



Newsletter #24

February 1, 2019

Server Schedule:

2-2-19 – Tessa C. and Mary M.

2-3-19 – Ladies Sodality

2-3-19 – Senan and Eamon R.

Recess/Lunchroom Monitor Duty:

Monday: Lisa Donovan and Tim Yohe

Tuesday: Lisa Donovan and Katie Lombardo

Wednesday: Lisa Donovan and Tim Yohe

Thursday: Janet McKemie and Oliver Moss

Friday: Noon Dismissal

Calendar

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

March

06 Ash Wednesday

08 End of 3rd Quarter

14 Archdiocesan Music Festival Grades 3 and 4

17 St. Patrick's Day

18-22 Spring Break

29 Junior Achievement Grade 5

A Note from the Principal

Last Sunday was a busy time for parents and guardians as they visited area schools to determine next year's best educational program for their children. As a result a number of families have indicated that they were unable to visit as many campuses as they wished.

Therefore, the St. James the Greater School Board has invited all of the Catholic schools in region 1 and a few others that are nearby to visit St. James on Tuesday, February 12. That evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m., representatives from these schools will be in the gym and available to answer questions about their respective programs.

A list of the schools planning to attend will be made available to you once we have received responses from the invited schools.

This Saturday, February 2, our school's speech team will participate in the second Bellarmine Speech League meet at St. Catherine Laboure School. Given the effort our team members have given in preparing for this competition I'm confident they will do quite well.

There will be a "Jump Rope for Heart" all school assembly on Monday, February 4. This is a program that has been in place at St. James in past years.

This year's parent meeting for the 8th grade Right START program is scheduled for February 6 at St. Mark's parish. Given the small number of students at this grade level in both schools it was decided in September that

our students will be participating in Right START with the 8th graders from Little Flower School.

The program is scheduled for March 28 at the Cardinal Rigali Center.

February 7 is the date for our 6th graders to visit Chaminade for the annual Focus 11 Retreat. This day of reflection centers upon the development of skills to discern God's plan for our lives.

Finally, classes will be dismissed at 12:00 noon on Friday, February 8, as the building is prepared for Saturday's parish auction. There is no Aftercare that day.

Michael Biggs
Principal

Weekly Prayer

Sweet Jesus, I ask that you allow me to take your hand. Walk me, O Lord, through the will of the Father. Grant unto me the breath of goodness; send your Holy Spirit, Lord. Life without your love is not living; it is only existing. Make me Father into the likeness of your Son, this I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Decades of Dreams Auction "Roaring 20's"

2019 Decades of Dreams Auction Update

Our Annual "Decades of Dreams" Dinner Auction will be taking place this year on Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2019 at 5:30pm. This is the 11th annual event, with a new theme each year, this one being themed "The Roaring 20's." Please click here for the auction packet: [Auction Packet 2019.pdf](#)

This is a fun-filled event that raises money for our wonderful school that goes towards advancement on school resources to further the children's education.

We have a live band, silent and live auction with Emcee's of Mike Colombo & Dan Buck. Come dressed in a 20's themed attire or any classy ensemble.

Tickets to the event are \$75/person, which includes appetizers, salad, dinner, drinks & dessert. You can purchase tickets by filling out the attached reservation form & turning it into school by Friday, Feb. 1st. You may also purchase tickets through the attached link, a service fee applies.

<https://decadesofdreams.eventbrite.com>

Follow us on facebook at: St. James the Greater's Annual Decades of Dreams Dinner Auction

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.

5. CLASS BASKETS – Class baskets are listed below. Please turn in your items by February 1st.
- PK3 – Coffee Lovers
 - PK4 – BBQ Lovers
 - KDG & 1st – Spa & Beauty
 - 2nd & 3rd – Date Night
 - 4th & 5th – Luck of the Irish Lottery Ticket Tree
 - 6th, 7th & 8th – All Things STL

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Katie Weiss (314-603-6311) or Ken Weiss (314-560-0170) or auktion@stjamesthegreater.org

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.

The St. James the Greater Athletic Association is now offering instructional golf, through the CYC.

Click here for the registration form for Tball/Baseball/Softball and information/registration for the golf program:

If your child would like to be involved, please have registration forms and payments turned into the school office by Friday, Feb. 15th, in order for us to plan for the upcoming season.

You may also register online for...

Tball/Baseball/Softball, by clicking here: <https://goo.gl/forms/CbrDm4tRQjiWyEwB2>

Golf, by clicking here: <https://goo.gl/forms/cSkud6dxRWrfFsE6h2>

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 McMenamy Rd., 63376
- February 13, 2019 Holy Infant School (Ballwin), 248 New Ballwin Rd., 63021