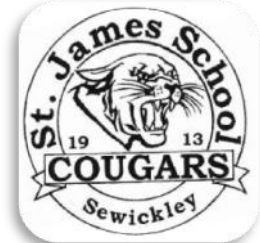




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Events

10/28 7:00 to 8:30pm
First Penance mtg. for
2nd grade parents in
the Gathering Space

10/29 NO SCHOOL
11/5 3:00-5:00 p.m.
and 11/6 8:00-12:00,
Noon: Book Fair
DSL Soccer Playoffs will
be held the weekend of
November 7 - 8 at
Youthtowne

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
with updates on our
school families (births,
sickness, in need etc.)
so we can reach out and
be Christian to our
neighbors.

Order Your Tickets for Sister's Christmas Catechism by Nov. 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 the evening of Saturday, December 5 for one command performance. Show time is 7:30 p.m. with an option of a delicious buffet dinner by Armstrong's at 6p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are available by completing a ticket order form and returning with payment to the school office. 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.

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.

Labels for Education

Fall is here, the air is crisp and we've settled back into another promising school year. Our first half collection drive is in full swing now and the 2009 Holiday Bonus Offer is a sure way to pump up our first half point balance.



Nourish their potential.

2009 Holiday Bonus Offer!

When our school submits a total of 2,500 points between October 21, 2009-December 31, 2009, Labels for Education will match it by giving our school 2,500 Bonus Points. Three lucky schools can win a 100,000 point bonus certificate. Get your labels in so we can earn extra points or even the bonus certificate.

We could win a Busload of gear for your school!

One lucky winner will receive \$25,000 worth of arts, athletics, and academics gear for their school! We could win trumpets & trombones, baseball bats & soccer balls, paintbrushes & easels, plus a whole lot more! You can enter once a day, so log on to

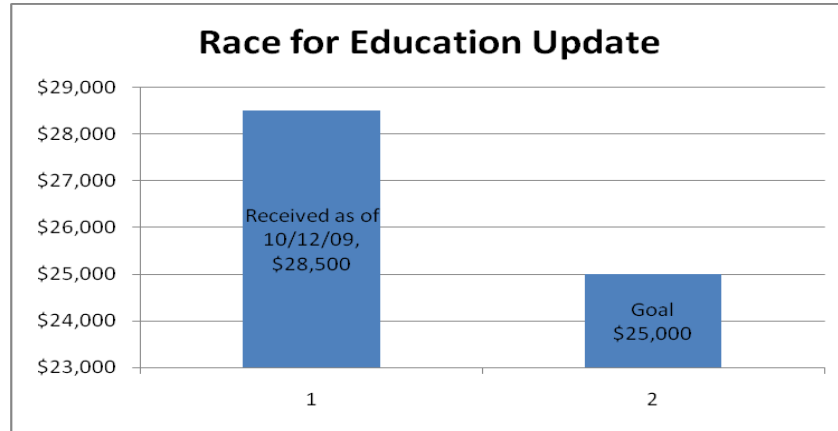
Attention all St. James Business Owners

Why not give your business name visibility while helping out your school? Place a program ad during *Sister's Christmas Catechism: Mystery of the Magi's Gold* show scheduled for Saturday December 5th, 2009. Prices are as follows: \$50/quarter page (business card), \$75/half page and \$100/full page. Advertising is not just limited to the program - there are many other ways your business can get involved in helping out this great St. James Fundraiser. For more information on placing an ad or providing a donation please contact Traci Ziemkiewicz at 412-965-4911/gtciem@comcast.net

labels for education (www.labelsforeducation.com) every day through 10/31/09!

3rd Grade News

In recognition of Respect Life Month the St. James Third Grade class collected 161 pairs of socks for homeless families in the area. The students walked to the Sewickley Library to deliver the socks. They will then be given to those who are in need. Socks for men, women, children and even babies were donated. It is nice to know that our Third Graders are doing what they can to respect all life.



SCRIP NEWS

Effective November 1 through December 31 we will NOT be issuing any I.O.U's for Scrip orders/sales.

All Scrip orders during the above time period **MUST** be paid in full when:

- You purchase your gift cards/certificates directly at the Rectory or after any Masses on the weekend
- Have to order any Scrip cards/certificates
- Call in your order or send in an order through school for cards/certificates. Orders will not be sent home until we receive your payment.

