



REMINDERS!

- **THERE WILL BE NO EXTENDED DAYCARE ON DEC 9 (BEFORE SCHOOL CARE IS SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY)**
- Keep sending in Box Tops for Education!
- Please consider pre-paying for hot lunch.



The Meaning of Christmas

Some of the fondest memories we have of our life as children center around the Christmas season and the days that led up to it. We look at it all a little differently when we have children of our own. Suddenly the carefree days of childhood, when all we worried about was what we were getting for Christmas, fade into history as we rush about trying to do so much in so little time.

Try not to forget those days of Christmas past. Christ was born to show us what it meant to serve others. Our childhood days allowed us to benefit from the service of those who believed in Him. Now it's our turn to teach today's children that same lesson. It isn't an easy task but its well worth the effort. Christ's task wasn't easy, either, but He thought we were worth the effort, too.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec 1	Christmas Fair
Dec 2	Christmas Fair Fundraiser Items Delivered to SJS - Parents must pick up
Dec 5	Advent Wreath Lighting, 8:20 AM, Gym
Dec 7	Christmas Concert, Band & Gr. 1 & 4 School 9:00 AM, Gym Family & Friends, 6:30 PM, Gym
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception Mass, 9:00 AM, Church
Dec 9	FOUR-HOUR DAY - 12:05 DISMISSAL NO EXTENDED DAY CARE (NO MOVIE)
Dec 10	Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 & 10:00 AM, Cafeteria
Dec 12	Advent Wreath Lighting, 8:20 AM, Gym
Dec 15	Staff Meeting, 2:20 PM
Dec 16	Tree of Blessings Ceremony, 9:00 AM, Gym Progress Reports Distributed
Dec 19	Advent Wreath Lighting, 8:20 AM, Gym
Dec 21	Pre-K Christmas Show, 12:15-2:00 PM, Gym
Dec 23	FOUR-HOUR DAY - 12:05 DISMISSAL Advent Mass, 9:00 AM, Church
Dec 24	CHRISTMAS RECESS - NO SCHOOL A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
Jan 2	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Jan 3	School Resumes - Catholic Schools Month



TREE OF BLESSINGS

We are currently accepting orders for the 2011 Tree of Blessings. You may purchase a beautifully designed, cardstock ornament *In Memory of or In Honor of* a loved one. The ornament, with your loved one's name, will be displayed either on the Christmas tree in the school library or in the Church, whichever you prefer. A Prayer Service honoring the recipients will be held on Friday, Dec 16th, at 9:00 AM, in the St. James School gym. All Church ornaments will be transferred to the school tree for the Prayer Service. Extra order forms are available in the school office and at the exits of the Church. **Please have all order forms in by Monday, Dec 12th.**



LIBRARY NEWS

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the families that have donated books to our library. St. James School has acquired three book series from these generous donations. These series were on the St. James School Library Wish List. This list was created by teachers and students. It consists of titles, authors, and subjects that we do not have in our library. If you would like to help out with our wish list by donating a new book, please stop by the library.

HELP WANTED!

I am looking for a few parents that love books and would like to donate time to the library. I need help organizing and running the Spring Used Book Sale. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

*Merry Christmas!
Barbara Alexander*

**SNOW DAYS, LATE OPENINGS,
AND EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS**



During the season with inclement weather, Saint James School is informed by the Manchester Public School system when there will be a delayed opening, snow day, or early dismissal. The announcement, "Manchester Public Schools", is made on radio stations WTIC 1080AM & WTIC 96.5FM, TV stations WVIT (NBC "Channel 30") and WFSB (CBS "Channel 3"), and websites www.wtic.com, www.nbcconnecticut.com, and www.wfsb.com. Many of these websites allow you to sign up to receive emails or text messages when your school has a late opening, early dismissal, or snow day. Please sign up for these messages, or listen and watch for announcements and **have plans in place between you and your child/ren for early dismissals**. If a delayed opening is announced, continue to check for updates in case a later announcement cancels school.

EXTENDED DAY CARE IS ALSO CANCELLED ON THESE DAYS.



Email

Parents, if you are not already receiving school notices via email, please send your name and email address to:
notices@saintjameschool.net

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

The St. James Cross Country Team competed in gale force winds with over 300 runners in the Middle School Championships on Nov. 11th at Hammonasset State Park. Competing in the East of the River B Division, the boys' team finished 6th and the girls' team finished 7th! Below are the individual results:



Boys

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| Zachary Hess - 1 | Anthony Rein - 173 |
| Matthew Melia - 3 | Gavin Boutot - 175 |
| Seth Richards - 19 | Jacob Melia - 176 |
| Chris Vassilopolous - 95 | Matthew Connolly - 195 |
| Greg Lachcik - 102 | Michael Holcomb - 203 |
| Nicholas Hess - 130 | Tommy Bates - 207 |
| Ben Gluhosky - 132 | Dylan Little - 225 |
| Colin Jones - 144 | Jack Desautels - 240 |
| Ben Paquette - 170 | Max August - 241 |

Girls

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| Izabella Lachcik - 20 |
| Payten Walters - 24 |
| Elle Voss - 72 |
| Rachel Nadeau - 123 |
| Christine McConnell - 133 |
| Jenn Kelly - 153 |

Congratulations to all the runners! Thank you to Mrs. Hess for leading the St. James School Cross Country Team this year - we certainly appreciate your dedication and enthusiasm!



