



## ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES

### *News and Notes*

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Happy November St. James Families:

It just doesn't seem possible that we are less than 2 ½ weeks from Thanksgiving! Time has flown by. The holiday season brings many activities and events. The trick in life is to move through this season with joy and gratitude in the midst of many demands. To help you plan I will list the school events as clearly as possible:

- ❖ **Parent Teacher Conferences:** 12:00 PM Dismissal Mon. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Aftercare available  
12:00 PM Dismissal Tues. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Aftercare available  
12:00 PM Dismissal Wed. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> **NO** Aftercare available

These conferences were scheduled during Back to School Night. Please contact the office if you do not have a date for a conference. Please make every effort to be on time as the scheduling is tight. It is very important to meet and discuss your child's progress. In the middle school grades, (6-8) I encourage you to bring your child with you for conferences. We have not done this in the past but it is important that you and your child discuss their progress together.

- ❖ ASJM will host a **Educational Trust Scholarship Information Night on Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM.** The Educational Trust is a scholarship program offered by the Diocese of Paterson that many of our families are not familiar with the process to apply. Patrick Peace from the Diocese will be at the Academy of Monday evening the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. You apply through Smart Tuition. A letter will be sent home tomorrow with more details. I think connecting it into the Parent Teacher Conferences might save our families from coming out another night.
- ❖ **Krispy Kreme Sale:** The sale begins today with order forms being sent home. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, Nov.20<sup>th</sup>. That is two weeks to sell those delicious donuts! Thank you for your efforts – the students appreciate it!
- ❖ The Student Council is sponsoring a **food drive** for St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly. A flyer went home and it will go again with the food suggestions for each grade. It will end on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The **Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at the 8:15 Mass.** All families are encouraged to come to Mass that morning and celebrate and honor God for our blessings.
- ❖ **Picture Retakes will be Wed. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- ❖ The **Christmas Show, *Fear Not Factor***, will be presented on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Save the Date!

May spirit of gratitude and peace begin to fill your November! An Autumn Prayer: **Oh God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who gives us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow you will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.**

Peace, Lelia