



ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES

News and Notes

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Dear St. James Families and Staff:

As we end the 2018 school year, I am filled with joy and gratitude for all my new friendships. The spirit at the Academy of St. James is filled with love and strong christian values. It has been lovely for me to finally have the names of the children and families familiar. Thank you for your patience with me.

We have faced a few challenges during these first 6 months. I've been particularly perplexed by some of them. But it has not changed us. We still remain the blessed and happy Academy of St. James. That is a gift from God. As I have said, He remains guiding us along with his Mother, the Blessed Virgin.

I want to especially honor the fantastic faculty and staff at ASJM. They have made my transition easy. They are a hugely dedicated and kind group of people who definitely have your children's needs front and center. I know you join me in saying: THANK YOU TEACHERS AND STAFF!

We walk towards 2019, peaceful that the presence of the Lord will be with us in the new year. Whatever comes our way, we remain strong, focused and firm in the belief of the Academy of St. James. We are growing and nothing will stop us from providing the BEST education both academically and spiritually. **Catholic School Week starts the last week in January** - that is when we highlight what we do for the world to see. We will have the Book Fair during Catholic Schools Week, calendar raffles, chocolate sales in the second half of the year, all moving us toward our Tricky Tray on April 12th and Blingo on May 3rd. In there we have 1st Penance (March 11th), Confirmation (June 9th) and First Communion (May 11th)! 2019 is filled with many other events too! Our **Home School Meeting will be on Wed. of CSW: Jan 30th at 7PM.** This is your time to come and talk about the how you envision the future of ASJM.

In closing, THANK YOU for supporting the vision of St. James and know that I will pray for each family and your petitions over the Christmas break. Prayer is powerful and I believe in it. Let us strive to be positive better people knowing we each have our mission!

God bless you always in all ways,
Lelia