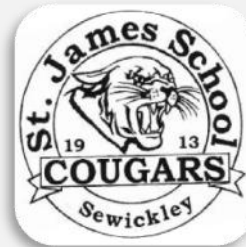




Cougar Call

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Events

11/25 11:20 Dismissal
11/26 Happy Thanksgiving
11/27 No School
11/30 No School
12/1 Christmas Shop begins

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER?

If you are in 4th grade or older, and are interested in becoming an altar server, a training session will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at 4:30pm in the Church. If you would like to participate, please call Karin at (412)741-6650, extension 310 or email at saintjamesparish@comcast.net to register.

Cougar Call Entries

Cougar Call entries must be submitted by

NOON Monday for same week publishing.

Good News – School Cafeteria

An inspection of our school cafeteria was conducted on November 13, 2009 by the Allegheny County Health Department. At that time, no violations of Article III, "Food Safety", of the Rules and Regulations of the Health Department were found. We were recognized for our cooperation in maintaining our facility in compliance with the standards of this Department.

Principals' Corner

On Thanksgiving Day, Americans thank God, the creator of the universe, for all the gifts and blessings with which we have been endowed. Family members gather for a special dinner and take extra time to pray and recognize all the things for which they are thankful. The idea is to express an honest gratitude towards God and celebrate God's kind presence in our lives. For Catholics, this sense of gratitude extends beyond the good things of life, to something which is much greater and exists on an entirely different plane. This higher plane is the reason St. James School is in existence. Together we share the responsibility and gift of growing together in the knowledge of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

We want to share the following prayer with you as a Thanksgiving Blessing; wishing each family a most Blessed Thanksgiving. As you gather together, may you be a source of strength for each other; be thankful for the good in your lives, and grateful for being willing and able to walk with each other through difficult times.

God in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, both spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage; our food and shelter; the love we have for one another, our family and friends. In your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings so that we can contribute more fully to your world.

Thanksgiving Dinner

St. James Church started a wonderful tradition two years ago. They serve, free of charge, Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone who 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!

Keeping Hands Clean

Thanks to Mrs. Renee Cunningham and Mrs. Rose McEnroe the students had the opportunity to learn firsthand how to prevent the spreading of germs. Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. McEnroe visited each health class and presented information about hand washing. Viewing video and receiving instructions on the proper method of hand washing has helped the students become aware of the importance of correct hand washing methods. Thanks, also, to Mr. Sonson for arranging the presentations during health classes. Let's give them a clean hand of applause!

Christmas Shop Reminder

The Christmas Shop will be the week of December 1 in the Gathering Space. Volunteers will guide the children while letting them still enjoy the feeling of shopping independently. There are a wide variety of items to choose from including NFL and NHL items. Please return the money envelope with your child on Tuesday, December 1. If you would like to volunteer contact Beverly George 724-933-1147.

Science Lab Update

The science lab just received a donation of lab coats. We now have enough jackets that the entire class can participate in the hands on experiments at the same time. Special thanks to Nova Chemicals and Lisa Cardosi for donating the lab jackets.

Concession Stand

Saint James Athletic Association is looking for a volunteer to serve as the concession stand coordinator during basketball season. The coordinator will stock and inventory supplies on a weekly basis, but does not need to be present when the concession is open. If you are interested in earning volunteer hours on a flexible schedule, this is the opportunity for you! Please contact John Nicolaus at JLNicolaus@comcast.net.

Recognizing the Seventh and Eighth Grade Students –

The students in the seventh and eighth grades recently took a field trip to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum for a science program. Because of the timing, the students stopped at McDonald’s for a late breakfast. Upon leaving, Mrs. Bulera was approached by a worker at McDonald’s. He complimented the students on their behavior and manners. He was impressed with the students because they allowed older customers to move ahead of them in line, talked quietly, and cleaned up after themselves. He stated that he has seen many groups pass through McDonald’s, but the students from St. James caught his eye because of their behavior. The students’ behavior during the program was also outstanding. CONGRATULATIONS! That is putting FAITH into action.

Congratulations to Mary Swick, St. James class of 2009.

Mary scored the winning soccer goal against Avonworth. Mary is a Freshman at OLSH and thanks St. James for her great soccer training!

Central Catholic Masque Presents Barry Manilow's Copacabana



Central Catholic Masque Presents Barry Manilow's Copacabana, A Musical Comedy. Rachel Rheingrover an Alumna of St. James School will be performing in the Copacabana show at Central Catholic. This is Rachel's fifth performance in the Masque at Central Catholic. She will be singing and dancing in the show.

Rachel is in several honors classes and just appointed Student Ambassador at Oakland Catholic. She is involved with Respect Life, Yearbook, Forensics, Campus Ministry, Spanish Club, Choir, Masque, Swim Team, and OC Cheerleading.

Rachel invites you to the show which runs December 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30 p.m. and on December 6th at 2:00 p.m., in the McGonigle Theater at Central Catholic. Tickets are available by calling 412-208-3404 or at the door.

Steelers Tickets Raffle

The St. James Athletic Association is currently holding a Steelers tickets raffle as its primary fund-raiser for this fall. The prize will be three tickets to the Dec. 20th Steelers game vs. the Packers. Tickets are \$10 each. The raffle drawing is being held at the St. James School Christmas Show on Dec. 10th. Please send all raffle ticket proceeds, ticket stubs, and requests for additional tickets, to the Athletic Association through the office. Please return all monies and ticket stubs by Monday, December 7th.

Thank you for supporting our school sports programs and our athletes!

Altar Server Schedule for November 28 - November -30

Nov 28, 5 PM	Nov 30, 7:30 AM	Nov 30, 9:30 AM	Nov 30, 11:30 PM
Jamie Alexander	Alexis Brezny	Gabriel Haley	Alexa Collins
Nick Cullo	Ashley Farnen	Lucas Peilert	Michael Rice
Wyatt Travis	Jake Smiley	John Peilert	Benjamin Worst