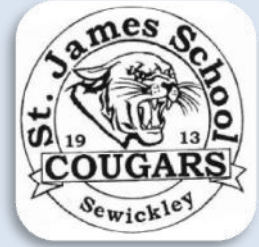




Cougar Call

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Events

10/15 9am Liturgy

10/15 6:30-9:30 at St. Joseph, Protecting God's Children (see article below for more details)

10/16 NO SCHOOL

10/28 7:00 to 8:30pm First Penance meeting will be held for all parents of second grade candidates in the Gathering Space

Cougar Call Entries

All Cougar Call entries must be submitted to Mary Ceccarelli **no later than Monday** in order to be featured the same week. Any submission after Monday will be featured a week later. All articles can be submitted to Mary's email:

mhcecca@verizon.net or, by filling out the form on the HSA page of the SJS website.

Needed: Mouse Pads

We are in need of new mouse pads for the computer Lab. If you have any from a business or extras at home; your donation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Mrs. Marroni

Sister's Christmas Catechism

Mark Your Calendar for Sister's Christmas Catechism

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 the evening of Saturday, December 5 for one command performance. Show time is 7:30p.m. with an option for a delicious dinner buffet by Armstrongs at 6p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are available by completing a ticket order form and returning with payment to the school office. (A ticket order form is available in the Wednesday folder). Single tickets are \$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 by calling Kim Litz at 412-613-8817. **All proceeds of the show benefit St. James school.**

In this latest addition to the LATE NITE CATECHIM series, Sister employs techniques from her favorite TV show, Forensic Files to discover the whereabouts of the Magi's Gold. As she points out in her hilarious opening, "We know what happened to the myrrh and the frankincense – Mary used them as a sort of potpourri. They were in a barn after all. But who was the culprit who made off with the gold coins and left Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus in that lousy stable without any chance to upgrade to a suite?"

Forensic tools in hand, Sister creates a living nativity using audience members dressed as the Holy Family, magi, shepherds, sheep, cattle...and of course, an ass. She then sets the stage for the crime by directing a local choir in songs of the season that are sure to add even more clues to her investigation.

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.

Saint James School to Be Audited!

We have been selected as one of only twelve schools/parishes to be audited by the Gavin Group, representing the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The audit is scheduled for October 20, 2009. The primary reason for the audit is to review our compliance with the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Safe Environment Policy. If you volunteer at our school, it is extremely important that you complete all necessary requirements of the policy as soon as possible. Please contact Susan Ponticello at the Rectory if you have any questions at 412-741-6650 ext. 315.

Thank You

Preschool would like to thank the Ceccarelli, Auth and Weineke families for their toy donations. We would also like to thank the DeBiase and Saftner families for the supplies. If you have any gently used toys that you are getting rid of and don't know what to do, we would be happy to have them. Thank you so much!

Last Call for Directory Updates

If there were any errors with your Directory information, please email Renee Pompei at pompifamily@gmail.com so it can be updated. Please note, ALL information that is in the 2009-10 Student Directory was collected last spring on an orange paper that was sent home in the Wednesday folder. For those that did not fill out the form, the previous year's information including names, address and phone # were included. Thank you!

Attention Volunteers:

There will be a Protecting God's Children Workshop at St. Joseph in Coraopolis on October 15, 6:30-9:30 for any volunteers who have not previously attended a session. Call Cathy Pisko at 412-264-6162 to register. This is one of the required elements that each school volunteer must have for the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Safe Environment Policy. If you have any questions regarding the Safe Environment Policy, please contact Sue Ponticello at the Rectory at 412-741-6650 ext. 315. Thank you.

Pre 4 Learned all About Apples and Much More



The pre 4 ended their first month of school with a fun filled apple theme. First they each brought in an apple and we had a taste test between red, yellow and green apples. We charted the results with red being the most popular. We also made apple print patterns and tasty homemade applesauce. Each child helped core and peel the apples and learned how to turn apples into yummy

applesauce; as shown above by Melanie George. We concluded our theme at Soergel's apple orchard where we had a hands on tour and were able to see and taste the process from apples into apple cider. Our very own Ethan Pesce was chosen to dress up as an apple while the demonstrator educated us on different stages of one of the many processes it goes through before it is sold in the store. The children had a great time. In the month of October, we will be visiting the Sewickley Fire Department.

