



St. James Journal

Thursday, December 13th, 2018



Legal Announcement:

In accordance with state laws, this notice is to show that St. James Lutheran School, admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Hot Lunch for the next week:

Monday, Dec 17 – BBQ pork on a bun, tator rounds, coleslaw, peas, peaches, cheese slices

Tuesday, Dec 18 – Chop suey over rice, salad bar, apple crisp, cheese slices

Wednesday, Dec 19 – Hamburger noodle casserole, carrots or mixed veggies, raisin bread, pear slices

Thursday, Dec 20 – Pizza, salad bar, pineapple slices

Friday, Dec 21 – Hot dog on a bun, pretzel and dip, baby carrots, fresh fruit

Recess Parents: (Noon Duty)

Mon: Dean Krueger; **Tues:** Dean Krueger;

Weds: Carissa Acker; **Thurs:** Layla Janssen;

Fri: Ross Beversdorf

School Mission Statement: Connecting people to the love of Jesus Christ in: Our families, Our community, Our world.

IT IS NOW AN EPIDEMIC!!! I believe there is a severe attachment between the 8th grade class and the CEF blue pig. The Eighth Graders were JUBILANT as they were awarded the blue pig for the week. Congrats to Mr. Aidan Miesbauer for filling his savings book this week.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU: To all those dads who I called to help with the Christmas Program offering collection. Please show up early for your program as I need some people to help hand out programs before the service as well. There are several seasoned veterans who have done this before. I will be leaning on you to help train any new fathers who are helping us out that night.

I wanted to share a different thank you. All too often, people complain about teenagers and how unmotivated and disrespectful they are when they interact with others. I wanted to share a compliment that the 8th grade young men received after the Advent service at St. Jakobi. Mrs. Black said she was simply impressed that after the service, the men were able to help her clean up without being asked to do so. Thank you Aidan, Bryceon, Will, Andrew, Blake, Jace, Braden, Sam, and Seth. You are truly servant leaders and role models of St. James (and nice guys too.).

Joke: Mr. Wegner was walking around school the other day giving dead AA batteries to each of the students in the hallway. The confused kids would look at him puzzled and mutter “Thank you” in an unsure tone. He would smile and reply “Merry Christmas” to each child. I finally asked him, “Mr. Wegner, why are you doing this to the students?”

A message from Mr. Berndt, the St. James Rockin’ Band Director: Those students in Pep/Jazz Band, please bring your instruments to the gym right after school TOMORROW. You will be playing in the gym at 6 PM Ed. Note – Mr. Kaiser has heard the band playing several songs and cannot wait to hear them Friday evening at Parents Night!!!

Speaking of Parent Night, Mr. Fosheim has declared it to be Ugly Sweater Night at St. James. I am sorry but I will not just wear my ugly sweater for one night. I need to wear it the ENTIRE DAY. I want all staff and students to show some school pride and wear your ugliest sweater you have in your dresser. So Friday, December 14th is now Ugly Sweater Friday!!!

Show your school spirit and look at the end of the Journal for dress up days for next week...

Coming up this Saturday will be the St. James Sunday School Christmas Program,

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Saturday, December 15th @ 5:30 PM (takes place of worship service for the evening). Please come out and listen to our littlest missionaries tell you the story of Christ's birth.

The very next day, the 7th and 8th grade chimes as well as the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade advanced band students will need to be at St. James for the Christmas Choral Concert which will be taking the place of the 9 AM traditional service. This is a required performance for both of those musical groups.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CHILDCARE

The Early Childcare Center will be providing child care in the library during the school programs. Parents must sign up in advance of that evening so we know how many staff members we need. There will be a free will donation. Call Emily at the ECC - 715-524-5422 with your child's name and age.

Here is the schedule for Christmas Program:

St. James Christmas Program, Wednesday, December 19th, family and friends of students whose last names begin with L-Z **AND All Kindergarten students (First Grade will not perform at this program)** @ 5 PM. Preschool students perform only at designated time and families **attend** that service.

St. James Christmas Program, Wednesday, December 19th, family and friends of students whose last names begin with A-K **AND All First Grade students (Kindergarten will not perform at this program)** @ 7 PM. Preschool students perform only at designated time and families **attend** that service.

