



The Royal Reporter

June 2012

A End of the Year Note From The Principal *Mr. William Cardone*

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Royal Notes

June 4

8th Grade Field Day

June 6

Graduation Dinner

PreK4 Moving Up Day

June 7

Graduation Service

Last Day for 3 years old and Kindergarten

June 8

Kindergarten Frolics 10 AM at BSA

8th Grade Graduation 5 PM Church

June 11

Fun Day Grades 1-7

June 13

PTA Luncheon

June 14

Last Day of School

When June arrives on the school calendar all of us look back and wonder where the time has gone. For me personally the year has been a very rewarding learning experience. Most importantly I feel that the connections and relationships I have established with the students and families here at Saint James has been my greatest blessing. I would like to thank the entire Saint James school community for your support and for making my first year a very special one.

The new year brings the promise of positive changes here at Saint James. Classes will be constructed heterogeneously so as to give all students the same opportunities to achieve. An essential element of heterogeneous grouping is the rich and diverse discussion and dialogue that occurs among students. All students, no matter what level, can communicate their uniqueness and strategies for learning which is beneficial to everyone. Teachers will teach to the higher level college prep type student. We need to teach the same challenging curriculum to all students with high expectations for learning and achievement.

We will provide additional support and enrichment as needed utilizing our own

resource teachers, along with the instructional aide resource teachers provided via the Monmouth Ocean Education Service Commission (MOESC). This inclusion model is progressive and provides essential support when it is most effective, that is at the time the instruction is occurring in the classroom. Teachers will be offered extensive Professional Development to aid in their delivery with this model of instruction. In this way, our students who by majority, are potentially college bound will all benefit from higher expectations rather than assumed to need a slower, more benign approach to the curriculum.

At the middle school level, we are excited to begin a true instructional articulation with Red Bank Catholic High School. Our middle school students will now benefit in the areas of Algebra and Spanish I with those two programs being delivered by RBC staff members. Those students who qualify for Algebra will receive the same Algebra program taught at RBC by one of their teachers five days a week here at Saint James. Our seventh and eighth grade students will

over a two year period complete the Spanish I course requirement now being offered at RBC. Our seventh graders will receive Spanish two days per week and our eighth graders three days per week. Therefore, at the completion of this two year offering, our Saint James students will have successfully completed the Spanish I requirement currently offered at RBC and be ready to move into Spanish II. Both of these offerings most certainly will strengthen our middle school program. Hopefully, this is just a first step toward creating a continuous articulation and transition for our students as they ready themselves for high school and beyond.

We are Saint James and our future is bright.



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PTA News

Mary Jane Manners and Denise Burke Co-Presidents

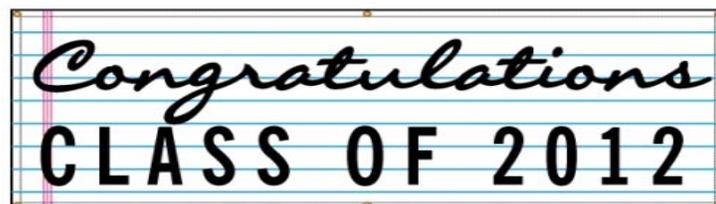
As we prepare the school year coming to a close we cannot help but reflect on all the wonderful things that we, as a collective group have accomplished. It has been a joy to be able to work with the your children over the past two years. The work is great but the reward is much greater and we thank you all for the opportunity to have served as PTA Presidents for St. James School. Our goal was to carry on the fine traditions set out by all the wonderful women who served before us. We believe that the mission was accomplished. We would like to thank Vice President Jackie Mazzucco, Treasurer Karen Cronk, Secretary Linda Murphy and Secretary Tina Catapano for all their time and effort this year. It is because of altruistic parents like you that we can have such great PTA backed programming for our students. Once again we would like to thank all the volunteer Committee Chairs, Executive Board and those of you who showed up tirelessly each week. It was a pleasure working and teaching Mr. Cardone the “ropes” of Parochial School PTA. We look forward to handing the reigns over to Maria and Paula knowing that they will put many hours of their day into all the activities that the students enjoy.

