

Saint James Catholic School Knightly News

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SUPER HERO FAMILY NIGHT

Our 2nd Annual Saint James Family Night is rapidly approaching!! Be sure to join us for some family friendly make & take activities on Thursday, March 1st beginning with a hot dog supper at 5 p.m. followed by some family friendly, hands-on fun!! To help us get an approximate count for the meal, please complete and return the "reservation" slip on the flyer which was sent home in the students' backpacks OR call the school office 319-653-3631 OR e-mail Beth McBride at bmcbride@stjameswashington.org. We'd like to have an approximate count by Wednesday, February 28th. There is no charge for the meal as we want as many people to come to this great event as possible! However, free-will donations will always be welcome and accepted.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Saint James School will be hosting Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, March 6th, 1-3 p.m. Parents and children planning to enroll or interested in enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year should plan to attend. Children will have an opportunity to spend time in the classroom with Ms. Arbogast and Mrs. Moeller. Parents will have an opportunity to learn and ask questions about kindergarten programming. Children will meet in the kindergarten classroom. Adults will meet in Tobin Hall.



2018-2019 ENROLLMENT

Registration forms for the 2018-2019 school year have been sent out to students currently enrolled at Saint James School. Please complete and return these ASAP. Knowing our student population is important in planning our 2018-2019 school budget in order to continue to provide quality instruction by exemplary teachers in a faith-centered setting! We appreciate your continued support of Saint James School.

To that end, **please make sure you apply for scholarship & STO funds as well as utilize the SCRIP program.** ALL of these programs are funding sources for families to access as a means of paying tuition. ALL 3 of these opportunities are attached to this newsletter. These forms are also available at the school office.

If you have any questions about any of the financial information, please be sure to contact business manager, Mary Sue Marek.



1st Grader, Keegan Burns, gets a free ride in the principal's chair as he borrows it for a day as his SHIELD award!

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less”.
---C.S. Lewis

THANKS TO....

...all who supported the CSW Book Fair!!!

We sold over \$1,800 in books earning \$723.78 for our library! Thank you to Mrs. Macenski, her husband (Dan), Becky Adam, Monika Chalupa and Roberta Stakland for their help in setting up, tearing down and/or sales!

...those who have helped us stay warm this winter!!

We have had a number of hats, mittens, gloves and scarves donated to the office for students to borrow!! Thank you to those who have been so very generous!



GOOD HELP IS NOT HARD TO FIND!!

Kindergartners Lovella Peiffer (right) and Isaac Leyva (above) help in the office and Mr. Lopez respectively as their SHIELD award choices. It is heartwarming to see our kiddos making a contribution!!

Mark Your Calendars

February 26-March 2
READ ACROSS AMERICA

February 28
12:55 Dismissal
Professional Development
School Board Mtg---6:30 p.m.

March 1
SJS Family Night
5-6:30 p.m.

March 2
Ms. Arbogast's Family Mass
Mass 8:30 a.m.

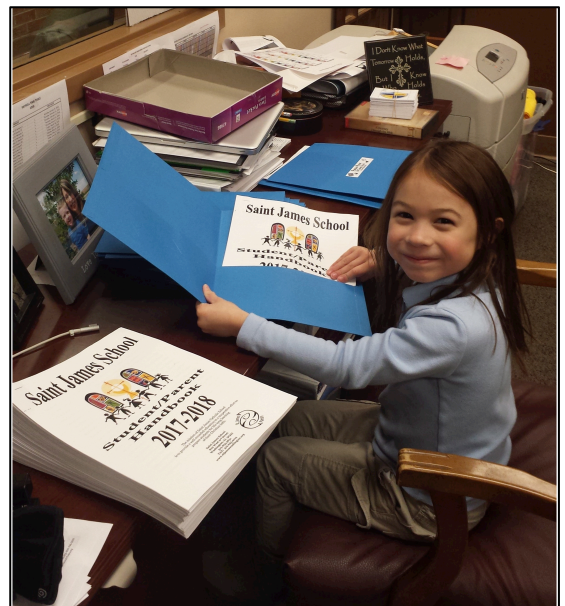
March 6
Kindergarten Round-Up
1-3 p.m.
Currently enrolled Kindergartners
Dismissed @ 11:30 a.m.

March 9
Ms. Baumert's Family Mass
Mass 8:30 a.m.

March 12-16
NO SCHOOL---SPRING BREAK

March 22 & 27
Conferences 4-8 p.m.

March 28
School Board Mtg---6:30 p.m.



Apply Now!

