



## ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES

### News and Notes

Mrs. Lelia Pappas



February 27, 2019

Dear St. James Families:

Hope everyone is having a lovely afternoon and evening. Some updates and excitement:

- The **Fifth Grade**, under the direction of Mrs. Munson presented a fantastic assembly this afternoon: *"The Greatest Show on Earth"*. There was lots of singing, dancing and fun plus an important message: Be Yourself and Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover! Thank you to the fifth graders, you are a talented group of students. A shout out to Mr. Arena who oversaw the music portion of the show. Well done!
- **Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 6th.** Mass will be at 9 AM and all are welcome. The children will be making envelopes for students can make a donation at Mass. Let the children put a small bit of their own money in the envelope.
- **Mardi Gras**, sponsored by Mr. Slotter's 7th grade is this FRIDAY, March 1st from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Cost is \$10. Please send in your reservation, cash only at the door. It's going to be a great night, don't miss it.
- There is a **BLINGO** meeting tomorrow night, Feb. 28th, 7 PM in the Auditorium. This is a great undertaking and any and all help is needed. Please come and assist if you can.
- Without a doubt, the **Tricky Tray** could use "wrappers" and assistants also. I will keep you posted on both these upcoming events. Truly: **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**
- **IOWA** testing is this coming week. We will start with the CogAt test on Monday. This is a higher level thinking assessment and the children cannot study for it. It is shapes, matching and spacial tests. No worries.
- Tuesday will be English/Language Arts/Reading.
- Wednesday will be Math
- Thursday will be Science and Social Studies
- Friday will be a group of short 10 minute tests for Vocabulary, Punctuation, Spelling and Math Computation.

For the week of testing I strongly encourage you give your child a good breakfast. All grades can **bring a snack** for mid-way through the test and **water** is important. They will have breaks and creating a positive testing environment is critical. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN **ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME**. Testing will begin at 8:30 AM and a child rushing into school late is not a positive beginning of the test. 20 or more children arrive late to school every day. Make every effort to be prompt next week. Children cannot walk into the test in the middle of a testing section.

March is upon us and the school year will be over soon. It just doesn't seem possible. As a school, the staff and I are so grateful for your support. Keep it going; we want to end the year strong both in faith and in academics. I encourage you to give your children responsibilities at home so they grow in maturity in the coming months. They are capable of helping you keep your home clean,



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inviting and full of love. For heaven's sake, be strong and limit phone time. Have them read a book for an hour or so! It is so good for them.

Please let them know they have all the knowledge they need for testing. Be attentive to directions, take their time and be confident. We will create an environment of success and peace. It is only a one day snapshot of what they can achieve!

Praying for all and wishing you a blessed evening!

Lelia