



Our week leading up to Springbreak was a flurry of Leprechaun activity. The traps were set in anticipation of catching one or two. The Kindergarten class may have had one trapped but discovered later it had escaped. The sea of green amongst staff and students displayed on St. Patrick's Day was bright and cheerful. A tribute to Mrs. Specht, a former SJS teacher, now retired, of her signature St. Patrick Day dance, was performed by Carmela, Gwen, Anika, Aislin and Edee all of Grade 6.

May you have a wonderful Spring break, be it spent afar, with family and friends or here at home. Travel safe and enjoy!

News from the Office:

Lost and Found: If over Spring Break you notice your child's jacket, hoodie, water bottle etc missing, please ensure to check the Lost and Found. All remaining items after, Friday April 8th will be donated to Vernon Pro-Life.

Volunteer needed:

If you are able to assist with the following opportunity, please contact the office at office@stjamesvernon.com or 250.542.4081

Safety vests - is sewing your specialty? A few of our fluorescent Supervisor safety vests require some stitching. Your talent would be appreciated.

April 4 - April 8 School Events

- **April 4**
 - **School re-opens**
- **April 5**
 - 12:30pm - 12:55pm Ukulele Club Gr 4&5
- **April 6**
 - 8:40am School Assembly
 - 2:45pm - 3:40pm Gr 5/6/7 Art Club
- **April 7**
 - 12:30pm - 12:55pm Choir
 - 2:45pm - 3:45pm Liturgical Dance
- **April 8**
 - no events

Ishmael Spear-it - April 22

This year, we will hold the event during the school day for students only...(maybe next year parents!...fingers crossed!)

Teams have been posted and many students are bringing Ishmael books home for spring break. If you are able to download books or audiobooks to devices, that will help your child be more prepared for this exciting day of reading competition!

Please encourage them to read over the break. See [attached booklist by grade level](#).

News from Parent Support Group:

Easter and Mother's Day Fundraisers.

Purdy's chocolates - Order deadline March 29

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/823027-92374>



Spring Flowers from Devrys -Order deadline - April 17

<https://stjamescatholic.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Online Auction: after tremendous success, it's back for it's 2nd year

We are VERY excited to announce our major fundraising event for the 2021/2022 school year –

Virtual Online Auction!! The week of **April 29- May 6th, 2022.**

We hope that each family will bring some type of donation for the event.

This could be one or more of the following:

- Approach a business for a donation (donation request form attached)
- Donate an item or gift certificate on behalf of your family
- Contribute to the classroom theme baskets or create a theme basket on your own or with other families

Kindergarten – Pets **Grade 1** – Family Movie/Game Night **Grade 2** – Self Care

Grade 3 – Local Love **Grade 4** - Sports **Grade 5** – A Night at Home

Grade 6 – Books & Crafts

Grade 7 – Summertime Fun

- Donate a talent, skill or service (*ie. woodwork, sewing, landscaping, lessons*)
- Provide a bottle of wine or other items we can use to make baskets

Auction Volunteers needed:

If you are able to assist with either of the following opportunities, please contact **Christyna Whieldon 778.212.6654**

Donation requester role (1 person)

E-mail the provided list of businesses to ask for a donation. An e-mail / contact list will be provided. Provide pick up requests to "Pick up Volunteers"

Donation Pick Up role (2 persons)

Picked up donated items from Donator/Place of Business

There will be more opportunities to volunteer as we get closer to the date, stay tuned.

News from our Church:

Fridays during Lent:

OLOV Mass @ 11:00am **NO mass March 25**

Stations of the Cross St. James Church @ 7:00pm

Consecration of Russia and the Ukraine:

As per attached Bishop Joseph Nguyen's letter

News from the Kitchen:

Hot Lunch: April menu attached **PAYMENT DUE by April 1 2022**

Please advise the office prior to the start of the next month, if your child will not continue his/her participation in the program. This is to avoid any food surplus or wasting of product, thank you.

Take Home Supper: April's menu is attached. To avoid disappointment please have your **THS order for Wednesday, April 6th**, into the office by **noon on April 4th**

Upcoming events:

Mar 29 - PSG - Purdy Chocolate order deadline

April 4 - Return to school

April 7 - Liturgical Dance starts 2:45pm

April 11 - Ukraine Fundraiser

April 12 - Uniform sale

April 12 - Purdy's Chocolate pick up

April 14 - Seder Meal

April 14 - PSG - Devry Flower order deadline

April 15 - Good Friday **NO School**

April 18 - Easter Monday **NO School**

April 22 - Ishmael Spear-it

April 26 - Lockdown drill

Attachments:

Consecration of Russia and the Ukraine, Ishmael Spear-it booklist by grade, PSG - Online Auction Donation request form, THS April menu, HL April menu