



St. James Elementary School

Education in the Catholic Tradition - Preschool to Eighth Grade

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Dear Parents,

We open our doors joyfully and greet another school year. New beginnings are exciting but can also be times of apprehension. As we start the 129th chapter in the annals of St. James School, we invite our tiniest tot to our senior students to focus on helping each other realize and appreciate their affective impact upon each other. How they approach each day, how they react to each other and the events of the day, how they reach out and reach within are honed skills that necessitate much guidance, direction, and above all, example. This is the challenge for us, as their parents and teachers, as their stewards. This is our call to teach and to model, to be a community of understanding hearts and forgiving spirits. In that quest, we urge your entire family to be active participants in *this journey* as we look forward to the new school year.

Just a few reminders as we begin the year:

- **Thursday Sept. 4** Full day
- **Friday, Sept. 5** Full day
- **Time of Arrival** 7:45-7:55 AM
- **Bus Information** – All students must have **Bus Passes with them**. We encourage the usage of the bus service allocated to your child. If a bus is late in arrival, your child will not be marked late. Students arriving by car after 8:00 AM will be marked late. Please be mindful that tardiness impacts perfect attendance.
- **Bus Behavior Contract and Constitution for Cooperation Contract** – Please carefully review these documents with your child, sign them, and return them to school by Sept. 10th.
- **Book Covers and Labels** – Please be sure that all books are covered and labeled. All personal items (lunch boxes, backpacks, uniforms) **must be labeled regardless of the student's age.**
- **Tutor Reports** – All students who were tutored during the summer should return those reports to school.
- **Cell Phones, Pagers, Ipods, any electronic or battery operated items are not permitted at any time including the bus ride. Cell phones must be checked in with the homeroom teacher and will be kept in safekeeping at the Business Office until dismissal. Cell phones must be registered in the office and labeled with the student's name.**
- **Handbooks and School Calendars** will be distributed at Back to School Night.

Grades K-5 September 15 Grades 6-8 September 16 at 7:00 PM

Mr. Kelly, our Future Musicians Band Instructor, will be on hand Monday night, September 15th, for information regarding the Band Program (prior to the start of the meeting). Winter Sports Sign-Ups will take place on Tuesday night, September 16 at 6:30 PM.

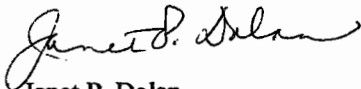
We would like to welcome Miss Carol Leth as our Math Resource Teacher.

St. James Athletic Association is the primary support of our extensive Athletic Program. On Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, SJAA will be hosting its annual Golf Outing at Bamm Hollow Country Club in Middletown.

The course is laid. The chart is set. Another year begins. We know our students will grow in knowledge. We pray they will grow in wisdom. Together, as parents and teachers, may our combined efforts to navigate them safely and happily through new adventures, new discoveries, and a greater awareness of the power of self so, in the end, this was not just another school year but one when understanding hearts and forgiving spirits flourished once again.

As we go forward, let us remember that it is *the journey* that determines the type of persons our children will ultimately become and the kind of life they will choose to lead. How they deal with life...how they live...how they will believe in life...how they will live life. *It's the journey that makes all the difference.* Thank you for *journeying* with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet P. Dolan".

Janet P. Dolan
Principal