



February 25 2022

We will begin our Lenten journey next week. Shrove Tuesday, **the day before Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent)**, traditionally is observed by eating pancakes. The concept of eating pancakes was to sustain you through Ash Wednesday, which is a day of fasting, for ages 18 - 59. On **Ash Wednesday, March 2**, our students will attend Mass and receive ashes in the sign of a cross on their foreheads. Ash Wednesday always occurs six and a half weeks before Easter, which encompasses the 40 day period of Lent, to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray.

News from the Office:

2022/2023 ReRegistration and Kindergarten Registration:

Thank you to the many families who have returned their registration.

Gentle reminder to ensure enrollment, please return your reregistration **by March 18 2022**.

Kindergarten registration is being accepted for 2022/2023. Registration packages are available on our website <https://www.stjamesvernon.com/> or can be picked up at the school office.

Word of mouth is the number one way we attract new families to our school. During the pandemic we are gathering less in shared spaces and so the ability to share our experiences with others is significantly hampered. We would be most grateful if you could actively share your experience at SJS with others and encourage them to join our school community. Thank you.

COVID 19 Antigen Test kits

SJS has been provided with a COVID -19 rapid test kit for every student. The test kits containing 5 separate tests will be sent home with your child early next week. See attached BCCDC letter.



St. James Early Learning Centre - Opening July 4th 2022

We are excited to announce that, pending the approval of our application, St. James School will encompass the former **See You Later Alligator DayCare**. Stay tuned for more details.

Liturgical Dance is back - Grade 4 - 7

Students in **Grades 4 - 7** are invited to join our **St. James Liturgical Dance Team**. Ms. Dressler will distribute consent forms with detailed information/expectations for participation and attendance next week. **Signed consent forms are due by March 11**. The team will practice **Thursdays** in the gym from **2:45 - 3:45 beginning April 7 and ending May 27** with a **school-wide performance** during the first week in June! We will also provide a video link so that our entire SJS community can enjoy the performance.

Feb 28 - Mar 4 School Events

- **February 28**
 - 2:45pm - 3:45pm Gr 6/7 Girls Basketball
 - 4:30pm - 5:30pm PSG Zoom mtg - ALL are welcome link found below.
- **March 1**
 - 12:30pm - 12:55pm Ukulele Club Gr 4&5
 - 3:00pm - 4:00pm Gr 6/7 Boys Basketball
- **March 2**
 - 9:00am Ash Wednesday- School Mass
 - 2:45pm - 3:40pm Gr 5/6/7 Art Club
- **March 3**
 - 12:30pm - 12:55pm Choir
 - 12:30pm - 12:55pm Gr 6/7 Boys/Girls open Basketball shooting practise
- **March 4**
 - No scheduled events

News from Parent Support Group:

Come one, come all to the next PSG Meeting **Monday February 28th 4:30PM!**

Remember the great online auction from last year? We will be brainstorming ideas to make this year's Online Auction even more amazing and successful and we need YOUR help!

This is our major fundraising event of the 2021/2022 school year. The proceeds ensure funding is available for extracurricular activities that benefit the students such as: swimming lessons, art & cultural events, class trips!

We know it's hard to do it all, but we ask you to generously support this event through participation, volunteerism, or by reaching out to your contacts within the community for auction donations.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74693944993?pwd=WmdlYjNwTHEzaGFwY3h1ZTVPN2M3Zz09>

[\[us04web.zoom.us\]](https://us04web.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 746 9394 4993

Passcode: SCq75J

News from our Church:

A survey is being conducted on behalf of the St. James School Study Committee. This committee was initiated in 2021 by parishioners of both Our Lady of the Valley and St. James parishes, with the support of Fr. Peter, the permission of Bishop Joseph, and in collaboration with the principal of St. James School. The Committee's intent is to work on behalf of the parishes/diocese to ensure the longevity of Catholic Education in our community by discerning the need and possible options for a new building for what is now St. James School. It is their hope to build upon the legacy of Catholic Education provided by St. James School since 1956 so that there will continue to be Catholic Education in our community for the next 20 years and beyond. The committee recognizes that much effort has already been put into this matter by parishioners of the past and that by building upon their work a revitalized effort can be presented to all stakeholders in a reasonable amount of time and see this work completed and a vision for the future for Catholic Education in our community realized.

The link for the survey can be found here: <https://forms.gle/rV4YY8t3e5ENFg8f6>

We sincerely hope you will take a few minutes to participate in this survey and contribute to our process. Please feel free to share the link with other families as well. Thank you!

Upcoming events:

Mar 15 - Uniform sale new and gently used

Mar 17 - **St. Patrick's Day** - Spirit Day wear green

Mar 18 - **NOON Dismissal** - (Supervision until 12:30pm)

Mar 21 - Apr 1 **Spring Break**

Attachments:

BCCDC Covid Rapid test information

THS March menu

HL March menu