Finally, our fondest thoughts and wishes go out to the graduating class of 2012.

Good luck to you in all your future endeavors.

Your PTA Presidents,

Denise Burke & Mary Jane Manners



A Year in Review from Mrs. Joann Giordano, SJS VP



It's hard to believe that an entire school year has come to an end. It seems like just yesterday I walked through the doors of St. James. As I reflect back on the year, heartfelt memories, sweet smiles and kind words come to mind.

This year has been a year of 'fact finding' and planning. Through discussions with teachers we are finding new ways to strengthen our curriculum in all academic areas. With differentiated in-

struction, cooperative learning and tiered activities, teachers will be able to meet the needs of all students.

It's a pleasure and comfort to know that our teachers are supportive of the new changes. St. James is blessed to have such a wonderful staff.

As the year comes to an end many have been asking me, "How was your year?" I have enjoyed my first year at St. James and I want to thank all the students,

teachers, staff members, and parents for making this a wonderful year. Next year, I look forward to working with the teachers to strengthen our academic programs and build upon what St. James is known for—a community working together to educate the "whole child".

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

God Bless!

St. James Blood and Bone Marrow Drive

Our deepest thanks to the many Blood and Bone Marrow Donors who came to St. James gymnasium May 14th in support of Tommy Cleary, one of our 8th grade students who was very recently diagnosed with Leukemia. It was a long day and night, and the blood drive was one of the biggest **ever**, according to Karen Moore, Account Manager from Central Jersey Blood Center. We had to turn away at least 40 people, which is a testament to the outpouring of love and support for Tommy, and of what the St. James Family can do in such little time.

Below are preliminary numbers from both the Blood Drive and Bone Marrow swabs. Renee from The Bone Marrow Center was astounded by the amount of new bone donors she received:

- Blood Donors 155 (raw count) about 40 turned away, but have future appointments for The Little Silver Blood Drive in June.

- Marrow Swabs 63 (confirmed)

Again thank you to ALL the moms who baked snacks for the people donating blood. The remaining goodies were dropped off at Lunch Break, Red Bank. Also hats off to Denise Ipsen for selling "Tommy, Hit Leukemia Out of the Park!" wristbands--she raised another \$150.

Thank you to the extended Cleary family, Bill Cardone, and the entire Front Office for all their help getting the word out, and giving us their full support and the use of the gymnasium.

If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood in Tommy Cleary's name, please contact Karen Moore at Central Jersey Blood Center, (732) 842-5750, 494 Sycamore Avenue # 202 Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



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Royals' News from Joe DeLeo, Royals' President

As we rapidly approach the end of the 2011-2012 school year, I would like to thank all Royal's members whose continuing support enable us to provide assistance with various school projects. The Royal's expanded into the painting business and completed two painting projects at the school this year. It is great to know that I can count on your support throughout the year! I would like to recognize the following individuals for their service to the Royals:

- Craig Seba and Ken Keyes who once again made Basketball Blowout a successful and fun filled event!
- Jerry Doherty who made the Polar Plunge a successful event again!
- Brian Hill who once again made Family Game Night a successful and fun filled night for all!
- Kevin Milne, Paul Gazzara, Eric Pater, Art Rimmele, Anthony Tamburri, Ben Riegelman and many others for their support throughout the year!

I would also like to thank Mary Jane Manners and Denise Burke for their support of the Royals and dedication and service to the school!

