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# Saber Stories

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Patricia Kanute, Principal

## MISSION STATEMENT

Saint James School provides a quality Catholic education inspired by the Sisters of Mercy and based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. We strive to develop the full potential of every child, to encourage service to others, and to build a foundation for independent life-long learning.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### SCHOOL RESUMES ON JAN 3

- Keep sending in Box Tops
- Registration for 2017-2018 starts in January for new students and February for current students



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**2017 GALA**  
**MARCH 25, 2017**

The annual Saint James School Gala and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. Paul Munns is the chairman of this event. The Gala is Saint James School's major fundraiser. Featuring silent and live auctions, the Gala is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the company of other Saint James School parents and others who are committed to the success of our great school. In January, gala volunteers will be informing each Saint James School family with details about the gala. Soon after, each family will receive an invitation to this wonderful event. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

## JANUARY CALENDAR

Catholic Schools Month:

**"Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service"**

**NO SCHOOL-HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Jan 1	
Jan 2	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Jan 3	School resumes
Jan 4	Rosary Prayed, 8:15AM, Gym Box Tops Counted, 2PM
Jan 6	Ski Club Mt. Southington
Jan 8	St. James School Mass, Church, 9AM
Jan 9	School Board Meeting, 6PM
Jan 10	H.S.A. Meeting, 7-8PM, Cafeteria
Jan 12	Monthly PLC Meeting
Jan 16	<b>NO SCHOOL-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</b>
Jan 19	Staff Meeting, 2:15PM
Jan 20	Ski Club Mt. Southington FMI Auditions, 5-10PM, Classrooms
Jan 21	FMI Auditions, 8AM-4PM, Classrooms Father/Son Event
Jan 25	<b>PLC DAY EARLY DISMISSAL, 12:05PM</b>
Jan 27	Snow date for FMI All State Band Auditions
Jan 28	Snow date for FMI All State Band Auditions
Jan 30	Volunteer Recognition Mass and Reception, 9:15AM, Church
Jan 31	Open House for New Families, 8:30-11AM Registration for New Students for 2017-2018 School Year



### **POLISH NATIVITY CONTEST**

Congratulations to all the 6th grade students who participated in the 36th annual Polish Szopka Krakowska (Nativity Castle) on Sunday, Nov. 27th, at the Polish National Home in Hartford. They spent so much time constructing fabulously beautiful castles! The winners of the contest were:

1st Place: Abby Ray

2nd Place: Lily Zaluda

3rd Place (tied): Divya Patel and Paolo Iacobello

Zachary Zaluda

Honorable Mention:

Lauren Toomey and Jillian Vichi

Sean Leary and Nick Kalb

Eva O'Brien and Andrew Tran

Ben Post and Cole Huyler



### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NOTES**

The Saint James School Bands performed two Christmas concerts on Wednesday, December 7th for the school and the parents. This year's eighth graders did an excellent job narrating the program and playing percussion. The Eastern Regional Band students opened the concert with "American We." They were followed by the Beginning Band which performed "A Band Christmas Card." They were joined by Michael Machewirth's Aunt and Brianna Flores' Dad. The Intermediate Band performed three Christmas pieces: "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", "Christmas Kings Carols" and "Blue Christmas" with Michael Machewirth's Aunt, Marion Patsalides' Mom on flute and Jacob McMullin's Dad on trombone. The Advanced Band was the last to perform. They opened with Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" followed by "Christmas Chimes", "Frosty the Snowman" and ending with "The Grinch." They were joined by Michael Flores' Dad on tenor and Marion Patsalides' Mom on flute. Mr. Corcoran would like to thank the parents who helped the students with their band uniforms before and after the concert.

On January 20th and 21st, Saint James School will host the 2017 All State Auditions.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCES

Saint Christopher School of East Hartford will be hosting the last Middle School Dance on Friday, March 24, 2017. Please go to the Saint James School website for the permission slip for the dance. The dances begin at 7PM and end promptly at 10PM. Parents are required to sign their children in and out of the dance. For each dance there is a \$5.00 charge per student.



## THANK YOU

A special thank you to all who gave Christmas gifts and goodies to the Staff and Administration. We wish you a very Happy New Year for 2017!

*Mrs. Kanute and the Saint James School Staff*

## NO PARKING ZONES

Did you know that there is **NO PARKING** in front of the main school building and in front of the white house across the street from the school to the corner of Park and Otis Streets? Please take a look at the signs posted by the Manchester Police Department. Many parents park, leave their car, and go into the school building for school business or to pick up their child/children. Other parents sit in their car waiting for their child/children to enter/exit the school or waiting for a family member who enters the school to pick up a child/children. The Manchester Police Department patrols all schools, many times at arrival and dismissal time, and no one wants to be issued a ticket for stopping or parking in a **NO PARKING ZONE**. Please follow the signs at all times and do not stop or park directly in front of the school or across the street from the school. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Please don't forget to clip Box Tops for  
Saint James School!



During the season with inclement weather, the decision to have a delayed opening, snow day, or early dismissal is made by the Manchester school system. The announcement, "Manchester Public Schools", is made on TV stations WVIT (NBC "Channel 30") and WFSB (CBS "Channel 3"), and websites [www.nbcconnecticut.com](http://www.nbcconnecticut.com), and [www.wfsb.com](http://www.wfsb.com). **Please sign up for automatic email or text notification at either of these websites.** If you do not have email or texting capabilities, please listen and watch for these announcements on the radio, computer, or TV and have plans in place between you and your child/ren for early dismissals. If a delayed opening is announced, continue to check for updates in case a later announcement cancels school.

