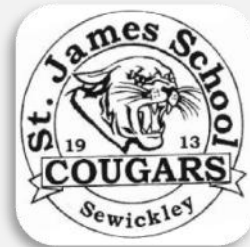




# Cougar Call

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## Events

11/14 4:30 – 7pm Family  
Night Out at Youthtowne

**The Christmas shop** is fast approaching. It will be held the week of December 1st. The children always look forward to shopping on their own but volunteers are needed to assist them as they shop. If anyone is interested in working the Christmas shop that was not contacted by Beverly George please contact her at 724-933-1147 or [bevjgeorge@consolidated.net](mailto:bevjgeorge@consolidated.net). We can always use the help, and it always puts you in the holiday spirit.

## Cougar Call Entries

Cougar Call entries must be submitted by  
**NOON Monday** for same week publishing.

## Case of the Missing Silverware

The School Cafeteria started out the school year with 200 pieces of silverware and now we are down to about 80. Please remind your children to place their silverware in the plastic box for washing. Some of the children are throwing them away. If you have extra silverware to share, the cafeteria would be glad to take it off your hands. Thank you.

## Family Night Out at Youthtowne - Nov 14 at 4 PM

H.S.A. and Youthtowne invite you and your family to enjoy a hayride through the rolling hills of Youthtowne; roast hotdogs and marshmallows at a campfire; and share a potluck dinner. We will provide the hot dogs, marshmallows and drinks. We ask that you bring a side dish or salad to share with everyone. The cost is free! If you have not yet responded and would still like to attend, please email Chris Depner at [cbyrd99@yahoo.com](mailto:cbyrd99@yahoo.com) by tomorrow, November 13.

## Order your tickets for Sister's Christmas Catechism by November 16

It's not "The Nutcracker". And it's not "A Christmas Carol". But it IS the newest addition to your holiday traditions! *Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold* arrives at St. James School on Saturday, December 5 for one command performance. Show time is 7:30p.m. with an option for a delicious dinner buffet by Armstrong's at 6p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are available now by calling Kim Litz at 412-613-8817. You can also complete a ticket order form and return to the school office. Single tickets start at \$40.00. Special discount pricing includes dinner and show combo, couples pricing, and VIP seating. Group discounts are also available for parties of 10 or more. Place your ticket order by November 16. All proceeds of the show benefit St. James School.

SISTER'S CHRISTMAS CATECHISM, with hysterical audience interaction, musical highlights, wacky prizes, non-stop laughs and the irrepressible, irresistible Sister, is bound to become a must-see holiday tradition.

For further information, please contact Traci Ziemkiewicz at [gtciem@comcast.net](mailto:gtcziem@comcast.net) or by phone at 724-266-3974.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

St. James Church started a wonderful tradition two years ago. They serve, free of charge, Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone that does not have family in town to celebrate and share a meal. This year we need someone to organize and prepare this feast. There is a procedure manual to follow. The church gets about 70 guests. All the cooking is handled in the school cafeteria. The church pays for all the supplies. We just need your generous time to keep this tradition going. Please call Karin in the rectory if you would like to volunteer your talents to make this a special day for the people of the community. Karin may be reached at 412-741-5540. Please note: If your family is out of town and you would like to join us for dinner, the sign up sheet is located in the back of church. Dinner is served at 1:00pm, all are welcome!!

## Volunteers: Do you have all of your clearances?

At the time of our audit, the school was at 83% compliance for the Safe Environment Policy. This number MUST be at 100%. If you have not completed all of the required items as set forth by the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Safe Environment Policy, you CANNOT volunteer as a coach, playground and/or cafeteria helper, homeroom parent, yearbook committee, office support

## MARKETDAY

Orders for Marketday need to be in by November 18 at noon for the internet. This month, the special is cookie dough. The more you buy the more you save! Check it out on line at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com). The cookie dough is ready to bake into the perfect kid-sized cookie. It is great for the holidays or any time you just want to make a few.

