

Ram Review



St. James Catholic School

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May 17, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

17-8:30AM Mass 4th Grade
18-Principal/Pastor Lunch
19-11:30AM Dismissal Teacher's In-Service Day
23 to 26-5th Grade Outdoor School
23-SAC Meeting 6:00PM Library
24-8:30AM Mass 3rd Grade
26-Free Dress Day
29-Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
31-8:30AM Mass 2nd Grade

June

1-Principal/Pastor Lunch
2-4th & 5th Boedigheimer Farm Field Trip
6-George Fox Planetarium Presentation
7-8:30AM Mass 1st Grade
8-5th Grade Field Trip to McMinnville Middle Schools
8-Spring Concert & Drama Production 6:30PM Gym
9-5th Grade Spiritual Retreat at Camp Yamhill
13-Last Day of School for Pre 3
14-No Mass
14-Field Day
14-Free Dress Day
14-Last Day of School for Pre 4
15-Kindergarten Graduation 11:00AM Gym
15-5th Grade Field Trip
16-10:00AM Mass 5th Grade Graduation

2017-2018 Registration

Tuition Contracts will be coming home via email today. If you have any questions about Tuition Assistance, Parishioner Status or why you do not have a Contract, please contact Mrs. Hoffarth.

Friday, May 19th is an 11:30AM Dismissal Day

If your child will be attending Extended Care on Friday, please sign up in the School office and remember to bring a cold lunch.

Monday, May 29, 2017 is Memorial Day-No School

We would like to remind you that we will not be having school on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

We all hope you have a wonderful three day weekend.

Alumni Auction Results

We want to thank all the Parents, Family and Volunteers that attended and purchased at our Alumni Auction. We raised about \$18,000 for the school from the plant and wine auction and the Student Projects. Which is \$5000.00 over what was budgeted.

This is Amazing!

The big winners are:

Fourth Grade-Serendipity Ice Cream Party for most tickets sold

Molly Martinez-Principal for the Day
Karson Bernards-Principal for the Day
Aaron Rolfe-PE Teacher for the Day

Christmas Program Front Row

Bernards/Harris Family
Briedwell/Collier Family

Spring Concert Front Row

Brown/Bernards Family
Briedwell/Collier Family

School wide Learning Expectations

RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

Eduardo B.-M.	Morgan R.	Olive M.
Adrian M.-E.	Elizabet O.-G.	Alex P.
Alexis E.-J.	Gabriel K.	Carter L.
Preschool 4	2nd Grade	Michael G.
Julian T.	Noah D.	Liam F.
Ana M.	Tabithia J. x2	Jericka H.
Mateo G.	Jake K.	

FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN

Emmanuel M.-C.	Esmeralda M.-C.	
Ruby S.-C.	Krystal S.-C.	Preschool 4
Annette N.-V.	Karson B.	Logan R.
Kaden A.		

LIFE LONG LEARNER

Emmanuel M.-C.	Daniel M.	
Aaron R.	Caleb C.	Aimee R.
Priscilla F.		

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

Elizabet O.-G.	Mateo G.	Grace D.
Morgan R.	Emma K.	

Extended Care Phone Number 503-437-8930.
Please call this number during extended care hours to speak with Mrs. Chapman.

Principal's Letter



May 17, 2017

Dear St. James School Families,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year and with Rebecca moving on, I would like to try and get as much registration paperwork completed as possible before everyone leaves for the summer. We are still missing the Intent to Return form from several of our families.

Tuition contracts and assistance letters will be going home to families today. As I have communicated, I am unable to distribute tuition assistance funds to families who do not fill out the FACTS online application. If you are in need of assistance with filling out the information or do not have access to a computer to do so, please contact the office and we can set up a time to assist you.

In light of current registration numbers for the coming year and in an attempt to provide the best possible plan for our children and school as a whole, I have had to make some difficult staffing decisions. It is never easy to see members of our school family leave, whether due to their own life changes or to circumstances beyond their control. We have wonderful teachers and it pains me greatly to see anyone go. In fulfilling my responsibilities to the whole community I must eliminate one full-time classroom teacher and one half-time preschool teacher. With registration numbers as they are, we will have a 2nd /3rd blend next year and will say goodbye to Mrs. Thompson. There is a great deal of evidence that multi-age classrooms are beneficial both socially and academically and there are several Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland who have had successful programs with blended classrooms for many years. I am happy to speak with anyone who might have a concern about the blend. Mrs. Flanders will be teaching both the morning three-year-olds and the four-year-olds next year and we will say goodbye to Mrs. Hartman. Our thoughts, prayers, best wishes and encouragement go with them spring and with the other members of our community who are moving on. They have enriched our community and our lives and will be greatly missed. We entrust them to our loving Lord's care and plan for the next stage in their journey.

Calendar items:

Friday, May 19th - early dismissal for teacher in-service

May 23-26th - Outdoor School for 5th grade

Monday, May 29th - NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day

Thursday, June 8th - Spring Concert, 6:30PM

Tuesday, June 13th - Last day for preschool 3-year-olds

Wednesday, June 14th - Field Day (no Mass), Last day for preschool 4-year-olds

Thursday, June 15th - Kindergarten graduation 11:00AM

Friday, June 16th - Last day of school, 10:00 Mass, 5th grade graduation, early dismissal

June 19-23, Teacher workdays

As I mentioned last week, the Joseph Weston Foundation matching grants for the coming year have increased. The tuition match has increased from \$12,500 to \$15,000 and the CEEF (Catholic Education Endowment Fund) matching grant has increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. As we have done in the past, we will ask for help to raise the matching funds for these two matching grants. We will need to have the funds by the end of September. If you would like to contribute toward either of these matching grants, please contact the office or indicate on your check or contribution which matching fund you are contributing to. As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish school.

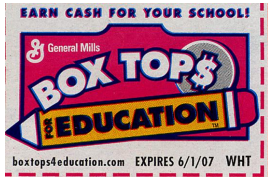
In Christ,

Shirley Gray



Fundraising!

Here are some of the ways you can help the school raise money!



We have a soda can and plastic bottle recycling center by the back door. Box tops can be handed in to Mrs. Hoffarth in the School Office.



Celebrate this milestone with these excited graduates and help them prepare for the next step with gift cards for all of their needs. From grocery cards, and school books, to outfitting their dorms, get them a gift that shows how proud you are!

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| Amazon.com | Nike |
| Amazon Prime | Office Depot / Office Max |
| Audible.com | Panera Bread |
| Barnes & Noble | Qdoba |
| Bed Bath & Beyond | Shell |
| Best Buy | Sling TV |
| Buffalo Wild Wings | Staples |
| Chipotle | Starbucks |
| The Container Store | SUBWAY® Restaurants |
| Dunkin' Donuts | Target |
| GameStop | Uber |
| iTunes | Under Armour |
| Kohl's | Walmart |