

Saint James Catholic School Knightly News

April 12, 2019

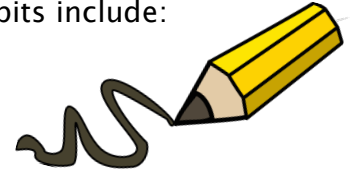
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IOWA ASSESSMENTS NEXT WEEK!!!

Next week and beyond (April 15-23) the Saint James School 2nd - 5th graders will be taking the Iowa Assessments! Parents will be receiving a daily testing schedule from their child's teacher. It *is* very important for students to **BE PRESENT FOR THE TEST**. If a child is unavoidably absent s/he will, of course, make up the test. We simply ask that parents be mindful of the testing schedule when making appointments or making plans for their children.

In an effort to support your children to do their very best on the tests, parents are asked to help their children with good test taking habits throughout the testing period. Such habits include:

- adequate rest
- a nutritious, brain healthy breakfast
- a positive test taking attitude (do your best but don't stress!)



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR CHILDREN PUT FORTH THEIR
BEST EFFORT IN EVERYTHING THEY DO!**

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE LETTER TO PARENTS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

SHIELD CELEBRATION



Even with only 2 weeks of school in January, the SJS students STILL earned 1,054 SHIELD points bringing us to reaching 72% of our annual goal of 10,000. Congratulations to the January Notable Knights pictured above, left to right: Audrey Smith, Rochelle DeLaCruz—5th, Abby Phillips, Hunter Drollinger—4th, Marco Marcelino, Cecelia Mitchell—3rd, Max Peterson, Alexis Pacha—2nd, Mia Perez, Mitchel Mei—1st, Ryker Salas, Ryder Vittetoe—Kdg. In addition, the following students were selected by random drawing to choose SHIELD prizes: Manny Attilano, Fiby Hernandez—Kdg, Lucas Attilano, Preston Laek—1st, Wyatt Greiner, Bennett Morrison—2nd, Nathan Schrock, Jaxon Tinnes—3rd, Sarah Berdo, Therese Goebel—4th, Caleb Harvey, Blake Sheetz—5th.

2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

REMINDER!

STO (Student Tuition Organization) Financial Aid Applications for the 2019-2020 school year **MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2019.**

Saint James School scholarships are due into the school office by **May 15, 2019.**

Applications for both are available in the school office as well as attached to this newsletter. Questions? Contact Mary Sue Marek, St. James Business Manager at mmarek@stjameswashington.org or 319-653-3631.

Mark Your Calendars

April 15, 16, 17, 22, 23
Iowa Tests---2nd-5th Grades

April 17th
School Board Mtg 6:30 p.m.

April 18th
Early Dismissal---12:55 p.m.

April 19th
NO SCHOOL-----GOOD FRIDAY

April 22nd
SCHOOL IN SESSION
(Snow make-up day)

April 23rd
SIAC Mtg 6:30 p.m.

April 26th
8:25 a.m. Mass
Mrs. Spears' Family

THE BIG EVENT--6-10 P.M.
Washington Country Club

April 28th
1st Communion Masses
9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

May 3rd
8:25 a.m. Mass
Ms. Baumert's Family

May 8th
Early Dismissal...12:55 p.m.
Playground Work Day

May 10th
8:25 a.m. Mass
Clarahan/Marek Family

SIAC MEETING RESCHEDULED

The School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting will take place Tuesday, April 23rd @ 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.



The **BIG** *Event*

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Friday, April 26, 2019
6:00PM - 10:00PM
Washington Country Club
Featuring Live Music by James Crossroads
Fresh Mex Dinner • Cash Bar • Silent Auction • TONS of Door Prizes

