



## ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES

### *News and Notes*

*Mrs. Lelia Pappas*



Hi All St. James Families:

We avoided a delayed opening this morning so I am happy about that fact. It seems the snow will be coming this weekend and I'm grateful for that also as calling snow days etc is not easy. I have said this before but I will state it again, safety is more important than a school day. It is my decision to close school and when in doubt, I close. We will use the emergency system, AP Notify. We can text/call or do both but we need current information, so please let us know if your contact information changes. You can also check the St. James website, [www.academyofstjames.org](http://www.academyofstjames.org) and Facebook page as Miss Nunno keeps them up to date. Thank you to her!

Lots to talk about but I want to wish everyone a happy and safe long weekend. We have had a good strong 3 weeks of school, and a day off is deserved by all!

#### **Catholic Schools Week:**

The last week of January is the traditional week for Catholic Schools to be honored across the nation. We **kick off our activities on Sunday, Jan 27th at 10:15 Mass**. There is a precursor event, the **Don Bosco Family Fun Night on Sat. Jan 26th** which will be a great event - faith filled family night with lots of activities following the 5:30 PM Mass. I'm not going to list all the activities of the week as flyers have gone home and they will be in the church bulletin.

However, I am reminding you that per your contract with the ASJM, families agreed to attend 3 Masses a year and CSW is one of them. **ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND , in uniform, the 10:15 Mass on Sunday, Jan 27th**. We have a mini-program planned to showcase our children. The students will process into Mass as a school so the children need to meet in the **cafeteria at 10:00**. A reception follows Mass and the Scholastic Book Fair opens up that morning. Everyone is invited to the reception, friends, neighbors, relatives - come see the school. You are also welcome in the morning all week from 9-11AM. You could attend Mass with us Thursday, Jan 31st and then visit.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair:**

Thank you to Mrs. Restrepo and her team for organizing the Book Fair. She is looking for parents to volunteer hours, please call her to volunteer: 973-790-8629 or email her at [wjrest182@gmail.com](mailto:wjrest182@gmail.com) if you could assist her. She needs help!

#### **HSA Meeting:**

It was discussed in the past that there is no official leadership for the Home School Association this year. We are having a meeting for all parents on **Wed. Jan 30 at 7PM in the cafeteria** to discuss the school year, pick up report cards, and have some general discussions. Importantly, we will once again inform parents of **scholarship opportunities** for the upcoming school year! **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT** so please plan to attend this meeting. **THE DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS FEB. 10, 2019!**

#### **Financial:**

We are diligently working to collect all outstanding monies. Please, everyone get in touch with Maritza or me to settle out your financial obligations. **THANK YOU** to all that are current. It means a great deal to our children!



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#### **Upcoming Events:**

There are class trips, school wide baseball games - many great things planned. I gently remind that all adults who accompany the students must have a completed Protecting God's Children workshop, register online with Virtus and be considered "ACTIVE" by the Diocese of Paterson. Mrs. Martino has generously agreed to supervise the program. If you are not sure if you are "active" you must contact her. She is going to give one more program this school year for those parents who want to go on school trips. It will be **Wed., Feb. 13th at 6:30 PM.** at St. James. Last chance!

#### **FUNDRAISERS:**

The calendar raffles (due Jan 25), TRICKY TRAY (April 12th) and BLINGO (May 3) are ASJM big money makers in the coming months. THANK YOU to all of you who will volunteer your time and talents on these projects. Please remember the whole point of this is to offset our costs and to fix needed parts of the school. (bathrooms) Please try your hardest to support one or all of these events. If you have anything you could donate, let us know. "Many hands make light work."

SO, have a great weekend! As I told the children this morning we honor Martin Luther King for courage and his strength to do what is right in the face of strong opposition. I encouraged them to do what is right, but to be leaders! Leaders of goodness and kindness - that will make our world a better place.

God bless you all - pray grace as a family each night and when you can a decade of the rosary is wonderful.

Peace and blessings,  
Lelia