Kindergarten and Preschool Placement

Early education programs have long been regarded as an important step in preparing children for primary school. Saint James School offers a wonderful and nurturing preschool program for 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and 5 year olds and a superb kindergarten program that provides your child with the knowledge and skills needed to be academically successful within a nurturing, faith-based environment. To accommodate working parents' schedules, we offer both before and after school care - staffed by our own experienced teachers in in a child-centered, safe, and happy environment. A few spaces are still available in Saint James's highly regarded Preschool and full day Kindergarten programs. Please call the Business office to receive more information and please explore our website at www.mysaintjames.com

****New Preschool Program for 2012-2013:**

3 Year Old Program 8:45 AM – 1:45 PM

2 Day Session

Tuesday & Thursday

3 Day Session

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

5 Day Session

Monday through Friday

4 Year Old Program 8:45 AM – 1:45 PM

3 Day Session

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

5 Day Session

Monday through Friday

Pre K Program 8:45 AM – 1:45 PM

5 Day Session

Monday through Friday



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Girl Scout Junior Troop #1653

(SJS 4th grade girls)

What an exciting time to be a part of Girl Scouts as they celebrate its 100th year Centennial. The girls celebrated a "Tea with Juliette Low" which included a fashion show of the many G.S. uniforms through the years. Many programs have been offered to the girls throughout the school year, the festivities will end with a Camporee Celebration in August.

The leaders of Junior Troop #1653 are very proud of their girls who worked hard this school year on their badges as well as their community service projects.

Our first service project; "Birthday in a Box" containing everything needed to host a birthday party (cake mix/frosting, paper goods, balloons etc.), small birthday presents and birthday cards made by the girls to the recipient. The box was decoratively wrapped and sent to St. Anthony's Parish to give to a child who normally wouldn't have the means for a birthday celebration.

As the holidays approached the girls donated a "Holiday Dinner Basket" to Lunch Break and "Stocking Stuffers" for our US troops overseas. The girls made cards thanking our soldiers and enclosed cookies, hot chocolate, new socks and candy canes.

Our cookie sale drive was a success and the girls donated to Lunch Break and US Soldiers overseas 37 "Gifts of Charity" boxes of Girl Scout cookies. With the money earned, the girls voted on the following charities we would support: Clean Ocean Action (NJ), Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (NJ), Lunch Break and Children of Haiti via the American Red Cross.

The first week of May, one a rainy Wednesday, the girls planted flowers around the front entrance of Red Bank Library. This is the third year the girls have donated their time and the plants giving back to the Red Bank community.

The girls have been on an "aMUSE journey" understanding just how limitless their potential can be. They had fun trying on roles and learning about people and the power of real-life action and leadership.

As well as their "journey", they were busy with a self defense class and outings to the Ballet, TD Bank, Stop and Shop & A.C. Moore and Six Flags. Badges and patches they earned: Junior Jewelers, Locks of Love, Girl Scout Sunday, Tea Time, Thinking Day, Arts & Crafts, Clay, Ice Skating, PJ Party, Swimming, aMUSE, Girl Scout 100th Anniversary and Gardening.

It has been a busy year for the girls, we will celebrate their achievements with an end of year party in June with an Oceanside Campfire at the beach in Long Branch.

We wish you a fun and safe summer,
Leaders of Troop #1653
Lisa Goga
Helen Redmond



Saint James School Annual Awards Night

On May 22, Saint James School proudly presented its Annual Awards Night which we joined in celebrating and congratulating our well rounded students who have achieved success, shown their talents and participated in so many areas. We would like to congratulate and applaud all of our students for their hard work, dedication, and success. Congratulations to the following 8th Grade students who have earned and achieved the following prestigious awards:

DAR Citizenship Award

Ava Merz
John Gazzara

Veritas Award

Anne Flego

Thomas F. Welch Award

Winnie Schwed

Rose Annmarie Rusch Foundation Scholarship

Winnie Schwed
Christian Pritzlaff

President's Award for Educational Excellence Gold Seal

Thomas Cleary, Rebecca Demain, John Gazzara, Andrew Goumas, and Emily Olsen

President's Award for Educational Excellence Silver Seal

Kyle Amato, Alexa Bezzone, Mary Bolan, Katherine Buckman, Kelsey Butler, Caroline Cerwinski, Megan Cronk, Matthew DeLeo, Gabriella Ferrigine, Anne Flego, Kevin Freibott, Nicholas Greico, Robert Greves, Emma Guido, Justin Horbacz, Sarah Hough, Jessica James, Krista Johnson, Madison Maguire, Ava Merz, Hannah Olsen, Gabrielle Parkhill, Filipa Pereira, Erin Perri, John Poccia, Erin Pricoli, Ceilie Reynolds, Christina Scatrabino, Winifred Schwed, Bryce Sullivan, Emma Sullivan, Alexandra Tamburri, Catherine Tamburri, Joseph Tamburri, David Thuel, Claire Toomey, Nicole Totland, Taylor Tribuiani, Josef Vocaturo, and Lucy Whaley

