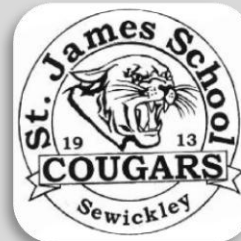




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## Events

*HSA Teacher  
Appreciation Week*

*10/21 11:30am  
dismissal, Aftercare in  
Session*

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

## **11/14 FAMILY NIGHT OUT**

*HSA and Youthtowne  
will sponsor a wonderful  
family evening out on  
Sat. November 14,  
2009. The night will  
include a hayride,  
campfire and potluck  
dinner - the cost is free!  
Watch the Wednesday  
folder for directions and  
details.*

## **WELL WISHERS:**

*Please contact Michelle  
Veeck*

[mfveeck@gmail.com](mailto:mfveeck@gmail.com)  
*with updates on our  
school families (births,  
sickness, in need etc.)  
so we can reach out and  
be Christian to our  
neighbors.*

## **NEW LUNCH FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

The fourth graders have been working on their writing skills. Their first writing paper was to write a letter to Mrs. DiFolco describing a great lunch that they would like served to their school. All of the students did a great job. The five finalists were Maryrose Ceccarelli, Jordan Rheingrover, Anthony Guy, Victoria Michalenko, and Declan Urffer. The five finalists' letters were given to Mrs. DiFolco to choose a winner. The names were covered up and each letter was given a number. She said it was a very difficult decision; however, she only could pick one. And the winner was... Anthony Guy!!! Congratulations! His lunch will be served in November, so look for it in the November lunch calendar.

We also decided to have Gavin Ward's lunch because it was very creative and spooky! His lunch will be served on October 28th, next Wednesday, instead of Pizza.

Count Gavula's Menu:

Main course: Mummy Yummy Fingers with Bloody Dipping Sauce

Vegetable: Green Ogre Green Beans, crunchy yet tasty

Fruit: Perfectly Poison Apple- one bite and you're in heaven!

Dessert: Corpuscule Cupcakes

Beverage: Full Moon- one sip, and you're howling at the moon

## **Saint James School Rosary**

October is the month of the rosary. We invite all of our Saint James' families to join us on Tuesday, October 27th, to pray the Rosary with us. We will be gathering in the Church at 1:35pm.

Please remind your child to bring his/her Rosary to school that day.

## **Pro-Life Rosary Recitation**

St. James parents, please join us every Monday morning, directly after drop off (8:15am- 8:45am) for our Pro-Life Rosary recitation. We meet in the Chapel and enjoy praying together. We have rosaries to share and provide the Rosary prayers for everyone to join along with us.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. The Fair will be held on Thursday, November 5 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and on Friday, November 6 from 8:00-12:00, Noon. For all the "Wimpy Kid" series fans, we will have plenty of the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days on hand at a price lower than in the stores!

*Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the Fair, please contact Denise Gevaudan at [gevaudan@verizon.net](mailto:gevaudan@verizon.net).*

## Athletic Events

10/24 JV & Varsity Soccer Game vs. Sacred Heart - 3:15 & 4:30 pm at Heth Field

10/24 3:45 pm 3rd Grade soccer vs. St. Alexis at Mars Area Soccer Club

10/25 JV & Varsity Soccer Game vs. St. Sylvester - 3:30 & 4:45 pm at QVHS

10/25 2:15 pm 3rd Grade Soccer vs. St. Philip at QVHS

October 25 2:15 pm 4th Grade Soccer vs. St. Elizabeth at QVHS.



## Athletics Basketball

### Attention All JV and Varsity Girls Basketball Players:

The JV and JJV girls' basketball teams are looking for additional players. Any girls in grades 2-6 that are interested in playing should contact Ray or Denise Gevaudan at [gevaudan@verizon.net](mailto:gevaudan@verizon.net).

### Attention JJV Boys Basketball Parents

The 2009/2010 Basketball season officially started this past Thursday, October 15. Keeping in mind everyone's busy schedules with current school athletic functions and activities, we have decided to "officially" start having JJV Boys Basketball practices around the first week of November.

Until then, we will be having a couple of "open gyms" for the children who are anxious to get on the court and start playing. For those of you new to basketball, "open gym" means that the session is "open" to anyone on the team (Boys JJV Basketball) that is able/willing/wanting to attend barring other commitments.

With that said, the following are the dates for JJV Boys Basketball open gyms over the next couple weeks:

| DAY                   | TIME        | PLACE                      |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Wednesday, October 21 | 5:00 – 6:30 | St. James School Gymnasium |
| Friday, October 23    | 5:30 – 7:00 | St. James School Gymnasium |
| Friday, October 30    | 5:30 – 7:00 | St. James School Gymnasium |

An official practice schedule will be sent out once it is finalized.

## Soccer

### Varsity Soccer Game Recap

Upsets Previously Undefeated Team!



