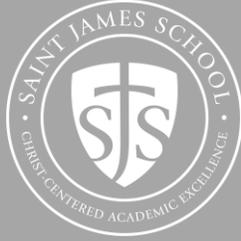


SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
MARCH 10, 2023

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Important Dates

- 3/16-3/17: Spartan Day of Giving
- 3/17: 8 AM Mass, Grade 6
- 3/17: Stations of the Cross, 2:15 PM

The following students most exemplified the virtue of **SELF-CONTROL** this week:

Georgie Alvites, Remy Christou, Theresa Alvites, Ellie Kostrowski, Joey Colluccio, Matthew Oeters, James Malloy, Jack Skelly, Rose Schulenburg, Bella Marra, Casey Kostrowski, Hana Source, Claire Johnson, Augustin Kavanagh, Aidan Healy, Lorenzo Checchio, Emma Dougherty, Everett Hall, Justin DeAngelis, John Karuitha

CONGRATULATIONS!

Charlotte McLaughlin, School Spelling Bee Champion, finished in 3rd Place at the County-level SCRIPPS Spelling Bee last weekend! Thank you for representing SJS so well. We are so proud of you!

FROM
THE
PRINCIPAL

Dear SJS Families,

Bishop Checchio is visiting us!

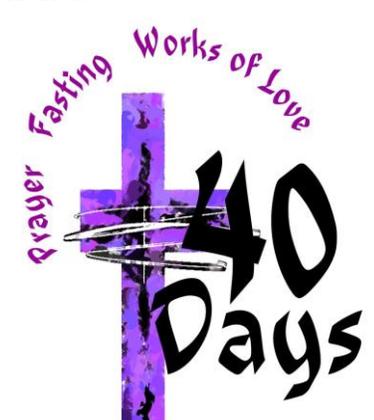
Please plan to attend Mass tomorrow, Saturday, March 11, at 5:30 PM to welcome our Bishop to Saint James. We would love to see as many students as possible in attendance and wearing their winter uniforms.

Last Friday, our teachers worked very hard to analyze the results of our latest MAP assessments and have set updated, student-centered goals to help all our students as they continue to learn and grow. See the next page for more, school-level data.

We are gearing up for our Spartan Day of Giving that begins at noon on Thursday, March 16 and ends at noon on Friday, March 17. This year, we are focusing our fundraising on Chromebooks for 4th grade, iPads for learning centers in our Kindergarten – 3rd grade, and to finish upgrading our wifi network on the 1st and 2nd floors. Please note that we are not looking to start a 1:1 program for these devices, rather an opportunity for students to practice skills and/or perform research in their classrooms rather than trying to use the Computer Lab which is in use more than 50% of the week for technology classes. Watch out for more communications regarding our Day of Giving!

Please take some time to read this week's News & Notes and have a great weekend!

Mrs. Florendo



Saint James School

Winter 2023 MAP Results

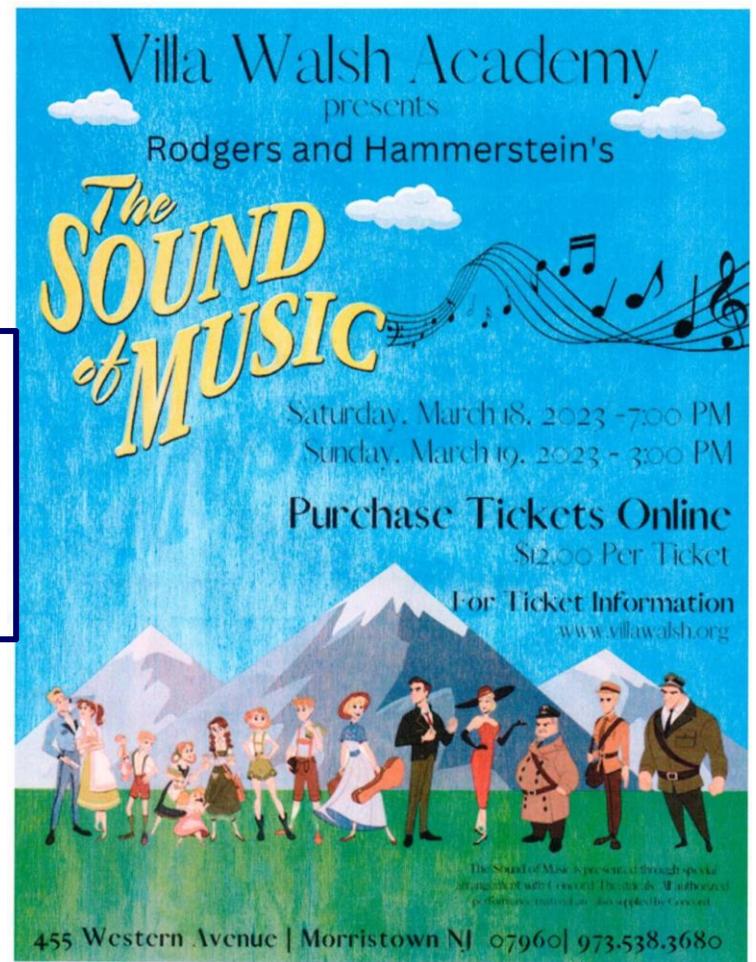
% Students outperforming Diocese of Metuchen & Nation

