



**ST. JAMES
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
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PARISH NEWS



Mass Schedule

St. James
Sunday - 10:30 am
- 12 noon

St. Francis
Saturday - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am

St. Mary's
Sunday - 9:00 am

Confessions

St. James
Friday 3:30 - 6:30 pm
St. Francis
Saturday @ 5:00 pm

ADVENT

"Waiting - preparing - coming"



Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

Christ in Action

The "call to serve" by students and staff extends beyond the boundaries of our classrooms and schoolyard to the community at large. Thank you to our students and their families for assisting the families of St. Vincent de Paul in providing them with a hopeful and blessed Christmas.

Time to Give Thanks!!!

The staff and students of St. James would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to St. James over the past year.

NA Paving for all of the painting of the many games throughout the school yard (4-Square, hopscotch, basketball courts, etc.)

Remnants in Tottenham for reupholstering our couch

Wilton's Floor & Wall Coverings for providing the paint for the library

SMCDSB for the new carpet and lighting in the library

Garden Foods for donating the hotdogs and buns for the gr. 8 fundraiser

Athletics

The intermediate volleyball season is complete and both the boys and girls played extremely well in their respective tournaments. The girls went on to become South Simcoe Championships. Thank you to Mrs. Traverse and Mr. Andrews for providing the students with this opportunity.

The Intermediate Basketball season is now about to start. Students are asked to listen to announcements to find out when tryouts and practices will be held.

Rosary Apostolate

We would like to thank the members of the Rosary Apostolate for coming into our school once a month to pray the Rosary with our students. Your faith leadership has nurtured our spirit and enriched our lives. The members of the Rosary Apostolate will be back in our school on Wednesday December 7th.

Eat Well To Excel

Thank you to Mrs. Grossi and our many parent volunteers who have given their time over the past few months to provide our students with nutritious snacks. As well, we would also like to thank them for providing all of our students with a special "Treat of the month". Our next treat of the month will be this Friday, December 2nd.

Come Celebrate 26 years of Tradition

Come celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Eagan Homestead. Mass will be held on a Friday evening in December, followed by a warm beverage and cookies to bring in the season. The date and time will be announced in an e-blast.

Christmas Holidays

Just a reminder that Thursday December 22nd, will be our last day of classes leading up to the Christmas Holidays. **School will resume on Monday January 9th, 2017.** If you know that you will be away on vacation upon school reconvening, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Christmas Concert

This year, our primary classes will be putting on a Christmas Concert on Thursday December 15th. The Concert will take place in the evening at 6 pm in our gymnasium. We invite all to attend. Brothers and Sisters will also have an opportunity to attend their sibling's performance during the Dress Rehearsal in the afternoon.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families and friends of St. James who supported us in our Chocolate Fundraiser. Through your donations and hard work, **you** raised \$6000! Congratulations!



Dates To Remember

December 7th, 2016
Rosary Apostolate
In the Classrooms

December 14th, 2016
School Mass @ 10:00 am
St. James Church

December 15th, 2016
Primary Christmas Concert
6:00 pm

December 20th, 2016
Gr. 8 Christmas Sale
In support of
"Home on the Hill"

December 22nd, 2016
Last Day
Of Classes



December 23rd, 2016
Board Holiday

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