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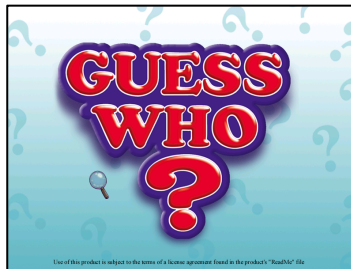
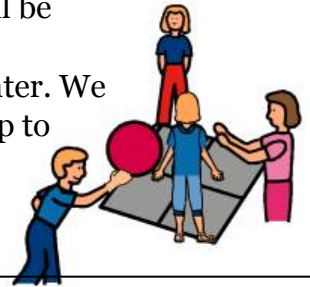
\$10,000 Prize Drawing @ 9:00PM
\$100 Raffle Ticket = 1 entry for \$10,000 & 2 people into event

For Tickets Contact: Rachel: 319.461.1161 or Laurie 319.430.9199
Proceeds benefit St. James Home & School Assn
Taxes withheld as required by law • **You do not have to be present to win**
Minimum 150 • Maximum 350 • Refund will be made if minimum not sold




HELP WANTED!!!

- › We are designating Wednesday, May 8th (an early dismissal) as a **Playground Work Day!!!** We will be doing some painting, posting rules and constructing a “kitchen band music” center. We invite any and all parents wishing to help to join us! Please contact Beth McBride if you can help! **REMEMBER...Many hands make light work!!!**



At prayers this past Wednesday morning we had a rousing game of *SJS Staff Guess Who* one last holdover from Catholic Schools Week. The task posed to staff and students was to guess which staff member by looking at childhood or baby pictures. In sharing some of the fun...

we'll be sharing some of these pictures throughout the May newsletters.

I wonder if this SJS staff member has to use dryer sheets everyday...



GUESS WHO?



Dear Parents of 2nd through 5th graders:

In the next few weeks, your child will be taking the *Iowa Assessments*[®].

Information about your child's academic achievement is needed to help them excel and succeed. The *Iowa Assessments* make this possible by providing detailed information about your child in a variety of important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how students are performing on the state curriculum as described in the Iowa Core.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* measure student growth and progress from year to year.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* help teachers identify a student's strengths and identify areas that may need additional emphasis. The assessments produce information that enable sound decision making and provide a focus for teachers to evaluate their instruction.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* provide information about your child's performance relative to the school, the state of Iowa, and the nation.

Using the results of the assessment, we encourage you to work together with your child's teacher to identify and address educational needs. The results will help prepare your child for the next step on their educational path.



2019-2020 Financial Aid Application

1 Application Instructions

- You must include copies of pages 1 and 2 of your 2018 federal income tax return (Form 1040) with this application. If you were not required to file a tax return for 2018, you must sign the nonfiler affidavit in Section B and submit all Forms W-2 or 1099 received by members of your household.
- Submit this application directly to your school's business or financial aid office by April 15, 2019. Only applications received by that date will be considered for funding by the STO of Southeast Iowa. Late applications will be processed only for purposes of determining your qualification for other financial aid.
- Your financial need is determined by reference to your household's size and income. The term "household" refers to all individuals who live in the same dwelling place, regardless of age, legal relationship, or dependency status. Your household may include different people than those in your family.

2 Household Members

- Starting with yourself, list the name and birth date of every person who lived in your home on December 31, 2018.
- Include everyone who lived with you, regardless of relationship, even children in college and those not in school.
- For each student (including those in college), enter their 2019-2020 school name and grade level.

Full Name (First/Middle/Last)	Relationship to Applicant	Birth Date	For Students Only		For Office Use	
			School Name	Grade	Tuition	Award
	Applicant					

3 Household Address

- Enter the complete street address of your primary place of residence (your home) as of December 31, 2018.
- Include your apartment number, unit number, or lot number if applicable.
- Do not enter a post office box or the address of any property other than your primary residence.

Street	City	State	Zip Code

4 Contact Information

- Your contact information is needed to help us resolve any errors or omissions on this application.
- Provide all phone numbers (including area code) at which you may be reached for additional information.
- Provide your primary email address. In the event we can't reach you by phone, we will send you an email.

Work Phone	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address

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5 Unreported Income

- Report below any income that your household received in 2018 and which is not included on a tax return.
- All household income, whether taxable or nontaxable and regardless of source, must be disclosed.
- Enter monthly or yearly amounts, whichever you prefer. If none, enter a zero; do not leave an item blank.