St. James School Families:

If you have a K-12 student, it is time to apply for Student Tuition Organization (STO) tuition grants for the 2018-2019 school year.

You may be eligible to receive a grant from the STO of Southeast Iowa if your household income from line 22 of IRS Form 1040 (or line 15 of IRS Form 1040A) does not exceed the amount shown below for the number of people in your household.

Household Size	Eligibility Level
2	49,380
3	62,340
4	75,300
5	88,260
6	101,220
7	114,180
8	127,140

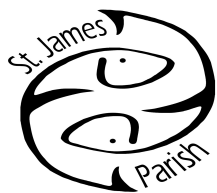
Applications are Due April 17th

All families who wish to be considered for a grant from the STO of Southeast Iowa for the 2018-2019 school year must complete the attached application. Mail application **with a copy of pages 1 and 2 of your 1040 2017 Federal Tax Return no later than April 17, 2018** to:

STO of SOUTHEAST IOWA
1850 E. 54th Street Davenport, IA 52807

Applications are available in English & Spanish at the school office or at www.stoseiowa.org

Assistance in completing the application is available by calling or e-mailing Mary Sue Marek, Business Manager at 653-4504 or mmarek@stjameswashington.org.
(Schools will be notified of 2018-2019 grant awards early summer 2018)



ST. JAMES PARISH

February 2018

Dear St. James School Families,

The 2018-19 St. James School Scholarship Application and the STO Application are now available. Every family is invited and encouraged to complete these scholarship applications.

St. James School Scholarships are considered for all applicants that express a need. Financial need is not the only factor considered. Family size, active parish membership, personal circumstances, and volunteerism are all a part of the confidential application process. We are interested in knowing what motivates you to choose St. James School for your child.

School scholarship awards can reach as high as \$1000.00 per student. Last year, we were successful in providing financial support for **EVERY** family that completed an application. If your children are enjoying St. James School, then our goal is to find a financial arrangement that works for you.

Applications are due June 1, 2018.

STO Applications (School Tuition Organization of Southeast Iowa) are **due no later than April 17, 2016**. This application requires that you include a copy of your 2017 Federal Tax Return. Qualifying individuals are K-12 students who live in an Iowa household and whose income falls into the guidelines outlined at www.stoseiowa.org. Based on eligibility, your family may receive an award that covers a majority of your tuition bill. Please consider applying for an STO scholarship, the awards can be amazing!!

St. James School is eligible to receive \$60,000.00 in STO funds in 2018-2019 for qualifying families!!!

Please don't let financial concerns stop you from choosing St. James School for your children. If you are committed to having your student attend St. James School, then we are committed to finding a way to make that happen. Please don't hesitate to ask questions, my contact information is below and all communication is confidential.

Sincerely,

Mary Sue Marek
Business Manager
St. James Parish
602 W 2nd St
Washington, IA 52353
mmarek@stjameswashington.org

2018-2019 Financial Aid Application

1 Application Instructions

- You must include copies of pages 1 and 2 of your 2017 federal income tax return (Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ) with this application. If you were not required to file a tax return for 2017, you must sign the nonfiler affidavit in Section 8 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 17, 2018. 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, 2017.
- 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 2018-2019 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
01	<i>Applicant</i>					
02						
03						
04						
05						
06						
07						
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09						
10						
11						
12						

3 Household Address

- Enter the complete street address of your primary place of residence (your home) as of December 31, 2017.
- 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

2018-2019 Financial Aid Application

5 Unreported Income

- Report below any income that your household received in 2017 which is not included on a submitted 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 2017.
- If no one in your household was required to file a tax return for 2017, 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 for 2017.

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 2017.

Applicant Signature	Date
X	

9 Applicant Certification

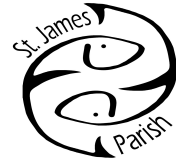
- All applicants **must** sign this section.
- Before signing, verify that **all** sections of this application have been completed in accordance with the instructions.
- Verify that **all** members of your household have been listed and that **all** income received has been disclosed.

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: JUNE 1, 2018

Date of Application _____

Name of Student _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Name of Student _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Name of Student _____ Grade _____ Age _____

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: _____

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1. **BUY GIFT CARDS** - Purchase gift cards from our Home & School Organization from over 750 brands! Including many of the local places you shop on a regular basis...Hy Vee, Fareway, Walmart, Caseys!
2. **EARN FUNDS** - The rebate on the gift card goes to funding our initiatives here at St. James! Family accounts, general scholarship fund, lunch program.
3. **SPEND GIFT CARDS** - Use the gift cards on your everyday shopping!

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