



ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES

News and Notes

Mrs. Lelia Pappas



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Good Morning,

Happy St. James of the Marches Feast Day to all! How exciting - today we honor our schools patron Saint. We are all so blessed to be part of this wonderful school and parish community. Father Yojaneider Garcia is also a blessing to our school.

We had another great Krispy Kreme donut sale! We sold 365 dozen donuts and we made just under \$2000. profit! I personally want to thank Betzaida (Betsy) Classen once again for her organizing and making this all happen. I also want to thank Vera Penney, Blanca Hopper for all their efforts with the Genevieve's sale. Also, our own , "Miss Bev" (Beverly Ligieri) is important in organizing all this product for us so when you arrive to pick things up everything is ready for you. Many families also supported that fundraiser. We can't do it without you all of you contributing!

We held our **Scholarship Information Night** on Nov. 19th and we had over 45 families represented. I want to thank all who attended and to Carmen Fontanez for translating for me that night. We discussed the Educational Trust Fund which is part of the Diocese of Paterson scholarship opportunities. You apply for this scholarship through SMART tuition. I will attach the handouts from that night to this email. The scholarship opportunity more people are familiar with is Tri-County Scholarship Fund but you cannot apply for that scholarship until after the first of the year. The application time is open for the Educational Trust Fund. Tri- County you apply through FACTS, Educational Trust uses SMART tuition. Both scholarships require a \$35/40 application fee. If you will need tuition assistance for the 18-19 school year, please do not hesitate to apply for both scholarships. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Great things happening:

- Wed. Dec. 5th, Mrs. Anna D'Alto, our resident Math specialist from William Paterson University, is conducting an after school math enrichment class on "**The Cube Problem.**" It will be from 2:30 – 3:15 for grades 5-8. Please sign up in the office.
- ASJM Christmas Extravaganza **Fear Not Factor** will be presented **THURSDAY, DEC. 6th** at **1PM and again at 7PM.** All of the grades perform along with the Cast and Choir. It is a beautiful way to start the Christmas season.
- **Advent begins this Sunday.** It is a time of preparation for Christmas and the birth of Our Lord. We will be doing many things at school to assist in preparing your children. We have an Advent program which includes videos and prayers so encourage your child to discuss what happened in school today. I know..I know..they answer "Nothing." Keep encouraging them to talk about their Love for the Lord. We all can get lost this time of year in the hustle and bustle but remember to pray. Keep focused on what is important in your life: faith, family , friends and peace. The **third grade will be singing at church this Sunday at 10:15 AM.** Don't miss it!



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- We experienced some glitches in the report cards. Grades 4 and 7 will have new report cards issued to correct any inaccurate calculations of grades. This is our first time with Rediker and it was challenging.
- We are using a **new alert system** this year. If you did not receive either a phone message or text when school was closed, please let the office know right away. This system works well only if we have your proper contact information. We are approaching that season of the year where it can be critical you know the status of school.
- BE sure your children have proper warm coat, hat and gloves to wear for if the weather is nice we will go outside for a period of time regardless of the temperature.

I am excited that Advent and Christmas are approaching. It is a time of year when life seems hectic but peaceful too. We hopefully stop and slow down a little to appreciate one another. The teachers and staff at St. James are incredible – I know you realize that but I am learning it too. I am so grateful for their efforts. Let's be honest it has not been an easy transition with everything that is swirling about us. Just know we are completely dedicated to your children and the school. We are rock steady and life is good at St. James.

Blessings always,
Lelia