Box Tops News



Bonus Box Tops are an easy way for one family to make a big difference. Each month you'll find special promotions and sweepstakes where you can enter for a chance to win thousands of Bonus Box Tops. Just go to www.boxtops4education.com. Check back often for the latest bonus opportunities and remember to spread the word; the more people who enter, the greater our school's chance of winning.

Chex Mix Bars Giveaway

Enter daily for a chance to win 1,000 Bonus Box Tops from Chex Mix® Bars. 10 schools will win!

[Betty Crocker® Sweet Moments Match & Win Game](#)

You could win up to 1,000 Bonus Box Tops for our school from Betty Crocker®!

[1000-A-Day Grow up Strong Giveaway](#)

Sign up to win! All you need to do is sign up at the Box Tops website for your chance to win.

[5000-a-week Fruit-Flavored Snacks Giveaway](#)

You could win 1,000 bonus box tops. Betty Crocker® Fruit-Flavored Snacks are giving away 1,000 Bonus Box Tops to 30 schools.

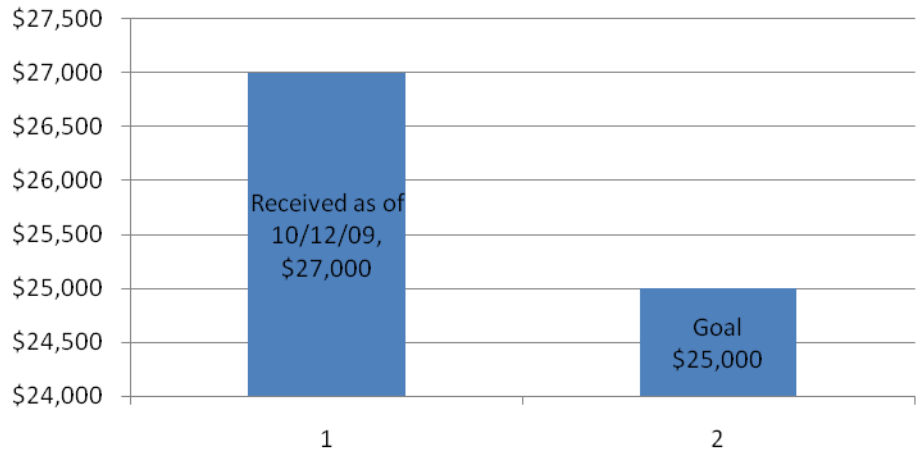
[Play El Tacodor and win!](#)

You could win \$5,000 cash or 2,500 Bonus Box Tops for our school!

Also get your Box Tops in Now!!

To make the October submission deadline, we need to have any and all BOX TOPS!! The deadline is October 19, 2009. Thanks for your support!!

Race for Education Update



Eighth grader Anthony Kuntz competed at the International Warriors Hall of Fame Open Martial Arts Tournament in Medina, Ohio on Oct 3rd, 2009.

He won 3 Gold medals in Open Hand Forms, Long Weapon and Mixed Padded Weapon Sparring events.

Anthony also placed 4th and 5th in Open Hand Forms and Long Weapons at the Las Vegas Chinese Martial Arts Championship this summer and qualified for the International Chinese Martial Arts World Championship Tournament to be held in Nassau, Bahamas.

Altar Server Schedule

October 18 - October 12

Oct 17, 5:00 PM	Oct 18, 7:30 AM	Oct 18, 9:30 AM	Oct 18, 11:30 AM
Madi Brooks	Ashley Farnen	John Peilert	Joseph McNally
Lindsay Curran	Megan Johnson	Lucas Peilert	Kaitlyn McNally
Julianna Nicolaus	Chris Johnson	Cora Saftner	Timothy McNally

Athletic Events

Oct 17 9am – noon: JV & Varsity basketball practice

Oct 18 3:30 & 4:45 pm JV & Varsity soccer game vs. St. Sylvester at Seton LaSalle H.S.

Athletics

Attention All JV and Varsity Boys Basketball Players:



First official practice of the season will be taking place in the St. James gym on Saturday October 17th from 9 am to Noon.

All boys who have registered and turned in all the necessary paperwork should be at practice.