	Math		Reading		Language	
	DOM	Nation	DOM	Nation	DOM	Nation
Grade 1	68%	79%	55%	76%	NA	NA
Grade 2	78%	89%	83%	94%	88%	89%
Grade 3	83%	83%	81%	86%	72%	81%
Grade 4	67%	72%	67%	79%	67%	88%
Grade 5	76%	85%	67%	79%	68%	79%
Grade 6	91%	94%	76%	85%	69%	94%
Grade 7	73%	86%	45%	55%	53%	82%
Grade 8	76%	83%	69%	79%	38%	90%

From the School

BACK

Will Jacobs, Grade 7, invites you to see him in Villa Walsh's presentation! Break a leg, Will!



Friday, 8 AM Mass Attend as a family!

We encourage our students to attend Mass as often as possible. Each week, on Fridays, one class attends the 8 AM Mass together (grades 4-8). Since this is a weekday Mass, students get to school by 8:30 AM.

The schedule for the year is as follows:

Grade 8: 4/21

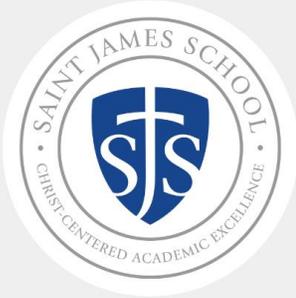
Grade 7: 4/28

Grade 6: 3/17; 5/12

Grade 5: 3/24; 5/19

Grade 4: 3/31; 5/26

The school calendar contains these dates, too! Parents are most welcome to join!



SPARTAN DAY OF GIVING

MARCH 16 & 17, 2023

FUNDS RAISED WILL PROVIDE:



CHROMEBOOKS
FOR 4TH GRADE
STUDENTS

1

IPADS FOR
GRADES K-3 TO
USE IN
CLASSROOM
CENTERS

2

WIFI UPGRADES
IN THE 1ST & 2ND
FLOORS

3

2023 STATS

OVER
90%

Re-enrollment for the
3rd year in a row!

100%

Staff & Faculty
contribution BEFORE
fundraiser begins

\$60,000

Fundraising Goal



Advancement

BACK

[Click HERE to Register Today](#)

Saint James
3RD ANNUAL

Golf Outing



FIDDLER'S ELBOW COUNTRY CLUB,
BEDMINSTER
10AM TO 5PM - 12PM SHOTGUN

MAY 15, 2023



Tapas & Cocktails
After Party

5pm to 8pm
Tapas, Open Bar
& Raffles

\$125 - Per Person

Golfers

- **Single Golfer - \$415**
- **Foursome - \$1600**

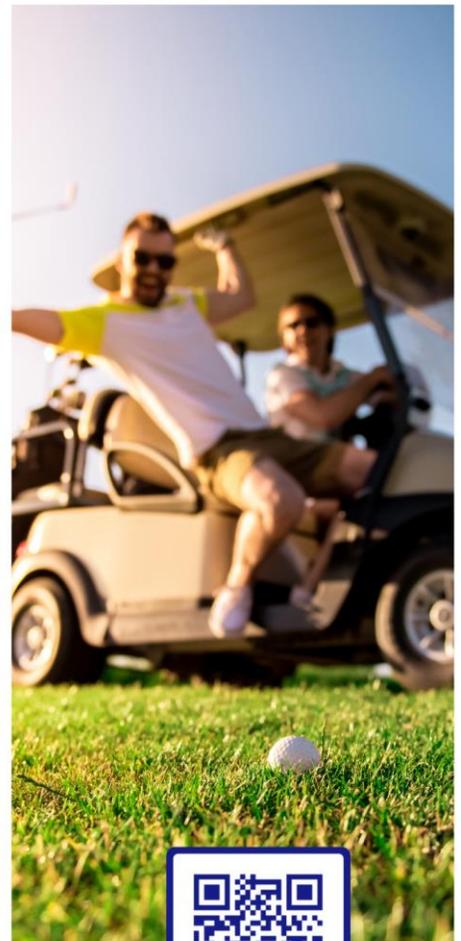
Golfers entry includes:
Breakfast, a round of golf, lunch,
on-course snacks and drinks, swag
gift and a ticket to our Tapas and
Cocktails After Party.

**First 50 Golfers will
receive an extra Gift!**

**SPONSOR
OPPORTUNITIES**

Help us reach our fundraising goals
by choosing one of the many
sponsoring opportunities today!