St. James Christmas Program, Thursday, December 20th - SNOW DATE ONLY!!!

You know how truly passionate I am for you to help foster your child's faith. Please take every opportunity you can to have them attend church to worship OUR great God over the Christmas break. St. James has four services on

Christmas Eve: 1:30 PM service (Celebration Service), 4 PM (traditional service), finally, 7 and 11 PM (Candlelight services). The 11 PM service would have Communion. Finally, there will be a New Year's Eve Service at 6 PM.

This is the last time I am able to invite any men to the St. James MEN and Men-In-Training (Men from Grade Six on Up...) to the Garage Bible study. Dinner will be pulled pork, sweet baked beans, and chips. Beverages will also be served. I will be holding a Garage Bible Study starting on Sunday, December 16th, at the Marien family garage at 5:45 PM (for dinner) and the Bible study at 6:30 PM. This will be on the third Sunday of each month. You and any man (friend, family, neighbor, co-worker) are invited to attend. Please think about having a positive impact on your son's faith life while building a stronger faith with God too. You do not need to be a member of St. James in order to attend this Bible study.

A special shout out to Mr. Elijah Kaiser: This young man received his St. James Praise Program letter and his first star at our last chapel service. Some people may be asking how he did this so quickly. Mr. Mueller allows students to use student achievements from previous schools to count towards the certificate points for the Praise Program.

Two ways that you are able to support the students of St. James. **A.** The first way has a small requirement that you need to be a Thrivent member. If you are (Erika Kaiser), please contact your Thrivent agent to make sure you have designated St. James as recipient for Thrivent Choice Dollars. Please and thank you. **B.** The second way is an avenue that any person who has ordered from Amazon should do (ESPECIALLY before online Christmas shopping takes place). Here is a code that you need to use as you order almost ANYTHING from Amazon. St. James will receive a small rebate back from Amazon. It will take you less

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than two minutes to complete. If you are shy when it comes to technology, please come into the school office. Either Mrs. Halstead or myself will help you mark St. James as non-profit that you wish to have your rebate credited. You can support St. James Lutheran Church every time you shop on Amazon. Enroll your Amazon account in [AmazonSmile](#) and select St. James Lutheran Church as your charity. Then remember to shop from smile.amazon.com (which has the same prices and selection as amazon.com) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price on eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. James. Thank you in advance for supporting St. James Lutheran Ministries.

Please continue to monitor your child's grades on Fast Direct. Together, we will make a difference on the life of your child. We need to work as a team to make this happen. Please make sure to call the office by 9 AM if your child is sick. If not, it is marked as unexcused.

Speaking of student absences, the Board of Education has reviewed the policy for student attendance and made some changes to the attendance policy. Next week, I will be attaching the newly adopted attendance policy to the Journal. I will try to be as thorough as possible in terms of explaining the changes to you in next week's Journal.

Punchline: He said, "I want each child to receive a Christmas gift free of charge to them."

I have an idea that I saw on the Interweb which many people have adopted as a spiritual commitment. Starting on December 1st, read one chapter of Luke per night with your family. By the time you reach December 24th, your family will have read the entire book of Luke. You will then see the real reason for the season. That would be our sinful nature crucifying Jesus on the cross and the best Christmas gift anyone could ever ask for. Are you able to step forward and make that commitment for your kids?

To end the newsletter each week, I would like to make sure that you have a prayer you may share with your family. In addition to the prayer, if you would like to borrow a devotion book, I have devotions from little kiddos up to the older students in my office.

This week, we use Mary's Song as our prayer for the week. This is found in Luke 1:46-55. **We pray:**

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." Amen.

Source: www.Biblegateway.com

Dress Themes for School Spirit Week:

Monday – Candy Cane Day
(Dress in red and white)

Tuesday – School Color Day
(Please wear your chapel shirts today)

Wednesday – Festive Fun Hat Day
(Wear your Santa hats, Reindeer headgear, or fun hats)

Thursday – Rock Your Christmas Socks Day

Friday – Fun Flannel Pajama Day
(Please wear your favorite pair of PJs)

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