Also beginning Monday, November 30 we will begin our Holiday Scrip hours at the Rectory which will be Monday through Friday from 9:00am-3:30pm and Saturdays from 9:30am-12:30pm

Please note that the last date we will be ordering Scrip cards/certificates in time for Christmas will be on Monday, December 14.

Christmas Candy Sale

Anderson Candies sale has started. Sell candy to your family and friends and earn 15% towards your \$600 tuition fee! For every \$50 in sales, your family will receive a chance to win a 19" LCD/HDTV. All order forms are to be returned to the school office **by November 6**. All orders must be paid in full. The candy will be delivered on December 3rd.

Altar Server Schedule for October 24 - October 26

| Oct 31, 5 PM | Nov 1, 7:30 AM | Nov 1, 9:30 AM | Nov 1, 11:30 PM |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Dylan Osheka | Sarah Cullo | Gabriel Haley | Ryan McNeis |
| Morgan Osheka | Emma Cullo | Jake Smiley | Michael Rice |
| Rachel Osheka | Matthew Mezzio | Greg Strong | Benjamin Worst |

Athletic Events

*During the weekend of the DSL Play-Offs, St. James will have all 4 soccer teams represented including the 3rd and 4th grade teams, and the JV and Varsity teams. This means that approx. 60 of your fellow SJS student-athletes will be there to compete in their respective playoff categories. In the history of the soccer program at SJS.....we have never had that many teams participating in the DSL Playoffs at the same time.
GO COUGARS!*

Setting up her goal



Soccer



Varsity Team is World Cup Division - 1st Place Section III - Undefeated Champions!

This past weekend the Cougars played their last two games of the regular season. On Saturday, they played Sacred Heart at their field in Morningside. The field was a little muddy, but that did not slow down the Cougars as they won by a score of 6 to 0. Scoring a hat trick (3 goals) was Brody Churovia who had an excellent game...and he scored all 3 goals in the 1st half; most of which were shot from 25 yards out. Also scoring was Jack Matten, Jay Pflugh and Annamae Bolen. Defense and midfield played very well, especially Madison Grimes, Lauren Kunde, Katherine Meurer, Sarah Cullo, Sydney McDaniel, Leo Hill and Amanda Lyon.

On Sunday, we hosted St Sylvester at our home field. This was a rematch of last week's game and again we were victorious with a score of 2 to 1. Scoring our 1st goal was Emma Balouch who had a nice shot on goal in the 1st half (see picture on left sidebar). At the end of the 1st half the score was tied 1 to 1. In the 2nd half the Cougars came out strong with Jack Matten scoring the wining goal (see photo to the right). The team played one of their best games all season especially Jay, Brody, Leo, Hannah Renner, Katie Indovina, Carlyle MacDonald, Rachel Osheka, Joseph McNally and Jenna Ponticello. Gregory Strong had numerous saves in goal.

Scoring the winning goal



The Cougars ended the regular season with 8 Wins and no losses which makes them the Section III Champions and the #1 Seed in the World Cup Division for the Diocese Soccer League Playoffs. Congratulations Cougars!! The DSL Playoffs will be held the weekend of November 7 - 8 at Youthtowne. Watch for more information as we get closer so that you can come out and cheer on the Cougars.

JV Soccer is 8-0 Section 3 Champs!

This past weekend, the JV Soccer team played their final two games of the season. On Saturday, the Cougars traveled to Morningside to take on Sacred Heart on a short, narrow and muddy field. During the first half, the two teams' defense kept the teams deadlocked in tight quarters with neither team able to mount serious attacks due to the lack of space and the tenacious play of the midfield and defense. Despite the stalwart defense of Sacred Heart, St. James had several good scoring chances in the first half that were turned aside by good goal-tending. The second half started off the same way with the teams mired in a mainly defensive struggle. The majority of the play in the half consisted of superior control of the midfield by the Cougars by controlling offensive strikes and cleared balls and distributing the ball back into the offensive zone. Once again, despite valiant efforts, none of these attacks were

successful. With 10 minutes to go, the game finally opened up on both sides of the field. Sensing the possibility of a 0-0 tie, both teams stepped up their attacks. Sacred Heart managed several deep strikes including a breakaway that Stephen Jancart, in goal for the Cougars, narrowly turned away with a game-saving stop. With less than 1 minute remaining and a 6-0 undefeated record on the line, the JV Cougars launched a last desperate attack. With the forwards and midfielders fully committed, Colin Neville stepped up from his position at stopper and delivered a final shot on goal. A jubilant Cougars team watched the ball hit the back of the net for the first and only goal of the game. The JV Cougars were victors with a final score of 1-0. This was the most exciting game of the season to watch!