**Note:** the next order will be here before Thanksgiving! **10% of your total purchase goes to script!**

committee, or chaperone for field trips and/or Operation Christ. If you have started the process and still have not attended a Protecting God's Children session, you have 6 months to complete that session. All other items must be in your file. All of those that are not in compliance will receive a letter requesting the items that are still needed from you to complete your file. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Ponticello at the rectory between 11:00 and 3:00 or leave a message at 412-741-6650 ext. 315. Thank you.

## Scrip News

Max & Erma's cards will no longer be available through Great Lakes Scrip. If you would like to purchase Max & Erma's cards as Christmas gifts, we only have 4 in stock.

Safran's is now available in cards rather than the paper certificates. They are available in \$10 and \$25 increments and still at the 4% discount.

We now carry Shop-n-Save gift cards. These cards can be used at any Shop-n-Save and are available in \$25 and \$50 increments. The discount amount is 5%.

Until Monday, November 30th, the rectory scrip hours remain from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. We ask that you please respect these hours as there are many things to do at the rectory. If you cannot make these times, please call your order in or e-mail your order, then you can pick up your order at any time.

Our last order date before Christmas will be Monday, December 14th. Why so early? The following Monday is December 21st. This does not allow enough time for the order to arrive before December 23rd which is an early dismissal for the school. So try to get your orders in as soon as possible.

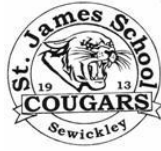
As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sue Ponticello at the rectory at 412-741-6650 ext. 315 or [saintjamesrectory@comcast.net](mailto:saintjamesrectory@comcast.net). Thank you.

## Altar Server Schedule for November 7 - November -8

Nov 14, 5 PM	Nov 15, 7:30 AM	Nov 15, 9:30 AM	Nov 15, 11:30 PM
Madi Brooks	Jack Ciesinski	Leo Hill	Grace Jancart
Joshua Burns	Megan Johnson	Colin Hill	Stephen Jancart
Alexa Collins	Chris Johnson	Molly Hill	Emily Jancart

## **Saint James Spirit Gear OOPS!!!**

*The St. James Spirit Gear Order Form that was sent out in last Wednesday's folder had an error on it. There were sizes and numbers in the Size column where it should have been blank. Those numbers and sizes were actually someone's order!!! I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. You may order ANY of the items listed in ANY size (Youth or Adult, Small to 3X. If you have any questions, please call Sue Ponticello at the rectory at 412-741-6650 ext. 315 or at home at 724-899-4191. E-mails: saintjamesrectory@comcast.net (work) or spontiss@zoominternet.net (home). Thanks to all of those who ordered and to Jenna Ponticello and her helpers Maddie Grimes, Katherine Meurer, and Katie Indovina who helped to sell the merchandise during the Book Fair.*



## **Athletics**

### **Soccer**

#### **Varsity Soccer Play-Off Game:**

The Cougars played St. Sylvester's in the play-offs this past Saturday. We already played this very competitive team twice in the past 3 weeks and were meeting them again for the 3rd time! While we were able to defeat them in the regular season (each time by just one goal) we just couldn't pull out a win as they won 1 to 0. Our team played hard throughout the game and tried hard to score up to the final minute of the game. The Varsity coaches are proud of the effort shown by all of the players on the team, not just for this game, but throughout the season.

St. Sylvester's actually went on to win the DSL World Cup Championship game on Sunday afternoon.....which tells you a lot about how competitive they are. In fact, on late Sunday afternoon one of our coaches talked to their coach and he said that while they won the final game on Sunday, "the real Championship game was played on Saturday against St. James" as that was their toughest win.

The Coaches and players appreciate the support of all the parents, friends, teachers and staff who attended the game on Saturday. Thank you!

### **JV Soccer**

This past weekend, the JV soccer team participated in the World Cup Division playoffs in the Diocesan Soccer League. On Saturday afternoon, the Cougars took on Sacred Heart for the third time this season. In the first half, the Cougars faced a number of defensive challenges and a lot of aggressive midfield play. Despite the Cougars' efforts, Sacred Heart scored on two breakaways to lead the game 2-0 at the half. In the second half, the Cougars had a number of strong offensive attacks, but were unable to convert any of the opportunities into goals. The game ended with a score of 3-0 in favor of Sacred Heart.