Soccer

Varsity Soccer Game Recap

This past Sunday, we played Brookline Regional Catholic at our home field at QVHS stadium. Our team came out strong and never looked back! Our team was really hustling, especially Brody Churovia, Jack Matten, Rachel Osheka, Jenna Ponticello, Matt Mezzio, Carlyle MacDonald, Hannah Renner & Sarah Cullo. Playing in goal was Leo Hill which was the 1st time he played the entire game as Keeper. Leo did a great job and he had his 1st shutout! St James won by a score of 4 to 0. Scoring for the Cougars was Jack with a hat trick with one of his goals set up by Jay Pflugh who placed the ball right over the defensive line. Brody Churovia had a very nice goal from 20 yards out on a direct kick and Brody landed it in the right upper ninety! The Cougars now have 5 wins and no losses! Our next match will be a tough one as we take on St. Sylvester who is also unbeaten (so far)! Go Cougars.

The 4th grade soccer team played this Sunday against Bishop Leonard/St. Mary of the Mount. The Cougars played a balanced game as a team and came up with another strong 7-1 win; leaving the team with a 4-0 record so far this season. Peyton Gregory led the scoring with 3 goals, Billy Garrison had 2, Harrison MacDonald and Declan Urffer each had one. Our scoring team was assisted throughout the game by Elizabeth Padalino and Mary Rose Ceccarelli. Our tough defense was led by Anthony Guy and Ashley Kovacs who split the time in goal; while defenders and midfielders Kevin Meurer, Coco Gregory and Elizabeth Padalino shut down the opposing offense at midfield.

The 3rd grade soccer team played this Sunday, October 11th against St. Kilian. The Cougars played a very dominating game as a team and came up with another strong win, leaving the team with a 4-0-1 record so far this season. Everyone on the team had an opportunity to score, with almost everyone having at least (1) goal. Multiple goals were scored by Brett Gregory, Jonathan McAllister, Luke Saftner, Jackson Zernich and Jeffry Zick. Our tough defense was led by Luke Saftner and Tommy Peilert who split the time in goal. Everyone had a chance to assist the team as either a defender or midfielder. There was plenty of teamwork and sportsmanship displayed on the field.

Thanks to all the parents who helped set-up and break down the field at the game.



St. James Football

St. Cyril School, in the Brighton Heights Neighborhood of Pittsburgh, has a long tradition of football and they would like to invite the St. James Community to come out and see what they

have to offer. If you are considering having your child play football next year, please join us on Saturday, October 24th at Martorelli Stadium on Perry Highway in the North Hills to watch the St. Cyril Jaguars vs. the St. Theresa Titans in the annual GOLDEN BOWL. JV will play at 5:00 p.m. and Varsity will begin at 7:30 p.m. Following the JV game there will be a performance by the Pep Squad and 8th grade appreciation.

This special weekend for St. Cyril Football players actually starts with a school pep rally on Friday afternoon and a dance on Friday evening. The 8th Graders arrive to the Golden Bowl in style via limousine. The "Golden Bowl" is the end of season game when St. Cyril's School hosts St. Theresa School team for a season finale. The game is followed by an "after-party" and dinner for the players and their families. This tradition has been going on for more than 33 years and holds a special importance for St. James this year because 8th graders Lucas Peilert plays for St. Cyril and Jimmy Rooney plays for St. Theresa.

Because of St. Cyril School's size, they are permitted to recruit students from St. James School to play for them. St. Cyril School Athletics would like to invite any family who is interested in having their 5th-8th grade child play football for next year to witness and experience this wonderful tradition. We hope to see you there!

NOTE: The \$2 ticket to the Golden Bowl also give you a chance to win \$500!

SJS Cross Country – Diocesan Championship Results 2009

St. James's JV Girl's team placed 17th and Victoria Michalenko came in 11th place out of 223 runners. Congratulations!

Place	Name	Time	Pace
SJS JV Girls' Team placed 17th			
11	Victoria Michalenko	15:33	7:23
78	Tessa Juliano	15:33	8:21
115	Natalia Juliano	16:29	8:51
135	Marin Auth	17:07	9:12
152	Catie Conry	17:44	9:32
171	Maryrose Ceccarelli	18:50	10:07
172	Molly Defilippo	19:02	10:13
JV Boys			
80	John Auth	14:12	7:38
107	Charlie Veek	14:46	7:56
188	Michael Defilippo	16:49	9:02
Varsity Girls			
53	Elizabeth Michalenko	14:29	7:47
148	Caroline Jackson	18:12	9:47
Varsity Boys			
43	Alexander Michalenko	12:47	6:52
68	Ryder Ballou	13:14	7:06
79	Leo Hill	13:40	7:21
137	Evan Zernich	15:48	8:30