



# Newsletter #21

January 11, 2019

## Server Schedule:

- 1-12-19 – Kaitlyn D. and Mary M.
- 1-13-19 – Holy Name Society
- 1-13-19 – Eamon and Senan R. and Katie H.

## Recess/Lunchroom Monitor Duty:

- Monday: Lisa Donovan and Tim Yohe
- Tuesday: Lisa Donovan and Tim Yohe
- Wednesday: Lisa Donovan and Tim Yohe
- Thursday: Lisa Donovan and Tim Yohe
- Friday: Lisa Donovan and Oliver Moss

## **Calendar**

### **January**

- 21 No Classes/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 23 First Communion Mtg. for Parents 6:30pm
- 27 Catholic Schools Week Begins/Open House 12:00-2:00pm

### **February**

- 08 **Noon Dismissal/No Aftercare**
- 09 Decades of Dreams Auction
- 12 Home and School Mtg. 7:00pm
- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 18 President's Day/No Classes

## **A Note from the Principal**

Parents of our kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are reminded that registration is still ongoing for the second semester's "Mad Science" program. Classes are scheduled for Thursdays, from 3:05 p.m. until 4:05 p.m. beginning February 7. [Click here for the flyer:](#)

The registration deadline is January 31.

Congratulations are in order for the following St. James the Greater students who were our school's winners in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Each winner received a gift card and first place winners go on to the next level of competition.

### Ages 5-7 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Riley Behrens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Lia Sophia Bautista-Hernandez

### Ages 8-10 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Teagan Lanemann
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Cleary Bolan

### Ages 11-14 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Kiara Bolan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Keegan DeBoard

Planning for Catholic Schools' Week is almost finalized and a detailed schedule of events will be forthcoming. However, here a few already planned activities that you might wish to enter on your calendars

now.

Tuesday, January 29-7:35 a.m.-“Muffins for Moms” in the cafeteria

Thursday, January 31-7:35 a.m.-Donuts for Dads” in the cafeteria

Friday, February 1-11:30-1:00-“Take Your Child to Lunch”

Finally, the Summer Opportunities Fair at Cardinal Ritter High School is scheduled for February 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 20 organizations will be on that campus to present information about summer enrichment programs for children. For further information contact Etefia Umana at 314-446-5540 or [eumana@cardinalritterprep.org](mailto:eumana@cardinalritterprep.org).

Michael Biggs,  
Principal

### **Weekly Prayer**

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

### **Decades of Dreams Auction “Roaring 20’s”**

2019 Decades of Dreams Auction Update

1. ECHO DOT + RING PRIZE RAFFLE – Tickets were sent home with the oldest child this week. We are asking every family to sell at least \$20 in tickets. The family to sell the most tickets will receive a \$50 gift card. The Class to sell the most tickets per student will receive a pizza party. All tickets must be turned in by Friday, February 8th.
2. SOLICITATION PACKAGE – The solicitation package can be used for your secured donations, advertising and sponsorships. Click here for a solicitation packet: [Solicitation Package](#)  
All non-alcoholic donations can be dropped off at school or the rectory.
3. VOLUNTEERS – We need plenty of volunteers for this major event for set-up, auction evening, and Sunday clean-up. Sign-ups are available here:  
<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/13b69da26df>
4. LIQUOR PULL – We are also collecting bottles of alcohol for the liquor pull. Please do not send alcohol to the school. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory, at the back of church, or you can call or email to arrange pick up. [auction@stjamesthegreater.org](mailto:auction@stjamesthegreater.org)

### **Catholic Schools Week Schedule**

Sunday, January 27-Parishioner Appreciation Day and School Open House and All You Care to Eat Breakfast.

Monday, January 28-Pajama/Flannel Pants Day (uniform shirts must be worn).

Tuesday, January 29- Service Day and **Muffins with Moms 7:35-8:00am** Click here to RSVP:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/0IT1jWXrsEolKugq2>

Wednesday, January 30-Student Challenge Day and Crazy Sock Day

Thursday, January 31- **Donuts with Dads 7:35-8:00am** Click here to RSVP:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/sUENX44EH45v9TU33>

Teacher Appreciation Day-The Home and School Association will provide lunch for the faculty and student supervision. We are in need of parents to cover classrooms, help with lunch and yard duty while teachers attend the luncheon from 11:30 until 12:30. Please click here to volunteer for your child's classroom: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/13b69f22d0a>

Friday, February 1-Student Appreciation Day-This is a "dress out" day for students and parents/guardians may take their child/ren to lunch between 11:30 until 1:00 p.m. Permission slips will be sent home with your child. Please click here for the form:

### **Give Kids A Smile**

"Give Kids A Smile" provides free dental services to those in need.

The "Give Kids A Smile" (GKAS) program provides free, quality dental services through a two-day dental clinic held at St. Louis University in February and October each year. Every child seen at the GKAS clinic receives an oral examination, x-rays, a cleaning with fluoride treatment, education on oral hygiene, and more. Fillings, root canals, crowns, extractions and oral surgery are also completed as needed.

Here are a few key details:

Eligibility: Children between 12 months and 14 years old (not older than the eighth grade) and have Medicaid or qualify for the free/reduced school lunch program are eligible.

When: The next GKAS clinic will be held February 8 & 9, 2019.

Sign-Up: Appointments can be made by a child's parent, guardian or caregiver, or through groups coordinated by schools, churches, synagogues and community organizations. Call the GKAS office at 636-397-6453 to secure an appointment.

For more information: <https://www.gkas.org/patient>

### **Athletic Association Basketball Snack Bar**

We are in need of volunteers to help out in the snack bar during basketball season on Saturdays and Sundays. There are multiple shifts available at various times. No experience necessary! If you are able to volunteer, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4faba92da0fc1-league>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ken Weiss at 314-560-0170 or [thekenweiss@gmail.com](mailto:thekenweiss@gmail.com).

### **Today and Tomorrow Scholarships**

The online application will open for all families, new and re-applying, January 28th, 2019. Any family who would like to be considered for these programs, even if they are applying for requalification for one of these scholarships, must apply between January 28th and February 28th, 2019. Up to 140 new awards will be available in the Beyond Sunday Elementary School Program. It is important to remember that Alive! In Christ is first-come, first-served, so we are encouraging all families to apply as early as possible. Approximately 500 new awards will be available in Alive! In Christ. City residents should also apply as early as possible to be considered for Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow.

Families, please use the Forgot Password tool on the Family Log In page if you have forgotten your password and need to reset it.

Parent Support Sessions for 2019-20 Scholarship Application – TTEF Staff will guide parents through the application process. Please encourage your families who need more support or computer access to attend! All sessions are open to families from every parish and school. An RSVP is not required to attend and each session will be held from 3:30-6:30 PM.

- February 5, 2019 Our Lady of Guadalupe School (Ferguson), 1115 S. Florissant Road, 63121
- February 6, 2019 South City Catholic Academy (St. Louis City), 5821 Pernod Ave., 63139
- February 7, 2019 Christ, Light of the Nations School (Spanish Lake), 1650 Redman Rd., 63138
- February 12, 2019 All Saints School (St. Peters), 5 McMenemy Rd., 63376
- February 13, 2019 Holy Infant School (Ballwin), 248 New Ballwin Rd., 63021

# PERMISSION SLIP FOR TAKE YOUR CHILD OUT TO LUNCH DAY

Dear Parents,

Beginning January 27, 2019 we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

The theme for the week will be "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." In appreciation of our children, we will be celebrating "Take Your Child Out to Lunch".

On Friday, February 1, 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 11:30 a.m. 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.

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My child/children, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

will 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

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- ★ 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.