After the game ended, the JV Cougars were presented with the "Section 3 JV Champions" trophy for winning their section with an 8-0 regular season record.

Thank you to all of the players for your hard work and dedication to your team this season. Thanks also to the coaches for your commitment and guidance. A special thank you goes out to the parents and families for your support of the players and our team!

### **JV SCORE Game**

Congratulations to Stephen Jancart, Gabrielle Zernich, Ryan McNelis, and Julianna Nicolaus who represented our JV Soccer team at the league S.C.O.R.E. game (Sportsmanship, Commitment, Respect, and Excellence) on Sunday afternoon. Our JV players helped their side win this exhibition game 8-0.

### **JJV Soccer**

On Saturday, both our 4th Grade and 3rd Grade Soccer teams competed against 28 teams in the Pittsburgh Diocese Soccer League Developmental Tournament. All 30 teams played 3 "regular games" in which the result of the 3 games would determine whether or not they would advance to seeding, and a quarter final round, ultimately reaching a championship game.

All the kids were very thankful for the army of support from parents, grandparents, family, friends and many other St. James' Soccer players waving Cougar Cloths and cheering throughout the day. Even though we were the smallest school in the finals you would have never known it from the size of the St. James crowd.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer



## 4th Grade Summary

As a result of the 4th Grade team's continued success we ended up competing in 6 games over the course of 7 hours which became like an "Ironman Competition" testing both our stamina and ball control abilities. We were successful in defeating two Alpha Academy teams, St. John's Monaca, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacramento and tying St. Killian's en route to the Championship game. The 4th grade Cougars brought home some new hardware for the St. James trophy case with a 2nd place finish behind a very talented and deep St. Alphonsus team.

Our stingy defense was anchored by goal keepers Ashley Kovacs and Anthony Guy allowing only 3 goals all day with defenders Kevin Meurer and Billy Garrison dominating ball control often in the other team's territory. Ian Rodgers was stellar all day at midfield, controlling the center of the field and our attack efforts. Our offensive groups were led by Mary Rose Ceccarelli, Elizabeth Padalino, Declan Urffer and Harrison MacDonald; they were tenacious all day controlling the ball in the opponent's end of the field for large periods of time, providing numerous assists and shots on a talented group of goal keepers. Ian Rodgers scored 5 goals throughout the tournament with Anthony Guy and Billy Garrison each popping in one.

Each player was awarded both a medal and a trophy at the awards ceremony. Ian Rodgers and Billy Garrison were also recognized with All Tournament Awards for their exemplary level of play.

The 4th Grade team ultimately finished the season with a record of 10-1-1 with our only loss being in the Championship Game.

Coaches MacDonald, Meurer, Urffer and McAllister want to wish

### **Big Congratulations to the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Cougars!**

## 3rd Grade Summary

The 3rd Grade was successful in defeating an unknown St. Maurice team (2-0) and St. Philips team (3-1). As we did once in our regular season, we tied St. Alphonsus (1-1). Ironically, our record after playing our 3 regular games resulted in a tie with St. Alphonsus (2-0-1). Unfortunately, we did not move forward to seeding and the quarter finals because of the tie breaking rules (Goal Differential between two tied teams (max +3 per game). St. Alphonsus' goal differential for their 3 games was +6 to our +4.

Our defense only gave up (2) goals all day led by our goal keepers Tommy Peilert and Luke Saftner. Defenders Jeffery Zick, Jackson Zernich, Victoria Gevaudan and Jacob Commens completely dominated their opponents showing tremendous ball control and aggressive play. Jonathan McAllister and Anthony DiFolco stood strong sharing the roll of center midfielder controlling the pace of the game. Our offense was led by Mary Rose McNelis, Luke Saftner, Brett Gregory and Nicholas Joseph sharing the roles of left and right forwards. They were very aggressive all day, attacking and winning the ball allowing for plenty of opportunities on the offensive attack. Jonathan McAllister scored all 6 goals throughout the 3 regular games played.

The 3rd Grade team ultimately finished the season UNDEFEATED with a record of 9-0-2.

Coaches McAllister, MacDonald, Meurer, and Urffer would like to extend

### **Congratulations to the 3rd Grade Cougars for a Tremendous Season!**