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Absence Calls:

Please contact the school as early as possible each day your child is home sick.

Parents must call the school before 8:30 AM to report any absence. Please give your name and your relation to the student. Give the student's name and homeroom and the reason for the absence. If your child is ill, please report the nature of the illness (flu, fever, sore throat, gastro-intestinal, etc.).

As we continue through the cold and virus season, a few reminders regarding what you can do to keep children and families healthy:

- **It is recommended that everyone aged 6 months and older be vaccinated against influenza to protect themselves and their family and friends throughout the 2011-2012 flu season.** For further information, contact your health care provider, visit the Center for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/flu, or call the CDC Info Center at 1-800-232-4636.
- **Influenza is spread mainly person-to-person** through coughing and sneezing.
- **Take everyday actions to stay healthy. Teach your children/family to:**
 - **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
 - **Wash your hands** often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
 - **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs spread that way.
 - **Be familiar with cold symptoms and flu symptoms.**
 - **Recognize a fever or signs of a fever.** A fever is a temperature, taken with a thermometer, that is 100 °F or higher. If you are not able to measure a temperature, the sick person might have a fever if he or she feels warm, has a flushed appearance, or is sweating or shivering.
- **Keep children and adults with cold or flu-like symptoms home.** The CDC recommends that adults or children stay home from work or school at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever and are not taking fever-reducing drugs (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, etc.). In addition, children and adults should stay home if they have other symptoms such as a wheezing, croupy cough, or a thick, colored discharge from the nose, or other symptoms that indicate that they are too ill to go to school or work. **If you are sick, you should limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.**
- **Follow public health advice.**
- **When your child is sick, contact his/her health care provider for advice and to determine whether or not your child should be evaluated by the physician.**



News from the Instrumental Music Program

The Saint James Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 7th, at 9:00 AM for the school, and 6:30 PM for the parents. Students will wear black and white to the evening concert. Any alumni and parents who play wind instruments are welcome to sit in the Advanced Band. Please contact Mr. Corcoran if you wish to perform.



www.boxtops4education.com

Box Tops are collected at the end of each month so please continue to send them in on a monthly basis. With Christmas just around the corner, remember to sign onto the Box Tops Marketplace before starting any of your online shopping. Earn "eBox Tops" at your favorite stores like **Target, Walmart, UGG Australia, LandsEnd, Best Buy, and eToys.** Make your Christmas cards with **Vistaprint** or **Snappfish** and help earn money for SJS.

HONOR ROLL - FIRST QUARTERHigh HonorsGrade 5

Olivia Barrett
 Brigid Bernier
 Jessica Datta
 Grace Imondi
 Hanna Little
 Juliana Mendoza
 Brandon Parada
 Gabrielle Sanford
 Carolyn Schwendy
 Eleanor Scott
 Leah St. Onge
 Colin Zorger

Grade 6

Nicholas Hess
 Julia Lambert

Grade 7

Alexis Barselau
 Alexandra Burke
 Samantha DiBacco
 Paige Driscoll
 Jillian Ferrigno
 Mollie Fleming
 Jordan French
 Emily Grant
 Andrew Guardino
 Shannon Leary
 David Mantese
 Gabrielle Mazzearella
 Nicole Poulin
 Emily Walker

Grade 8

Amanda Guzzi
 Stephanie Helin
 Colin Jones
 David Mathieu
 Anthony Rein
 FuXi Worcester

General HonorsGrade 5

Isabel August
 Victoria Carpenter
 Elijah Chiuchiolo-Cruz
 Anna Cortese
 Edgar Dias
 Lindsay Fresher
 Colin Hastings
 Christina Helin
 Katherine Jablonski
 Benjamin Liptrap
 Alexander Meyer
 Samantha Nadeau
 Sarah Phelan
 Connor Rose
 Alexandra Russell
 Ben Thompson
 Keila Vo

Grade 6

Megan Alexander
 Lexi Ansaldi
 Anthony Bellody
 Matthew Connolly
 Melina Corrao
 Amanda Cox
 Madisen Crowley
 Michael Holcomb
 Kaylee Jeamel
 Izabella Lachcik
 Jacob Melia
 Connor Mortimer
 Aiden O'Connor
 Marisa Paquette
 Brendan Reilly
 Lauren Roth
 Justin Tan
 Delia Topitzer
 Abby Varney
 Jordan Wells

Grade 7

Lauren Bairos
 Anne Congleton
 Allison Connolly
 Gavin Dias
 Jordyn Dube
 Amanda Duvall
 Alyssa Fiori
 Taylor Giorgetti
 William Grant
 Winona Keeney
 Jenna Kelly
 Joshua Mendoza
 Samantha Meyer
 Sara Neubauer
 James Plante
 Julia Setzler
 Joseph Smith
 Michael Soper
 Anamaria Sousa
 Allison Vignati

Grade 8

Thomas Bates
 Gavin Boutot
 Emily Corl
 Kayleen Denning
 Michael Doody
 Shealyn FitzPatrick
 Benjamin Gluhosky
 Kellen Hackett
 Zachary Hess
 Haley Jennings
 Gregory Lachcik
 Adam Lewis
 Nicoletta Longo
 Christine McConnell
 Matthew Melia
 Erinne Neff
 Lucas Niezelski
 Hunter Stone
 Shelby Ventura
 Elle Voss



Congratulations!