We knew that we would have a tough match against St. Sylvester this past Sunday at their home field as they were undefeated, before they met the SJS Cougars! We won the game by a score of 1 to 0. It was one of our best games this season as we shutout a team that has scored in every game this season with an average of 3 goals per game!

Playing excellent defense for the Cougars were: Jay Pflugh, Katie Indovina, Leo Hill, Rachel Osheka & Sydney McDaniel. Gregory Strong who played Keeper the whole game, had numerous saves and had a fantastic save when

he came out of the box to kick the ball down the field when one of St. Sylvester's forwards had a breakaway. Midfielders were hustling and making smart plays, lead by Brody Churovia, Emma Balouch, Madison Grimes and Annamae Bolen.

Playing on top was Jack Matten, Joseph McNally and Jenna Ponticello who kept pressure on the other team's defense and did an outstanding job! Our goal came near the end of the 1st half when Brody had a nice throw-in to Joseph who passed it up to Jack and then Jack one touched it back to Joseph (a give & go) who then kicked

the ball between the goalie's legs for the goal! What an exciting game...the whole team played well! The Cougars are now undefeated with 6 Wins. We have 2 remaining games which will be played next weekend. On Sunday we will play St. Sylvester's again, but this time at our home field. If we win next Saturday against Sacred Heart, then on Sunday we will be playing for the Section title! Come out to cheer your Cougar team on to Victory!

## **JV Soccer**

**Oct 11, 2009**

**The St. James JV Soccer team** played their fifth match of the season on Sunday, Oct. 11 against Brookline Regional Catholic. The Cougars opened up the game with a strong and sustained offense that led to two first half goals by Ryan McNelis and Lauren Padalino. The second half continued with a well balanced effort on both the offensive and defensive sides of the field and was highlighted by goals from Harrison Kutchjak and Gabrielle Zernich. The final score was 4-0 and the JV soccer team is still undefeated this fall. Although this was not the highest scoring game of their season, the coaches praised the JV Cougars for what was their best overall team performance yet of the year. Congratulations on a great season so far!

**Oct 18, 2009**

**The St. James JV Soccer team** had one of their best performances of the season this Sunday afternoon at St. Sylvester. With a final score of 8-1 the Cougars have improved their record to 6-0 this season. The scoring was opened in the first half with 2 goals from Harrison Kutchjak and was followed by another pair of goals from Gabrielle Zernich. At halftime, the Cougars had a comfortable 4-0 lead. In the second half, St. Sylvester scored one quick goal, but the JV team responded with an additional 4 goals from Lauren Padalino, Gabrielle Gevaudan, Ryan McNelis, and Julianna Nicolaus.

The game was highlighted by the Cougars' teamwork and sportsmanship as much as it was by the scoring. All of the players shone when it came to teamwork and unselfish play. The leadership and support of our 6th grade players cannot go unrecognized in this game: Stephen Jancart in goal, Colin Neville on defense, Kyle Cardwell and Mason Grimes at midfield and on defense, Harrison Kutchjak, Brandon George, and Lauren Padalino at forward and on defense, and Gabrielle Zernich at midfield and forward. This support generated the opportunity for the Cougars to sustain their offensive efforts and play the majority of the game in the offensive half of the field. This sustained effort came from the contributions of Julianna Nicolaus and Gabrielle Gevaudan at forward, and Sarila Kunde, Elizabeth Padalino, and Ryan McNelis at midfield.

The coaches wish to commend the JV players on their ability to play as a team and to demonstrate superb sportsmanship. They also want to congratulate them again on an outstanding game and 6-0 record so far this season.

Go Cougars!

## **St. James Football at Heinz Field**



Through the generosity of the Steelers Organization, the St. Theresa Titans and the St. Cyril Jaguar Football teams have been invited to play at halftime during the Steeler/Viking Football game on Sunday, October 25. Yes, that means our own St. James students Jimmy, Matt Rooney, Lucas and John Peilert will be playing at Heinz Field and enjoying the Steelers game from the sidelines. What a way to end the season!!!!

If you cannot be at Heinz Field, please come out and support these boys 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. For over 30 years, St. Cyril School has hosted the St. Theresa Titans for this football season finale game. 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.

If St. James students are interested in playing football, then St. Cyril School has been designated by the Diocese as our option. St. Cyril School's Athletics is a terrific, welcoming organization. They 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 gives you a chance to win \$500!

**Altar Server Schedule for October 24 - October 26**

| Oct 25, 7:30 AM | Oct 25, 9:30 AM | Oct 25, 11:30 AM | Oct 26, 7:30 PM     |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Laura Mangan    | Jackson House   | Annamae Bolen    | Joshua Burns        |
| Connor Mangan   | Joshua Leeman   | Emily Bolen      | Jarad Haught        |
| Meg Oczypok     | William Leeman  | Nate Lisanti     | Annamarie Macchione |