



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

April 24, 2020

St. James distance learning:

How is the distance learning going? Great! St. James is using a variety of platforms to teach the children including: creative teacher made-education packets, private Facebook lessons, group Zoom lessons and good old-fashioned telephone calls. We are very proud of how our teachers and parents have responded to the new challenge of educating students outside of the school building.

St. James serving the community Each evening, Monday- Friday from 5:00 – 6:30 pm we are serving free dinners for children ages 1-18 in the Crete community. The number of meals served daily ranges from 90-120. Parents simply drive through the alley, pull up to the kitchen door, and ask the volunteer deliverer for the meals. Special thanks to our cooks, Rocio Don Juan and Silvia Adame and to our many volunteers. Thank you to the United Church of Christ for donating numerous masks for the children.

Karalynn Brown, a doctorate student from Catholic Social Services Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center, has worked at St. James throughout the year. Karalynn is offering free counseling services to parents who are struggling with their children's behavior during this time of the virus. If interested, please call St. James School at 402 826-2318.

St. James staying connected: On Wednesday, April 22 St. James hosted a parent-teacher Zoom meeting in which school faculty and parents discussed what was going well and brainstormed some ideas of how to do things better. If you missed it, you may access the meeting on the St. James School website. [St James Elementary School](http://www.st-james-crete.org)
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St. James teachers are choosing favorite childhood stories and reading them to their students on line. They are also posting special messages to the students. See the St. James Facebook page!

Fun! Fun! Fun!: Parents, pack your children in the car and take a five-minute drive through the Sacred Heart Church alley and around the parking lot this **Monday, April 27 from 11:30 – 12:30 pm**. The St. James faculty and staff will be waving hello and cheering the children on in their studies. There may be one new face in the crowd! Children and drivers can look forward to an ice-cream treat when leaving the parking lot. If it rains, come anyway. Drive through the alley and the teachers will wave and cheer from the windows. (Parents and children will need to please stay in their cars at all times.)

Finances: Our tuition goal for the 2019-2020 school year was to collect \$100,000.00 in tuition by the closing day of school. Thanks to the diligence of our parents and to the scholarship programs, we have already collected \$119,390.75. Way to go St. James parents!

May Crowning: We will be having a May Crowning this year! Bring your flowers to the Mary statue in front of the south door of school any time on Thursday, May 7 through Friday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m. On Friday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m., Father Major and members of the St. James faculty will lead a rosary in honor of the Mother of God. Please join us on the Sacred Heart parish Facebook page. After the rosary, two sixth graders will have the honor of crowning Mary. (Physical distancing rules will be kept.) These children's parents are welcome to attend. Others may share in this event through the Sacred Heart Facebook page.

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.