

Saint James Catholic School Knightly News

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Saint James School is hosting Kindergarten Round-Up tomorrow, 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.

PARENTS OF KINDERGARTNERS... PLEASE PASS THE WORD!!!

- A child DOES NOT need to be Catholic to attend the Saint James K-5 program.
- ALL students, K-5, are eligible to apply for tuition assistance. You DO NOT need to be Catholic to apply. Please see the attached pages!!
- You DO NOT need to have attended the SJS preschool programs in order to enroll in Kindergarten at Saint James.

2018-2019 ENROLLMENT

Please complete and return the 2018-2019 enrollment forms 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, contact business manager, Mary Sue Marek.

AUTHOR VISIT...

Pictured at right is author and illustrator, Kay Fanders, who visited all SJS students this past Friday in celebration of *Read Across America Week!* Kay read two books to the students, explaining about the creative process and sharing that her creativity is a gift from God, encouraging them to explore their God-given talents. The students expressed quite an interest in being able to purchase books to own. An order form will be sent home with the students as well as attached to this newsletter.



“Laughter is an instant vacation”.

---Milton Berle

STUDY SAFETY...

This is a topic which is at the forefront of everyone's mind these days...something educators HAVE to think about daily. We do have all of our policies, plans and procedures in place; review these as a staff regularly and routinely hold practice drills.

Something we are working towards is unified "keying" of the building, which will be done over spring break. This will limit the number of people who have access to the building and will insure that those who rent the facility have access to only the area being rented.

Another measure to take in keeping students safe is common and consistent practice in all routines. It is now more important than ever that school staff knows IN ADVANCE from a parent or guardian of any deviation from a student's drop-off/pick-up routine... ESPECIALLY the latter! We have had several issues come up as of late, where a student will tell the teacher or the office that they are riding home with so-and-so or riding the bus, but we will not have a note, phone call or e-mail from that student's parent. Another issue is that we may have a parent calling for another parent. While I realize that it may be more convenient to send a verbal message with someone else, it is not a safe practice. As I review the handbook, I understand that this is somewhat unclear as it states that prior notice is needed but does not specify who provides that notice. Specific language will be added to the handbook to reflect the following practice which is in place from this moment forward:

At any time a student's after school routine deviates from normal, the office and classroom teacher must be notified in advance (phone, e-mail or written note) by the child's parent. Staff will NOT dismiss students to anything other than their routine practice unless such communication has taken place.

This includes ALL school days including early-out days.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!



Jayla Stakland and her dad make a maze and a fooseball table at Family Fun Night.

Feedback...

- "art was fun because siblings could do it, too!"
- "great quick and fun activities, good easy meal, fun night".
- "fantastic events".

Thank you for supporting family learning at Saint James School!!

Mark Your Calendars

March 6

Kindergarten Round-Up
1-3 p.m.

Currently enrolled Kindergartners
Dismissed @ 11:30 a.m.

March 9

Ms. Baumer's Family Mass
Mass 8:30 a.m.

March 12-16

NO SCHOOL---SPRING BREAK

March 21

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

March 22 & 27

Conferences 4-8 p.m.

March 22

4th/5th Field Trip to West Branch

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We had a great time at Family Fun Night this past Thursday...what a fantastic turn-out!!! We counted a total of 66 students in attendance:

3PreK=5

Students try their luck

4PreK=8

at the guessing jars.

K=9

1st=11

2nd=8

3rd=10

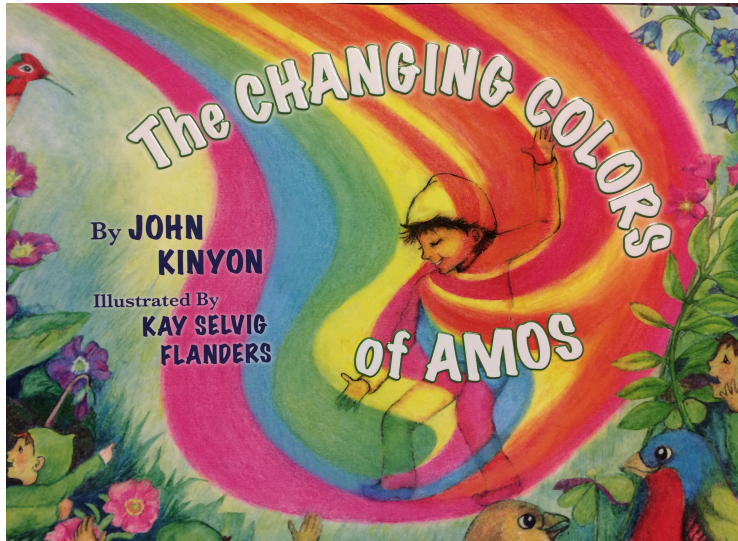
4th=6

5=9



Kay Selvig Flanders

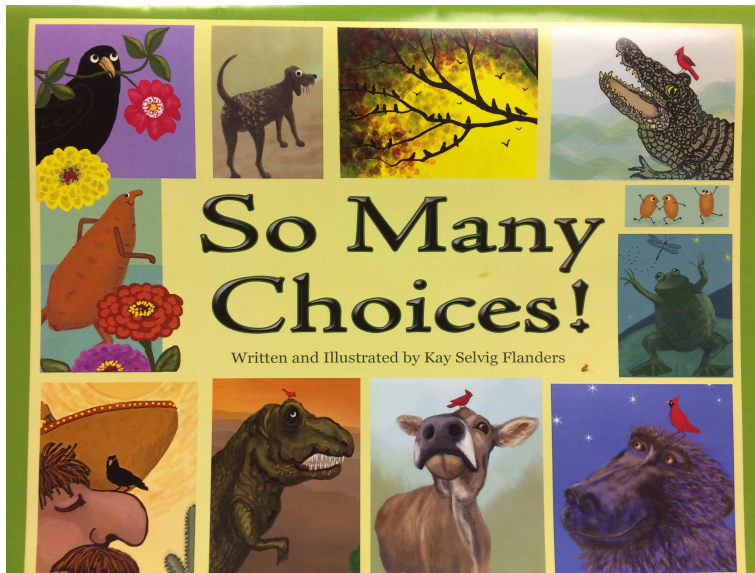
Book order form



The Changing Colors of Amos (Hardback)

\$10

I would like to purchase _____
copies of this book.



So Many Choices! (Paperback)

\$8

I would like to purchase _____
copies of this book.

Name _____

Child's name & grade _____

- Cash or check for the amount only.
- Not available in stores or on Amazon.
- Payable to: Kay Flanders
- Payment must accompany order form.
- All books are signed by the Kay.

**There are a number of copies we have on hand.
Once these have been sold, we will contact Kay for more.**

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

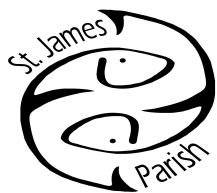
Applications are Due April 17th

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						
08						
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

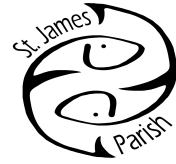
- All applicants **must** sign this section.
- Before signing, verify that **all** sections of this application have been completed in accordance with the instructions.
- Verify that **all** members of your household have been listed and that **all** income received has been disclosed.

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 _____

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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. 2nd Street
Washington, IA 52353
319-653-4504
mmarek@stjameswashington.org

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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IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3

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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