

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

Service | Academics | Faith | Excellence

Pajama Bottom Day

Students collected enough box tops to earn a pajama bottom day! Students can wear pajama bottoms or yoga pants with a tee shirt on Wednesday, December 7th. For safety reasons, students cannot wear slippers. It is a half day that day so students can be cozy at school! Congratulations and thank you for supporting the school!

Thanksgiving Brunch

On Tuesday, November 22nd, we will start the day off with a beautiful prayer service giving thanks followed by a Thanksgiving brunch. More information will be coming about this day where our school gives thanks.

Kindness Matters

During Advent, teachers will be recognizing kindness. When they see students doing something nice, students will be given a snow ball. Watch as our snowman grows in the cafeteria from acts of kindness!



School News

We have a strategic plan which directs the school each year and there are four main goals that the school is focusing on this year. In no particular order, they are to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of our learners. We do that by having flexible groupings in reading, word work and math and using the NWEA results and other formative assessment to target instruction.

The second goal is to keep faith as an important part of our school. Having the mass here each Wednesday is wonderful. Students do service work for faith in action each month.

The Catholic Education Board is working on creating an endowment. The year 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of Saint James School. Plans are underway for celebrations and the creation of our endowment fund. As the last Catholic school in the area, this endowment will help the future stability of the school.

Our last goal is to integrate technology in the classroom. You see our older students with ChromeBooks and our younger students with iPads more and more.

If you want to see our entire strategic plan, it is on our website

May God bless you and keep you!





Upcoming Dates

- 11/22 12:00 Dismissal, Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Brunch
- 12/3 Saco Parade of Lights
- 12/5-12/8 Saint Nick Shop
- 12/7 12:00 Dismissal, Pajama Bottom Day
- 12/7 Christmas Concert
- 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/11 Breakfast with Santa
- 12/14 Christmas Concert, snow date
- 12/22-1/2 Christmas Vacation
- 1/11 12:00 Dismissal
- 1/16 No School, MLK Day
- 1/17-1/27 NWEA Testing
- 1/20 Report Cards
- 1/27 Open House, 9-2
- 1/28 CSW Turkey Supper
- 1/30 Bishop Deeley visits
- 1/30-2/3 Catholic Schools Week

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Good luck to our First LEGO League team, Saint James School Fighting4Tusks as they attend the Qualifier Meet this Saturday. We have a large group of students this year creating a project, talking about core values and programming the robot to do missions. They have worked really hard and we are very proud of them! Thank you to our sponsors - Kobe, Kevin Paquet, Saco House of Pizza and Winxnet. It is because of their contribution that we do not have to charge students. Thank you!

Would you like to have coffee with me?

I thought I would invite parents in for an informal meet and greet. Bring a cup of coffee and join me on Friday, December 2nd after Morning Prayer in the French room. It will be a chance to just talk, to ask questions or to offer suggestions.

One parent recently asked me how many children I have and asked if I have any grandchildren. I was surprised that she did not know until I realized that we don't have time to learn more about each other as people so this will give us a chance to do that or talk about other matters about the school.

I have been trying to have more of a FaceBook presence to spread the news about all the good things happening at Saint James School. Thank you for sharing the posts you enjoy. This enables us to reach more people. Also, thank you for talking to others about Saint James School. Word of mouth is our greatest advertising. Thank you for posting positive comments about the school on FaceBook, on the different review sites in the Internet, and for telling friends and family about this great school. As our school grows, we can pay our staff better and offer more to your children! Thank you, our students are our greatest asset!



Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Saint James School is thankful to have you as part of our family!