



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH + FAMILY + RESPONSIBILITY + RESPECT

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Dear Parents,

July 16, 2019

“Teach them virtue” is what has come to mind repeatedly as I prayed about where the Lord desired to lead our children in the upcoming school year. St. John Chrysostom, in agreement, writes the following:

“When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving, to be generous, to love others, we instill virtue in their souls and reveal the image of God within them. This, then is our task: to educate both ourselves and our children in godliness; otherwise what answer will we have before Christ’s judgement-seat?”

Isn’t that just what we all want for our children? That they be truly good! To this end, we will be using the *Virtues in Practice* program to help the children grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. The following chart gives you a sneak preview and, if you are so motivated, you may find the rest of the program by going to

<https://www.nashvilledominican.org/apostolate/evangelization-and-catechesis/virtues-in-practice/>

CHARITY (Theme: Community)					
SEP.	CHARITY	Loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself	St. Gertrude	St. Vincent de Paul	Ven. Laura Vicuna
OCT.	FRIENDSHIP	Sharing a mutual love that seeks the good of the other	Sts. Benedict & Scholastica	Sts. Basil & Gregory	Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati
NOV.	COURTESY	Being thoughtful of others	St. Martin de Porres	Ven. Solanus Casey	Ven. Pierre Toussaint
DEC.	PURITY	Keeping your soul free of sin	St. Dominic Savio	St. Agnes	St. Maria Goretti
JAN.	FORTITUDE	Being brave and strong in the face of trials	St. Bernadette	St. Joan of Arc	Sts. Paul Miki & Companions
FEB.	PRUDENCE	Making good decisions in specific circumstances	Bl. Junipero Serra	St. John Neumann	St. John XXIII
MAR.	RESPECT	Recognizing the dignity of all people	St. Jeanne Jugan	St. Damien of Molokai	St. John Paul II
APRIL	FORGIVENESS	Pardoning those who offend you	St. Patrick	Bl. Margaret of Castello	St. Josephine Bakhita
MAY	RESPONSIBILITY	Being reliable in your duties and accountable for your actions	St. Peter	St. Henry II	Bl. Bartolo Longo

Academically speaking, I hope to hone in more on Phonics and Language Arts skills this coming year and am excited to be able to provide professional development opportunities for our teachers this August.

But now it is summer and a time for leisure. I hope you will all have some days without an agenda, checklist, or anything that must be accomplished. May you have time for gazing, wondering, receiving, resting, and rejoicing in God. That is the glory of summer and the glory of our life in Christ.

See you in August!

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

Open House: We are trying something new! Although school does not begin until Friday, August 16, please come to school with your Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade children on Wednesday, August 14 between 9:00 am – 12:00 pm for an Open House/Picture morning. Bring your children and their school supplies right to their new classrooms. The children will be able to greet their new teachers, find their desks, drop off their supplies, and then go to the parish hall to have their picture taken. It should be a happy morning!

St. James Faculty and Staff – 2019-2020

Faculty:

Mrs. Karla Tranmer	Pre-Kindergarten
Miss Megan Kopetzky	Kindergarten
Mrs. Jean Jochum	Grade 1
Sister Teresa Marie, C.K.	Grade 2
Mrs. Avery Uhing	Grade 3
Sister Peter Marie, C.K.	Grade 4
Sister Mary Faustina, C.K.	Grade 5 and 6
Sister Marie Amata, C.K.	Grade 5 and 6
Mrs. Shannon Ward	Music, Computer, Title I and ELL

Staff:

Mrs. Debbie Hier	Secretary
Mrs. Deb Polacek	Part Time Accountant
Miss Laura Ziems	Teacher Assistant
Miss Tricia Young	Librarian and Teacher Assistant
Mrs. Rocio Don Juan	Head Cook
Mrs. Silvia Adame Garcia	Custodian
Mr. Joe Grof	Part Time Maintenance

Administration:

Father Steve Major	Chief Administrative Office and Pastor
Father Douglas Daro	Assistant Pastor
Sister Mary Alma, C.K.	Principal

Important Dates:

Wednesday, August 14 9:00 – 12:00 Open House for Pr-K through grade 6 – Please bring classroom supplies.
Life Touch Pictures – Dress your children for their school pictures.

Friday, August 16 Opening Day of School for Kindergarten through Grade 6 - Full day - 3:20 pm dismissal

August 19	Pre-Kindergarten Opening Day
August 26	Early Dismissal 1:20 pm Faculty Meeting
August 27	Back-To-School Night 6:30 pm
September 2	No School Labor Day

First Tuition Payment: Tuition payment is due on August 1, 2019.

Stay Faithful: God is the source of true rest and leisure. Don't take a vacation from practicing our Catholic Faith this summer. Make Sunday Mass a priority even if you are traveling. On long car trips, consider saying the rosary or reading a story on a life of a Saint.