



SAINT JAMES
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

September 18, 2019

Alexis Tocqueville, a French historian who wrote about democracy in America in the mid-1800's stated, *"America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."*

We all want our children to be good and to grow in goodness, but showing them the way can be challenging. An exciting opportunity to learn more about how to help your children grow in goodness and virtue is coming our way soon. Two weeks from today, on Wednesday, October 2 from 3:45 – 5:15 pm in the parish hall, Scarlett Lewis will present the "Choose Love" program to our teachers. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come!

Scarlett Lewis is the mother of Jesse Lewis who was killed along with 19 of his first grade classmates in the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. In honor of her beloved son, Scarlett has dedicated her life to teaching children and teens how to choose love over angry and harmful thoughts and actions.

Scarlett writes, "Although we can't always choose what happens to us, we can always choose how to respond. Children can learn to choose a loving thought over an angry one. When a child realizes that they have the power to positively impact themselves as well as those around them, it is empowering and perpetuates their positive actions and interactions."

Courage, gratitude, forgiveness and compassion are the four pillars of her program. Scarlett is a convinced Christian woman. You will hear how God has intervened in her life to bring the message of choosing love to educators, parents, and children all across America.

I hope you will be able to join us on Wednesday, October 2nd. The time spent should help us to help our children choose love!

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

Prayer to Saint James St. James the Greater, patron of our school, enkindle in our hearts the same burning love you had for our Lord. May we answer His call, as you did, to be “fishers of men”. May we possess your zeal for Christ, a love that led you to be the first Apostle to die for the faith. Protect, direct and bless our school family. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Really Need Everyone to Help! Thank you for the many responses to help with the Scrip program. Great job! Remember that supporting Scrip is of no extra cost to yourself. You use it to purchase the very items you were going to purchase anyway. There is no loss for you and a big gain for your children’s school. I still need, however, several Scrip papers returned. If there is one in your package, it means we are waiting to hear how you will help support your school through the Scrip program.

Please Sign Up in the Office or Call Parent -Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 3 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00- 5:00 pm, and 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Please call the office 402-826-2318 or stop by to sign up for your conferences.

Volunteering at St. James School? The diocese has a new requirement. Every volunteer must complete the Safe Environment Training every year. Even if you have taken this before, you need to do it once again this year.

No Afternoon Bus Service on Monday, September 23. The morning bus will run.

Picture Retakes If you are not pleased with your child’s picture or if you missed pictures on August 14, picture retake day is on Friday, September 27. For those who were not present, we have an envelope for you in the office. Those having pictures retaken will need to turn in their previous envelope with pictures.

Coming Home Today in the Communication Envelope:

- How I will Help the Scrip Program form
- Scrip Order form
- Tuition Envelope
- Family Directory
- School Picture Retake Flier
- Crete Park and Rec Flier
- Mayor’s Fun Run Flier
- Crete Great Pumpkin Festival Coloring Sheet