Type of Income	Monthly	Yearly	Type of Income	Monthly	Yearly
Child Support Received for All Children	\$	\$	Supplemental Security Income (SSI, SSD)	\$	\$
Housing Assistance (HUD, Section 8)	\$	\$	Veterans Benefits and Combat Pay	\$	\$
Public Assistance (Food Stamps, Welfare)	\$	\$	Workers Comp and Disability Benefits	\$	\$
Social Security Benefits of Dependents	\$	\$	All Other Unreported Household Income	\$	\$

6 Affordable Tuition

- Enter the total amount of tuition that your household can afford to pay.
- This should be the total amount you can pay for all students in grades K-12.
- Enter a monthly or yearly amount, whichever you prefer. Do not leave blank.

Monthly	Yearly
\$	\$

7 Additional Information

- Use this section to explain any unusual circumstances that may affect your household's financial situation.
- You may also use this section to explain or expand upon any entries made elsewhere on this application.
- This information will not be used for STO purposes; your school may use it in considering other financial aid.

Additional Information

8 Nonfiler Affidavit

- Skip this section if anyone in your household was required to file a federal income tax return for 2018.
- If no one in your household was required to file a tax return for 2018, you must sign the following affidavit.
- If you sign below, you must include all Forms W-2 and 1099 received by members of your household.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, no member of my household earned enough taxable income to be required to file a federal individual income tax return for the year 2018.

Applicant Signature	Date
X	

9 Applicant Certification

- All applicants must sign this section.
- Before signing, verify that all sections of this application have been completed in accordance with the instructions.
- Verify that all members of your household have been listed and that all income received has been disclosed.

I hereby certify that: (a) this application is true, correct, and complete; (b) I have submitted true copies of all tax returns filed by members of my household; and (c) I have disclosed all household income received.

Applicant Signature	Date
X	



Confidential
St. James School Scholarship
Application



APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR RETURNING STUDENTS IS: MAY 15, 2019

Date of Application _____

Name of Student _____ Grade _____ Age _____

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Has student made First Holy Communion? No Yes, when _____

What is your estimated school tuition owed for all students at St. James \$ _____

Scholarship amount needed **per student** (be specific) \$ _____ (School & STO Awards)

What is total gross annual household income? \$ _____ Household size? _____

Why are you motivated to keep your child in Catholic school?

Why does student need this scholarship? (Use separate sheet if more space is needed)

What other scholarships, STO grants, JWV tuition credits or staff discounts are you planning to receive and the amount?

To what parish/church does the family belong? Name _____

Do you attend Mass/Services where you belong on a regular basis? Yes No

Parent Information:

Mother's Name _____
Mother's Faith _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Job Title _____
Employer _____
Email _____

Father's Name _____
Father's Faith _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Job Title _____
Employer _____
Email _____

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES: Check all that apply and explain below or on separate sheet:

- Loss of job
- Recent Separation/Divorce
- Change in family living status
- Change in work status
- College expenses
- Illness or injury
- Death in the family
- Bankruptcy
- Income reduction
- Shared custody
 - Medical/Dental expenses
- High debt
- Child support expenses
- Other

Explanation: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Would you/your child be willing to provide service to St. James Parish (School/Church) in exchange for financial assistance? ___ Yes ___ No

If not, why not? _____

Areas in which you have provided service: _____

Would you be willing to be the chairperson or committee head for a St. James event in exchange for financial assistance? ___ Yes ___ No

If not, why not? _____

Recent events where you have acted as chairperson/or provided support:

Parent Signature

Date

Your application is confidential and information is not shared with any party outside the St. James Scholarship Committee.

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

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Kindly Complete and Return to:	St. James School 602 W. 2 nd Street Washington, IA 52353 319-653-4504 mmarek@stjameswashington.org
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For Office Use Only

Application Received on _____

Scholarship Requested \$_____ Amount Awarded \$_____

Declined /Reason _____

Scholarship Applied to Tuition Account on: _____

Letter Sent to Parent/Guardian on: _____