On Sunday, the JV Cougars played their final game of the season at their home field of Quaker Valley Stadium against St. Sylvester. In the first half, two quick goals were scored by Lauren Padalino and Kyle Cardwell. After opening up an early lead, the Cougars rebalanced their position players to provide defensive support to protect their lead and to control midfield. This control enabled the Cougars to push forward a sustained and balanced attack which resulted in a 2nd goal by Lauren Padalino. At half-time, the score was 3-0 in favor of the Cougars. This style of play dominated the remainder of the game. A 4th goal was contributed by Gabrielle Zernich as the Cougars continued to dominate the field. The final score was 4-0 with the opposition failing to register a shot on goal. Once again, the JV coaches commended the Cougars on not only on their victory, but on the outstanding level of sportsmanship and teamwork that they demonstrated throughout the game.

Again, all of these players should be recognized for both their individual talents and achievements on the field as well as their exemplary teamwork and sportsmanship:

6th Graders: Kyle Cardwell, Brandon George, Mason Grimes, Stephen Jancart, Harrison Kutchjak, Colin Neville, Lauren Padalino, Gabrielle Zernich

5th Graders: Gabrielle Gevaudan, Ryan McNelis, Sarila Kunde, Julianna Nicolaus, Camille Zarycki

4th Graders: Billy Garrison, Harrison MacDonald, Elizabeth Padalino, Ian Rodgers

Your JV Cougars Soccer team finished with a remarkable record of 8-0. This record puts the Cougars in sole possession of 1st place in their division and will give them the top seed in the upcoming playoffs (and a bye in the first round). The hard work and dedication of each of the players on the team made this possible.

Thank you to everyone who has worked with and supported the JV players throughout the season (especially the parents)! The Cougars would appreciate your continued support during the Diocesan playoffs next weekend. GO COUGARS!

The 4th grade soccer team played this Sunday against St. Elizabeth. The Cougars played another balanced game as a team and came up with a strong 5-0 shutout; leaving the team with a 5-0 record to complete the regular season. Peyton Gregory led the scoring with 2 goals, Billy Garrison, Mia Cuccaro and Harrison MacDonald each had one goal, and Declan Urffer had an assist. Our stingy defense was led by Ashley Kovacs in goal; while defenders, midfielders and strikers helped us shut down the opposing offense at midfield.

A special recognition of sportsmanship is extended to Anthony Guy who played for the

visiting St. Philip team the entire game; and Harrison MacDonald who helped them out for the 1st half until their players could arrive. The coaches from all teams appreciated their sacrificing time with their fellow players to help others.

Thanks to all the parents who helped set-up and break down the field during our final home game.

Finally, many who watched the game today had no idea we were witnessing a tremendous display of courage and will out on the field. I was informed by the St. Elizabeth's Coach during the game that one of their players is currently fighting brain cancer. The coach told me that the young man has tremendous commitment to his team and rarely misses practices or games even when it is obvious he is struggling with his latest dose of chemotherapy or tests. I was truly touched by his desire to play his best out on the field and I thought I would share this with our players and parents.

Next-up is the Diocese Tournament on November 7th & 8th at Youthtowne – please come out to cheer your Cougars on.

Coach MacDonald

The JJV 3rd grade soccer team played this past Saturday vs. St Alexis and this past Sunday vs. St. Philip. The Cougars played two great games, dominating in both once again. Everyone on the team had plenty of opportunities to score. There was plenty of teamwork and sportsmanship displayed on the field. Our last game of the season will be played this coming Sunday against St. Alphonsus, who we tied when we last met. We are very excited for the rematch!!! Go Cougars!!!