The raffle is a 50/50 drawing and will be held on Saturday, 9/1 at 10pm.
- You do not need to be present to win.
- School families should turn in any raffle sales by noon pick-up Thursday, August 30th.
- You can also turn them into the Information booth by 9pm on 9/1.
- They will be sold at \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00.
- You can also visit the St. James the Greater Annual Homecoming Facebook page to print out tickets as needed or you can obtain additional copies from the school office.
- **Please be sure to include your child's name on the raffle tickets you sell. After the 50/50 drawing we will hold a 2nd drawing and the student whose name is on the 2nd ticket drawn will be the winner of a Echo Dot (kids version).**

Thank you for all you do!

The 2018 Homecoming Committee

Home and School Trivia Night

Doors open at 6:30 Trivia starts at 7:00

\$25 per person/tables of 10

Includes beer, soda, & light snacks

Door prizes, 50/50, and raffle items

Proceeds benefit the Home & School Association which helps pay for activities such as Trunk or Treat, Father Daughter Dance, Mother Son Dodgeball, Teachers luncheon and much more.

Contact Katie Weiss 314-603-6311 katieweiss9@gmail.com or

Lindsey Navarro 314-422-0337 lindssmith85@yahoo.com to register.

Please click here for the flyer:

Great Forest Park Balloon Race

The Great Forest Park Balloon Race is looking for volunteers. Please click here for more information:

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

TRIVIA NIGHT

St. James the Greater Gym

1360 Tamm, 63139...Enter Doors on Wade

Doors open at 6:30 PM • Trivia starts at 7:00 PM

\$25 per person/Tables of 10

DOOR PRIZES

FUN!

RAFFLE ITEMS

Hosted by Home & School Association

50/50

BENEFITING

Faculty & Student Events
at St. James the Greater
School

For more information/register, contact:

Lindsey Navarro

314-422-0337

Lindsmith85@yahoo.com

Katie Weiss

314-603-6311

katieweiss9@gmail.com

Includes:
Beer, soda &
light snacks

Volunteers Needed!

The 46th annual Great Forest Park Balloon Race is Friday, September 14 and Saturday, September 15 on Art Hill in Forest Park. We rely a great deal on volunteers each year to help keep the race free to the public. This is a family event and the focus of our volunteers will be to provide a safe & fun experience for everyone involved. **The Great Forest Park Balloon Race is in need of more than 100 volunteers to help over the course of the weekend.**



Volunteer Benefits

- A commemorative GFPBR Volunteer event t-shirt *Large groups (15+) have option to include organization logo on T-shirt
- Non-profit organizations, schools, church groups with 15+ volunteers are eligible to receive a donation from GFPBR for volunteer hours
- Opportunity to enjoy the festivities and best views in the house during breaks and before/after shifts
- Food and beverage vouchers

Volunteer Duties

Rope Line Monitors - Volunteers are needed around the launch field to keep general public at a safe distance away from the balloons during portions of the event.

Set Up/ Operations: Traffic Control, Field Layout (signs, banners, etc)

Merchandise Sales - assist in the organization and sale of GFPBR merchandise

Date and Shift Times:

Friday, September 15 4:00 - 6:00 pm and 6:00 - 9:30pm (Balloon Glow)

Saturday, September 16 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Balloon Race)

Interested? Email Jessica.stegen@greatforestparkballoonrace.com

The Great Forest Park Balloon Race appreciates your support for one of our region's signature and most-beloved events.

General event maps and information www.greatforestparkballoonrace.com