**THERE IS NO BEFORE SCHOOL CARE ON LATE OPENING DAYS AND EXTENDED DAY CARE IS CANCELLED ON EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS.**

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### NOTES FROM THE NURSE

**Important message to Grade 6 students:** The State of Connecticut requires every 6th grade student to have a current physical assessment on file in their school health record before entering Grade 7 in Sept 2017. These blue forms are available in the nurse's office. If you have any questions or have not returned the health forms, please contact Mrs. Vignati, the school nurse, as soon as possible.

**Absence Calls:** Please contact the school as early as possible each day your child is home sick.  
[mainoffice@saintjamesschool.net](mailto:mainoffice@saintjamesschool.net)

#### Cold and Cough Reminders

1. Be sure your child is dressed appropriately to keep warm in cold weather. Apply Chapstick to help prevent chapped lips. Send water bottles to school with your child.
2. The best treatment for colds is rest and fluids. Always contact your child's physician for advice.
3. Keep your child home from school if he/she is not feeling well, is frequently coughing with complaints of not feeling well, has a temperature, or diarrhea/nausea, vomiting, a thick, colored discharge from the nose, or a skin rash or eye drainage of unknown origin. Please call your child's physician for advice.

#### Encourage General Healthy Habits for Everyone

1. Good hand washing to prevent spreading of germs and viruses.
2. Don't share eating utensils or cups.
3. Cough or sneeze into your elbow (not your hand) or use a tissue, and wash hands frequently.
4. Don't share combs, brushes, or hats.
5. Eat breakfast every day to enhance alertness and good performance, and to avoid midmorning complaints of headache/stomachache/weakness.
6. Encourage regular bedtimes.

Contact school office with any changes to your child's emergency contact information (blue and white cards).

Dear Parents and Students,

We have been in school for four months and each day, there are many children late for school. This is an extremely serious problem, as too many children are tardy, sometimes the same children every day. The children should not be running into school after the first bell to get into a class line that is passing, running down the main hallway or being dropped off in the office to be taken to the classroom by a staff member. This is a disruption for the children and staff members in the office and classrooms. Children should be at school no later than 7:50AM each day to line up with their classmates to go into the classroom in a calm and orderly manner to start the school day.

In the morning, a telephone call should be made to the office, if your child is arriving late. The excused reasons for being late are medical appointments, family emergencies and weather/transportation problems. Oversleeping, leaving home late and hectic morning schedules are not excused reasons for being late.

Starting on January 9, if a child is late, a parent must bring the student to the office to sign him/her in for the school day. A child with an excused tardy will be given a slip to enter the classroom for the day. A student with an unexcused tardy will be given a detention slip to serve the detention after school from 2:10-2:40PM the next day after the tardy day.

Please parents, teach your children a valuable life lesson of “being on time for life’s events of a job, school and appointments.” We, at Saint James School, strive to help each child become responsible students and conscientious citizens. We also strive to help them develop the skills necessary for a successful future. We think that punctuality is a crucial asset to nurture a sense of responsibility in each child. Please help your child/children meet their obligation to arrive at school on time each morning. They will then have the opportunity to socialize with their friends, enter their classroom with their classmates, and then be prepared to start their daily activities on time.

We appreciate your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

The Administration and Staff of Saint James School

**HONOR ROLL—FIRST TRIMESTER****High Honors****Grade 6**

Benjamin Creamer  
Sean Leary  
Kaitlyn Nyberg  
Divya Patel

**Grade 7**

Lillian Bluestein  
Matthew Bulger  
Jake Crowley  
Tahlia Crowley  
Katherine Green  
Nicholas Guenther  
Margo Kamis  
Ernest Lowe  
Catharine Marek  
Lindsay O'Neill  
Alexandra Parsons  
Michael Reilly  
Emma Wojnarowski

**Grade 8**

Ally Ansaldi  
Ethan Canna  
Soraya Chanterelle  
Christopher Constantine  
Angela Gerard  
Aiden Toomey  
Cora Zorger

**General Honors****Grade 6**

Andrew Alberts  
Vincent Cavallo  
Faith Crawford  
Emma Desautels  
Michael Flores  
Evan Gangloff  
Lukas Ghezzi  
Maximus Italia  
Nicholas Kalb  
Daniel Levin  
Aiden Liptrap  
Eva O'Brien  
Margaret O'Callaghan  
Evanthea Parsons  
Robert Perry  
Abhinav Perugu  
Benjamin Post  
Abigail Ray  
Lauren Toomey  
Jillian Vichi  
Colin Williams

**Grade 7**

Riza Baah  
Ryan Barry, Jr.  
Conor Bernier  
Andrew Bushnell  
Kevin Canny  
Peyton Carpenter  
Madison Carroll  
Mia Decker  
Rachel Donnelly  
Isis Edwards  
Samuel Famiglietti  
Ajay Ganesh  
Jonathan Green  
Alexis Jablonecki  
Kevin Leger  
Caleb Miller  
Benito Pagani  
Nicole Paquette  
Emma St. Jean  
Farah Suede

**Grade 8**

Alec Bairos  
Isabelle Burke  
Anna DeLaura  
Ellie DeSantos  
Jack Dufresne  
Alexander Haaf  
Asrar Hossain  
Nathan Kincheloe  
Matthew Levin  
Elizabeth Munns  
Kyle Pelletier  
Christopher Phelan  
Izabella Ray  
McKenzie Savage  
Alexander Setzler  
Mackenzie Talavera  
Alice Tyszka  
Delaney Tyszka  
Alexander Vetere  
Maeve Williams

*Congratulations!*