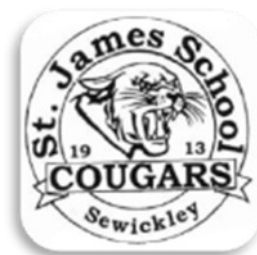




Cougar Call

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EVENTS CALENDAR:

- 02/01 100th day of school
- 02/02 9AM Liturgy
- 02/03 Jeans Day
Feast of St. Blaise
- 02/04 PJAS regionals
- 02/05 Boy Scout Sunday
- 02/17 Early dismissal

Catholic Schools Week begins

Students, faculty, families and parishioners came together to celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week at the 11:30 Mass last Sunday. Students participated in the Mass with readings and singing. The donut social followed.



A big **THANK YOU** to the **Richard D. Cole Funeral Home** who underwrote the cost of the Donut Social.

Everyone gobbled the Krispy Kreme donuts and fresh fruit. Coffee and juice rounded out the afternoon of friends and fellowship



Buddy Bingo got the week started on Monday. The kids enjoyed the time together.

Children compared who had the best hat for Crazy Hat Day.



The ice cream social and the prayer chain at Thursday's Liturgy keep the students focused on Faith, Service and Academics.

Cougar Call Entries

Cougar Call entries must be submitted by 12 noon Monday for the same week newsletter to ajoyce@stjameschool.us or fill out the on-line [form](#).

Green Cougar Call

Help us conserve paper by signing up for the electronic version of Cougar Call. Go to our SJS website: stjameschool.us and fill out the Cougar Call Going Green Form. Find it on the top-right side of the page under Important Notices - Thank You.

PJAS Regional Competition this Weekend

With another successful Science Fair behind us, 17 of SJS's 7th and 8th grade students remain scientifically minded as they prepare for the upcoming Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) Regional Competition this weekend.

The competition will be held at Keystone Oaks High School this Sat. Feb. 4th.

Please keep the following students in your prayers: **7th grade:** Molly, Helen, Ryan, Hannah, Alexis, Julianna N, Julianna S, Matthew R, Jes-



sica, Rochelle, Brendan, Parker and **8th grade:** Harrison, Mason, Charlie, Matthew and Joseph.

Students awarded a first place at the Regional Competition are eligible to compete at the State level in May at State College. Stay tuned to next week's Cougar Call for results!

The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Competition is open to all students (parochial, private, public and home schooled) in grades 7 - 12 within Pennsylvania.



Gala Update

Thank You Everyone!
The Gala was a fun filled evening with OUR Village family and friends. The food was fabulous and the entertainment by the Joe Negri Quartet was enjoyable. Final tally numbers are coming soon.



Father/Daughter Dance

On Saturday, March 3rd, from 7-9pm we will be hosting our annual Dads and Daughters Dance. All dads (or guardians) and daughters from our school and parish are invited to attend.

We are forming a dance committee. We would like 7th and 8th grade girls to help plan the event. If you are interested in deciding the theme, decorating the gym, and preparing awesome treats this is your committee!

Please contact Mrs. Garrison at 412-734-0657 or email her at agarri-



son@garrisonhughes.com. All are welcome.

Gala Sponsors

A big thank you to our premier Gala sponsor, Clearview Federal Credit Union.



Also, a thank you to our hors d'oeuvres sponsor, Fort Pitt Capital Group.



Professions of Faith

Professions of faith were made by four of our second grade candidates for First Communion.

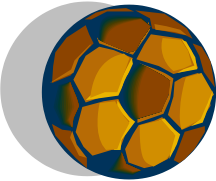
On January 15 at the 11:30 Sunday Mass, Grace B. professed the Catholic faith and SJS classmates, Madeline S. and Jacqueline N., along with Religious Education (CCD) student, Ella Sanfilippo, did so at the January 26 School Mass.

The St. James parish community welcomes these four girls into full communion.

Spring Soccer

If you are in grades 2-8 and want to participate in soccer this spring, please sign up by February 10th! You can sign up by registering online from the school website at www.stjameschool.us. Practices will start mid-March and games begin in April.

Note: the League has opened for 2nd graders for the first time this spring. All soccer coaches (new and returning) should submit coaching applications to the SJAA Board for the spring season. Applications are on the school website.



Scouts hold Annual Pinewood Derby

Sewickley Cub Scout Pack 243 hosted its 2012 Pinewood Derby at St. Stephens Church on January 14th.

St. James Third Graders took awards at this year's event: Jack B. won the "Best of Show" design award, Adam P. won a second place design award for his Bear den and Jack T. earned a participation award. Second grader Luke P. won a second place performance award for his Tiger den.

This past weekend, Cub Scout Pack 321 held its pinewood derby, which included Tyler P. also from 3rd grade. Tyler's car won "Best Sport

Functionality" design award. Congratulations boys for a job well done!



Generous Donation

8th grade student Collin N. sold over \$700.00 worth of Anderson Candies for the Christmas fundraiser! Since he was the highest seller, he won a 3ft. Chocolate Santa! Collin and his family donated the Santa to the Holy Family Institute so it could be enjoyed by the children who were not able to go home for the holidays.



Thank you Collin for being so generous!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth led national program that utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend (the weekend of the first Sunday in February) into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Young people collect monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. The 100% proceeds will be given directly to a local charity.

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. He said, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

The donations collected at St. James will go to Bethlehem Haven, a women's homeless shelter located in

downtown Pittsburgh which has been helping homeless women in Western Pennsylvania regain self sufficiency and rebuild their lives for 30 years.

I am seeking children in (grades 6th—8th) and high school teens (grades 9th-12th) to assist in collecting monetary donations following every mass for the weekend of **February 5th**. It will only take about 15 minutes for each time. We would need at least (6) if not more kids standing outside of the entrances at our church before and after every mass.

If your child would like to participate, please contact Maria Brown in the Youth Ministry office at (412)741-6650 extension 504 or email stjamesyouth@comcast.net I will provide the pots! Your child can provide the smiles of appreciation.

Fish Fry Volunteers

Anyone wishing to volunteer for Fish Fry Fridays is invited to attend the informational meeting Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 in the school cafeteria.

Fish Fry director Michelle Peduto is looking for cooks, servers and clean-up crews.

Adults and kids are welcomed to help for any time they can give.

