



## Catholic Schools Week

### January 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2021

This year for Catholic Schools Week, St. James School will be focusing on faith, excellence, and service.

We will commemorate our school pride by looking at the examples of **faith** from the Bible in the story of Abraham, and from the life of Saint John Bosco. Our academic **excellence** will be evident as we have fun

with one subject each night of the week during our Family Night Zoom Meetings.

The St. James School Family is called to **service** this year through “Operation Care Package” as we are collecting items to send to our brave servicemen and women.

To align with God’s promise to Abraham and Sarah, the theme this year is: Count the Stars!  
 “God’s blessings are as numerous as the stars of heaven.” Nehemiah 9”23

A flier was sent home earlier this week with the themes for each day. Students and teachers are asked to dress for the theme-of-the-day to celebrate! As a special bonus activity, we will be inviting St. James School Alumni to join us for Lunch via Zoom on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate, please call the school and let us know! Our Kick-Off Mass will be at 9:00 Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. If your child would like to do a reading, hold a banner, or carry up gifts for Mass, you will need to reserve a seat by calling the parish office. Please call Genoveva at 319-653-4504. Please do this by NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 15. Jobs will be assigned on a first come basis. In order to include our whole faith community in our festivities, we will have a door decorating contest! The parish will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite design by going to our Facebook page during Catholic Schools Week. Every night will include a family night from 6:30-7:00pm via Zoom. There will be make and take packets sent home with students Monday thru Thursday. Teachers will lead the activity via Zoom. There will be Mass family activities daily and on Friday a slide show of the week’s events via Zoom as part of Family Night.

## SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

School Choice week is the same week as our celebration of Catholic Schools. School Choice week celebrates the opportunity and process that families have a voice in determining where their children attend school. All students deserve the best instruction and learning environment possible to meet their diverse needs. Having a variety of options, such as public and private education in our Washington Community, school choice ensures that families enroll students in the educational setting that provides excellence in academics as well as social, emotional, mental, and physical well being. At St. James, we offer a faith focused, safe and welcoming environment, and rigorous curriculum based on the Common Core Standards.

Our kindergarten class with Ms. Cole took a picture in their yellow attire for School Choice.



## *School Board Meeting*

Our January school board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30pm. Visitors who would like to attend the board meeting can join via the Zoom link.

Rebecca Clarahan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Jan. SB Mtg.

Time: Jan 20, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87279501976?pwd=RndUTk93R2xySFdjYWYrVGpCaktUZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 7950 1976

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Last week's picture of Owen (4th) and Mr. Lopez ended up being partially covered so it needs to be appear again! Owen opted to help Mr. Lopez as his PBIS reward. Owen really enjoys helping others.



I stopped in third grade for a bit on Tuesday and was intrigued with what third graders were working on in science. They were learning about how thermometers work. The green liquid represents mercury. Students had three different types of water, room temperature, hot and cold. Students marked where the green dye moved up and down. They also made predictions about what would happen when using hot and cold water and no water.



Vocabulary is more fun when you can include art to represent the word's meaning. Fifth graders have their vocabulary artwork posted in the hallway and it is very eye catching. I am so glad these are there for our students and staff to see. They can learn a new meaning and appreciate artistic talents. Bravo fifth grade! These are fantastic!

Mrs. C.'s three year old preschoolers have been talking about fairy tales and times long ago. Ingrid, Andrea, Bentley and Rhett built an amazing castle with blocks!



5th grade reading buddies played board games with three year olds. Mrs. C. says the fifth grade students are very patient. This was a highlight for both groups of students!



## *JMC LUNCH/SNACK BALANCES*

Please note that the JMC system will continue to send you gentle reminders regarding lunch/snack balances even if you have made a payment. Until the payment has been entered into the system by Mary Sue, Becky, or Susan, JMC will send the email. There is a slight delay, 2-3 business days, as the payment must go through a couple of stages prior to actually posting to your account. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate the questions and it helps us! Thank you for being patient and flexible, most of all checking in to ensure that your account is up to date. When in doubt, give us a call and we will be happy to look up your account balance!

## *FAST TESTING*

The Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST) opens on Monday, January 4th and will be open until Thursday, February 18.

**Our Mission is to Glorify God Through Word, Worship and Service.**



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, Washington Community School District makes the decision regarding delays, cancellations, or early dismissals. You can check KCRG, KCII, FlockNote, and St. James Facebook. If Washington Community School District is delayed, cancelled, or has an early dismissal, St. James will as well.

### Weather

Our cold weather rules are as follows:

56 degrees or above: Students can choose what they want to wear outside.

55 degrees to 46 degrees: Students need to wear a jacket outside.

45 degrees and below: Students are to wear a hat, coat, and gloves. There are NO exceptions.

If it feels like 10 and below: Students will have inside recess.



## Mass Schedule

January 20th	Mrs. Heisdorffer
January 24th	CSW Kick-Off 9am
January 27th	Mrs. Marek/Mrs. Clarahan CSW Children's Mass
February 3rd	Ms. Miller
February 10th	Mrs. Sheetz
February 17th	Ms. Spears Ash Wednesday
February 24th	Ms. Cole (aka Mrs. Stoutner)
March 3rd	Mrs. Fritz
March 10th	Mrs. Heisdorffer
March 17th	Mrs. Kling
March 24th	Mrs. Marek/Mrs. Clarahan
April 7th	Ms. Miller
April 14th	Mrs. Sheetz

April 21st	Ms. Spears
April 28th	Ms. Cole (aka Mrs. Stoutner)
May 5th	Mrs. Fritz
May 12th	Mrs. Heisdorffer
May 19th	Mrs. Kling

## *Calendar*

Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day; NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, January 19	Begin 3rd term; Report cards sent home
Friday, January 22	Early Out; 12:55pm dismissal; Professional Development
Sunday, January 24	Catholic Schools Week Children's Mass Kick Off 9am
Monday, January 25-Friday, January 29	Catholic Schools Week
Friday, February 5	Early Out; 12:55pm dismissal; Tech. PD 2:15-3:30pm
Tuesday, February 9	Preschool Roundup 6-7pm
Tuesday, February 16	Midterms out; Kindergarten Roundup 6-7pm