



ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES



News and Notes

Mrs. Lelia Pappas

January 22, 2019

Hi St. James Families:

Good afternoon. Hope this email finds you warm and toasty! As usual I will start with some quick items:

I want to congratulate five (5) of our 8th grader children who competed in the Knights of Columbus **Spelling Bee** last week. Ashley Restrepo, Nathalie Coletti, Litzy Sanchez, Johnesha Bishop and Kamila Cordero represented ASJM along with six (6) other 8th grades students from Totowa. It was a great competition - Nathalie Coletti placed third overall. Mrs. Shire and I want to congratulate all the students and thank the Knights of Columbus; in particular Pat Mullen, who headed up the competition for the Knights, and Valerie D'Ambrosio, the moderator, from Washington Park Middle School. We are once again proud of our students!

We have our 7th and 8th graders preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this year. The Parish decided to Confirm our students in 8th grade instead of 10th grade. The 7/8 students are working very hard to prepare and there are many activities for them in this preparation process. Pray for all our students preparing for Penance & Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (7/8).

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. Please call the office, return your form, or let Sr. Margaret Rose if you are planning to attend. Sister needs an accurate account to order food (pizza) and prizes. Please, please let us know your plans. Confirmation candidates will be assisting with this event.

Catholic Schools Week:

Begins on Sunday, Jan 27th at 10:15 Mass. 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: Hours All Week

Sunday: after 10:15 Mass

Monday: 8:30 – 11:30 AM Children will visit by class

Wednesday: 6:00- 8:00 PM Parents can visit before and after HSA meeting.

Thursday: 8:30 – 11:30 AM This is the last day of the Book Fair.



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CSW Daily Events:

Monday: Community Day: Dollars for Dogs Bingo \$2. Will get you chips and school wide bingo. Monies will be sent to the Seeing Eye Foundation.

Tuesday: Spirit Day: Pep Rally: All students wear gym uniform today

Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation: Bring a can of soup and dress in your favorite sports team jersey

Thursday: Vocations Day. Religious will be speaking with the students.

Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff & Volunteers: We are having a staff luncheon so anyone who would like to contribute please let me, Mrs. Pappas, know. In the afternoon we will have a movie for the children.

HSA Meeting/ Report Cards:

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. PLEASE ATTEND. This is your school!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

THE DEADLINE FOR **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** IS FEB. 10, 2019! To apply for the Tri-County Scholarship Fund go to Factsmgt.com on your computer. To apply for the Educational Trust Fund go to Smartaidforfamilies.com. The Parent Center for smartaid is 1-800-360-8027 for calls relating to the application. If you have applied in the past the application will bring up your information again. BIG THING: you need to attached your 2018 tax return or your 2017 tax return and your W2 for 2018. This is for both scholarship applications. Please take advantage of these scholarship opportunities NOW.

PGC: (Protecting God's Children – Your children)

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!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO:

The chocolates will be delivered next week on Jan 30th. We will send home a box with each child. There will be more boxes of candy available if you can sell more!

The *calendar raffles* (due Jan 25), *TRICKY TRAY* (April 12th) and *BLINGO* (May 3) are ASJM big events in the coming months. THANK YOU to all of you who will volunteer your time and talents on these projects. We need everyone to be involved in all we do at ASJM. It doesn't matter if you help at one or all of these events but GOOD SCHOOLS have active parent organizations. Parents that understand the importance of what we do at school and how blessed we are to have the Academy.

May the Lord shine His light upon us in these cold, blustery January days. The moon has been spectacular, I can't help but think of the glory of God when I look up at it in the cold night sky. Blessings and warmth to all, Lelia