

Catholic Schools week

Catholic Schools Week 2023 is off to a wonderful start! We had an excellent turnout of students and their families for Mass and brunch on Sunday, January 29!



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January 29–February 4

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Thank you to all of the families who brought fruit, juice, milk, pastries, and casseroles. Everything was delicious! Thank you to Mr. Lopez for putting tables and chairs up, Ms. Shelley for helping decorate for the brunch, to Ms. Kim, Mrs. Luers and Mrs. Heisdorffer for prepping, to Ms. Kim, Ms. Alayna, Mrs. Luers, Jasmine, Jason and Lovella Peiffer for serving and cleaning up at the brunch. Thank you to Mrs. Timmins and Mrs. Moeller for helping clean up. Thank you to Mr. Drey, the Berdos, Sheetzs, Luers and all others that helped clean up after brunch (sorry if

I missed you)! One of the best attributes of St. James is that we have incredible families that support the school, staff and students. When I put the call out for help with ensuring we had enough food for brunch; that call was answered within minutes! The support we receive from our families really makes a difference!

Matthew 6:33: “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”





Look at this awesome crowd! It's pretty amazing that we get to share in fellowship with generations of St. James

families! Monday morning prayers with Mrs. Fritz sparked!

Students and staff enjoyed listening to alumni share about their



experiences at St. James! Did you know that there were four floors to the old school which was located across the street where the parking lot is? Did you know that nuns lived on the top floor and that students helped with cleaning blackboard erasers, cleaning classrooms, and taking coal

down to the furnace? Did you know that some alumni had to use an outhouse? Did you know that for some students, they brought their own lunch due to not having a hot lunch program and that there were



no school buses? When asked about fondest memories, a common theme was recess (some of the equipment is still here)! The best memory? The friendships from St. James have lasted long into adulthood!! Mrs. Fritz certainly attracted the attention of students in rolling out this year's Penny War by having students participate in a treasure hunt, finding pennies and putting them into their class treasure chests to begin the competition!





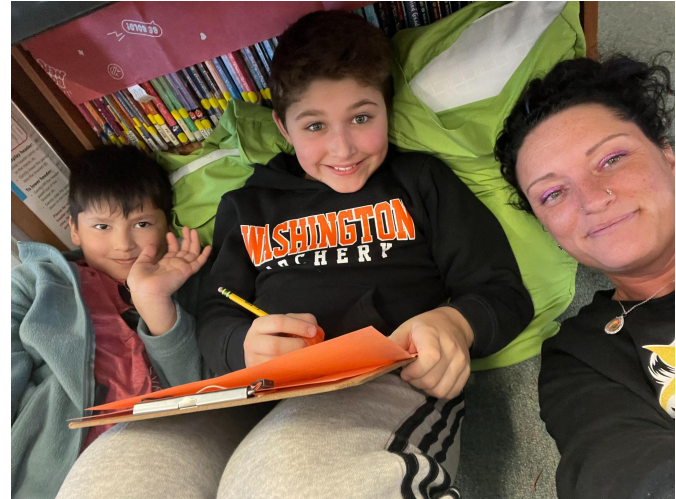
What a great group of alumni to join for lunch today!

Mr. Greiner is a regular at lunch and fits right in.





The high schoolers ate with students



and talked at lunch. I hung out with

3rd/4th graders in the library and caught a selfie with Sawyer who kind of matched me.



