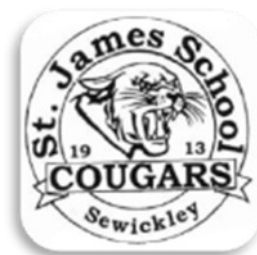




Cougar Call

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EVENTS CALENDAR:

01/25 1st Communion
parent mtg 7-8:30
in the Gathering
Space

REPORT CARDS

01/26 9 AM Liturgy
01/28 SJS Gala
01/29 11:30 Mass to open
Catholic Schools
Week

Gala is here!

This Saturday, January 28th 2012
at the Edgeworth Club from 6:00 to 10:00
p.m.

We will have valet service, so you don't
have to worry about parking!
So get ready for an enjoyable evening with
fine food, wonderful entertainment by
the Joe Negri Quartet and fabulous auc-
tion items!

We look forward to seeing you there!

It Takes OUR Village
2012 St. James School Gala



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 elec-
tronic version of Cougar
Call. Go to our SJS web-
site: 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.

Remember to
show your ap-
preciation to
St. James
School and
Catholic
schools across
the country
this Sunday as
we celebrate Catholic School Week!



January 29 - February 5, 2012
Catholic Schools - Faith, Academics, Service

The theme—Faith, Academics, Service—
will be on display all week long, begin-
ning with 11:30 Mass.

Geography Bee



Jr High
students
in grades
6-8 re-
cently par-
ticipated
to test

their geography knowledge. Congratula-
tions to our school's Geography Bee win-
ner, Declan U., grade 6.

Our 8th grade winner, Joseph A., and 7th
grade winner, Ryan M., competed with
Declan in the championship round. Eve-
ryone did a great job representing St.
James School.

Declan will now take a written test which
will be graded with other Pennsylvania
students to see who will represent our
state at the national level! Good luck,
Declan!

Catholic Schools Week—Celebrate it.

We'll celebrate our faith
with a prayer chain, give
service to others with the
annual Birthday Bag col-
lection and prove our aca-
demics with the favorite
Game Day.

A packet listing activities
for the week is in your folder.

**ADDITION TO LIST: Crazy Hair Day
will be Wednesday, February 1.**

Financial Statements

Please note that the second quarter financial statements will be mailed to your home address this week (week of January 23rd). The statements include tuition due amounts, fundraising amounts, and volunteer hours. **The volunteer hours reflected in these statements were hours reported by the chairpersons of the various committees.**

If you did not receive the correct number of hours, please contact your chairperson of the committee.

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 agarrison@garrisonhughes.com. All are welcome.

Financial Aid Forms

Applications Due by March 15, 2012

Students attending St. James School in grades K-8 are eligible for tuition assistance through the Bishop's Education Fund and the Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship Program.

The applications for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)/Bishop's Education Fund (BEF) are now available in the office. A signature from your pastor is required to be eligible for the BEF. If you would like to apply, please pick up an application

in the school office. You can also call Ms. Marcy, and she will send an application home with your child

The EITC also applies to preschool. The application for preschool is on the reverse side of the EITC form, and requires the principal's signature.

IMPORTANT: The application is due to the PRIVATE SCHOOL AID SERVICE by March 15. You MUST mail the application directly to the PSAS. An envelope is provided.

News from the Third Grade

Mrs. Riley's Third Grade Social Studies was very busy learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The students participated in a coloring contest and performed a traveling biography. The results of the 11th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr coloring contest are: 1st Place Megan M., 2nd Place JJ P. and 3rd Place Cassie D. The judge said it was very difficult to select the top three pictures as the class did such a wonderful job.



The students memorized facts of Dr. King's life and then went from classroom to classroom performing. The third graders performed their traveling Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. biographies

for grades preschool-8. When you see one of these students, ask him about Dr. King, Rosa Parks and Ruby Bridges. Each will be happy to share what they have learned. The coloring contest entries are on display in the first floor hallway so stop in and take a look.

The spring soccer season is rapidly approaching. If you are in grades 3-8 and want to participate in soccer this spring, please sign up by February 10! You can sign up by registering online from the school website at www.stjamesschool.us. Practices will start in mid-March and games begin in April.