

# Cougar Connection

St. James School

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## UPCOMING DATES:

March 4 – Faith Sharing after school until 4:15

March 5 – 6 pm School Council Meeting

March 6 – Ash Wed. Mass at 8:30 a.m. planned by 7<sup>th</sup>  
-Spirit Dress

March 7 – Happy Birthday, Mrs. Kurre!  
-8:30 am Mass planned by 3<sup>rd</sup>  
-Teen Power after school until 5 p.m.

March 8–End of Quarter 3  
-Quarterly payment due

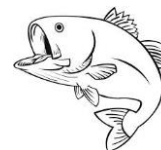
Mission: *St. James School provides faith formation and a holistic educational experience which enables students to become self-confident, contributing members of society.*

## ILEARN INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS

Dear Parents, as we make the switch from the ISTEP testing to the new assessment called ILEARN, there are some important changes to share with you. For the next three weeks, there will be a video link included in the newsletter. If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade student, then they will be taking ILEARN this spring. Click here to view a short video about "[Assessing with Technology](#)".

## DAYCARE PICK-UP ON MARCH 22 AND APRIL 5

After school daycare on fish fry nights will be in the preschool building. The fish fries are March 22 and April 5. Please pick up your children at the preschool building on those days.



## TEEN POWER CALL-OUT MEETING

All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to stay after school on Thursday, March 7, until 5 p.m. for a Teen Power event. You must RSVP in Ms. B's room ahead of time. Teen Power creates a culture and support system of drug free students in the school, encouraging them to be leaders, stay drug free, and prevent substance abuse.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT THE BREAKFAST

We had a big crowd at our breakfast this past weekend, and we are very appreciative of everyone who came and joined us. Thanks also to those students who earned service hours by working the breakfast (or helped even though they didn't need service hours.) We are grateful for your generous support.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a way to get more involved at St. James School? We are looking for new members to serve on our PTA and School Council next year. We also need someone to shadow our athletic director, as she will finish her three-year term in 2020. The PTA meets about once a month to plan annual fundraisers, such as the Spot Shoot basket raffle, pizza and geranium fundraisers, dressing, and the Family Game Day. Funds raised from these events pay for new textbooks, field trips, and classroom supplies. We currently have six members and a treasurer. The more members we have on PTA, the lighter the workload for each individual member. If you are interested or have specific questions, please contact Kendra in the school office or email [ajohnson@evdio.org](mailto:ajohnson@evdio.org). PTA members serve a two-year term.

The St. James School Council is made up of six members - three men and three women - who meet monthly. The School Council sets school policy, creates and updates the strategic plan, and evaluates the principal. School Council is a three-year term. Candidates must be St. James parishioners but need not have children in the school. Contact the school office if you would like to run for School Council or have questions.

Finally our athletic director, Jamie Claybrooks, will wrap up her three-year term as athletic director in the 2019-20 school year. We need someone to shadow her next year to learn the responsibilities of this position. Please contact Jamie at [jlclaybrooks@gmail.com](mailto:jlclaybrooks@gmail.com) or the school office at 812-867-2661 if you're interested.

## Scrip Sellers

### March 2

5:00 pm – Dave & Anne Merkley

### March 3

7:00 am – Ali Dressler,  
Danyelle Jost  
9:00 am – Becky & Lauren Rexing

### March 9

5:00 pm – Karen & Allison Adler

### March 10

7:00 am – Beth Kroft, Anna Luigs  
9:00 am – Nick & Jennifer Knight

Lunch Menu  
March 4-8, 2019  
(Alt. entrée- Chef  
Salad)  
NO ALT. ENTRÉE ON  
FRIDAYS DURING  
LENT

*Mon., March 4*  
**Hamburger on Bun,**  
*French Fries, Baked  
Beans, Fruit, Milk*

*Tues., March 5*  
**Beef Roast, Corn,**  
*Mashed Potatoes,  
Roll, Fat Tuesday  
Treat, Fruit, Milk*

*Wed., March 6*  
**Tomato Soup &  
Bosco Stick, Salad,**  
*Fruit, Milk*  
ASH WEDNESDAY

*Thurs., March 7*  
**Sub Sandwich,**  
*Baked Chips, Fresh  
Veggies, Fruit, Treat,  
Milk*

*Fri., March 8*  
**No alternate**  
**Papa John's Cheese  
Pizza, Salad, Baby  
Carrots, Fruit, Milk**

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## CHILD TAX CREDITS AND 529 SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Did you know that you can get a \$1,000 deduction per child on your Indiana return just for attending St. James School? Be sure your tax preparer takes advantage of this. St. James School's state assigned ID number is B120. For more information on tax credits, visit <http://www.eitc outreach.org/learn/tax-credits/child-tax-credit/>

Something else to discuss with your tax advisor:

On December 22, 2017, the president signed H.R. 1, the federal tax reform bill, into law. The law permits withdrawals from a 529 college savings account up to \$10,000 per year per student for tuition expenses in connection with enrollment and attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private or religious school. So now you can pay your K-8 tuition through a 529 savings account, which used to be only for college students. For more information go to <https://www.collegechoicedirect.com/> and click Federal Tax Reform Update.

## IREAD-3 TEST FOR THIRD GRADERS

The third grade class will be taking the IREAD-3 test on Tuesday, March 19. Please make sure your child is present all day that day. A parent information sheet is included in today's attachments.

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

If your family is benefitting from the School Choice Voucher program that we have in Indiana, please consider writing your representatives and/or senators and tell them THANK YOU for this wonderful and necessary program. We have advocates in Indianapolis fighting for us during the legislative sessions, but if our lawmakers hear from families actually benefitting from the program, it could send a powerful message. Visit <http://inpea.org/for-advocates/legislative-action-center/> for links to those in local, state and federal office. Once you enter the site, put your zip code under "find politicians." Sample letters are attached to today's email.

### Mass Servers:

**Sat March 2**  
**8:00 am** – Vincent &  
Robert Hughes  
**5:00 pm** – Isaac  
Cavins, Clare Cochran

**Sun March 3**  
**7:00 am** – Samuel  
Richardson  
**9:00 am** – Thomas  
Clevy

**Tues March 5**  
**7:30 am** – Devin Bane,  
Landon Kite

**Sat March 9**  
**5:00 pm** – Allison  
Adler, Megan Adler

**Sun March 10**  
**7:00 am** – Devin Bane  
**9:00 am** – Carson &  
Nicholas Agee

**Tues March 12**  
**7:30 am** – Landon Kite

**Wed March 13**  
**7:00 pm** – Thomas  
Clevy

## ATTACHMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

- March lunch menu
- Teen Power
- IREAD-3 parent guidance
- 8<sup>th</sup> girls volleyball open gym at Mater Dei
- Matilda tryouts at Mater Dei
- Royal Tea Party at Mater Dei
- Sample letters to thank legislators

## HARD COPIES FOR THIS WEEK

- 4<sup>th</sup> permission slip to Survive Alive House
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> permission slip to Cinderella
- 8<sup>th</sup> permission slip for prayer retreat

## FINAL TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

If you are paying your tuition in quarterly payments, the final quarterly installment of this year's tuition is due on March 8, 2019. Please refer to Sycamore/My Accounting/Summary for your exact balance or call the school office, and we can look it up for you. Checks may be written to St. James Church and sent into the school office.