✉ avictoriacaastro@sjsbr.org



SCAN ME

STAYING HEALTHY

Respiratory viruses, strep throat, and the stomach bug are going around.

***Some children only have fever and stomach pain/vomiting without sore throat and are positive for strep.

Styes are not contagious but can be prevented with good hand hygiene and not touching eyes. <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/stye.html>



Please encourage your children to:

- Wash their hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer if they cannot wash, especially before eating, after going to the bathroom, and after blowing their nose.
- Cough into his or her elbow.
- Stay home when sick.

ALLERGIES-Now is a good time to start medications.

- Antihistamines work best if started weeks before your allergy symptoms usually begin.
- Itchy, watery eyes are a common symptom of allergies. Please be aware that the nurse's office does not keep allergy eye drops on hand. If your child needs them, please give at home according to your doctor's advice, or you can send them into the nurse's office with a note.
- Giving allergy medications daily and consistently according to your doctor's plan will help reduce the symptoms they may have. Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America: <https://aafa.org/>

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT YOUR CHILD ABSENT

For **late and early dismissals**, please contact the main office at 908-766-4774 ext. 0 or email soffice@sjsbr.org and email your child's teacher.

To report your child **absent** from school for any reason, email the nurse at sjsnurse@sjsbr.org or call 908-766-4774 ext. 228 and email your child's teacher.

Mistakes Improve Children's Learning

Helping Kids See the Good Side of Getting Things Wrong

Everyone makes mistakes and children are no exception. What's important is how we learn from them. Yet, children grow up in a society that pressures them to be perfect and intelligent - to achieve the highest SAT scores, land prized scholarships, and get into the best universities. Parents reinforce this pressure at home when they cover up children's mistakes, correct homework to improve grades, or drill knowledge into kids until they get it right. Stress is increased when children are constantly praised for their intelligence. How does this focus on perfection and IQ affect learning? And how can we help children and teens believe in themselves by accepting their mistakes and learning from them?

A Scientific American article, *Getting it Wrong: Surprising Tips on How to Learn*, supports a number of learning and developmental theories. Historically, many educators have created conditions for learning that do not encourage errors. And parents have followed suit. For example, if we drill children over and over again with the same math problem, they will eventually remember the answer. And if they are lucky, they will remember the answer on a standardized test.

This approach to learning assumes that if students are allowed to make mistakes, they will not learn the correct information. However, recent research shows this to be an incorrect assumption. In fact, studies have found that learning is enhanced when children make mistakes!

Whether it involves homework, developing friendships, or playing soccer, learning is enriched through error. Making mistakes is part of how kids are challenged to learn to do things differently. It motivates them to try new approaches.

Children make many kinds of mistakes. Some mistakes, like forgetting a homework assignment or not studying for an important test, have expected consequences. Others like lying, cheating, or actions that negatively affect friendships, have more complicated causes and are more complex to remedy. But all mistakes contain seeds of learning.

Ten Parenting Guidelines that Help Kids Learn from Mistakes

- Acknowledge that you don't expect your children to be perfect.
- Let them know your love is unconditional, regardless of their mistakes or lapses in judgment.
- Don't rescue children from their mistakes. Instead, help them focus on the solution.
- Provide examples of your own mistakes, the consequences, and how you learned from them.
- Encourage them to take responsibility for their mistakes and not blame others.
- Avoid pointing out their past mistakes. Instead, focus on the one at hand.
- Praise them for their ability to admit their mistakes.
- Praise them for their efforts and courage to overcome setbacks.
- Mentor them on how to apologize when their mistakes have hurt others.
- Help them look at the good side of getting things wrong!

Source: psychologytoday.com

HSA Upcoming Events

Please put these following fun events on your calendar!!

Friday, April 21st - Father-Daughter Event

Sunday, May 7th - Mother-Son Event

Friday, June 9th - Middle School Spring Dance - Let us know if you're interested in helping organize this end of the year dance! Email Megan mmr042017@gmail.com



We've added a new sign up for the rest of the year!! Looking for any and all volunteer certified parents to **PLEASE** sign up for recess duty!! We need your **HELP**!! Please click the links below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094FAFA829A7FE3-march>
[Recess Volunteers: May and June Recess Volunteers \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094FAFA829A7FE3-march)



Do You Want to be a **CHAMPION?**
Join the 2021 & 2022 XC Champions—
On the Track

St. James Track and Field
Open House on Wednesday March 15 @ SJS
Practice Starts on Wednesday March 22 @ RHS

SJS accepts runners of all skill levels in grades 1-8

- *Practices are three times per week, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.*
 - *Practices start at 6:00 PM.*
 - *Practice is at held at Pleasant Valley Park and at Ridge HS*
- *ALL INFORMATION and Registration Forms are available on the TeamSnap site:*

*If you need any information about the program, you can contact
Coach Wizeman at 917.854.5012 or matthewwizeman@yahoo.com
Coach Johnson at 732.331.3509 or linda.y.johnson@gmail.com*