Principal's Awards for Academic Excellence

Rebecca Demain, Gabriella Ferrigine, Jack Ipsen, Emily Olsen and David Thuel

Ned Robinson Award

Kevin Freibott

Green and Gold Award

Gabriella Ferrigine
Joseph Tamburri

Msgr. Lowery Scholarship

Sarah Hough
Thomas Cleary

Lamps of Leadership Awards

Saint James School is pleased to announce the 7th Grade Lamps of Leadership Awards of the 2011-2012 school year. We recognize the outstanding achievements of our students and congratulate the following award recipients:

Academic

Bella Murrer

Christian Service

Thomas Matuszak

Christian Awareness

Jonna LoPresti

Athletic Pursuits

Siobhan Cottell

Maureen D. Hintelmann Christian Character Award

Amara Shroba

Janet P. Dolan Christian Character Award

Jake Riegelman

Environmental Initiative Award

Christopher Ferrigine

Rose Rusch Cheerleader Spirit Award

Shelby Dorsaint



Run, Royals, Run!

The 1st Annual Run With the Royals 5K took place on April 14th, 2012 under beautiful skies and unseasonably warm temperatures at Wolf Hill Recreation Area in Oceanport. With the tireless dedication of the 5K Run Committee, the Jersey Shore Running Club, and a group of very hardy race-day volunteers, our inaugural run was a huge success. It was a modified 5K course over very rough and hilly terrain, made a bit more challenging by the unexpected heat.

- The Winners of the Royals Crown were 1st Place Male, St. James Alumnae James Rimmele, and 1st Place Female was St. James parent, Christine Hill.
- In the youth division, 1st Place Boy/Girl were both SJS 8th graders, Bobby Greves and Gabriella Ferrigine.
- 1/2 Mile Fun Run Winners were SJS 4th graders, Saverio Caruso and Danielle Hayes.



Overall, the Run raised over \$11,000 for SJAA. The energetic crowd--over 200 registered participants--rose to the occasion, and most runners and families attended a well-deserved after party, hosted by the Maguire family at Molly Maguire's Black Point Inn, Rumson. Runners and their families enjoyed the afternoon with live music, and EVERY registered runner was entered to win one of the over 2 dozen, free door prizes. There are many to thank, especially the businesses and families who went the extra mile, and sponsored the 5K Event with a donation. The Jersey Shore Running Club is already helping us make our 2nd Annual Run a success--SJS is listed on the Official Spring Lake 5 Calendar for next year . . . Saturday, April 6th, 2013--save the date!

Fun Day is Coming~ June 11th!

June 11 is our annual St. James Fun Day. This year's theme will be "Jungle Boot Camp" and the kids will be participating in a variety of fun and exciting challenges in the gym and outside in the playground. Kids can wear camouflage or gym clothes. Sneakers are mandatory! As an extra fun treat this year, the PTA will treat all students to a hot dog lunch! (hot dog, chips, and drink). If you prefer your child not to participate in the hot dog lunch, please make sure you send in a bag lunch for your child that day. We are still in need of parent volunteers to help with the fun. Please contact Christine Hanlon at christinehanlon@verizon.net or Kim Cottrell at kcottell@verizon.net.

Family Referral Program -- Spread the Word!

The highest compliment our parents can give us is to encourage friends and loved ones to become part of the Saint James School family. The trust and confidence that you place in us each day is paramount.

The Parent Referral Program is simple and to show our thanks we pay you back! When a family you have referred enrolls their child or children at Saint James School and they have been accepted, you will receive a \$250 credit to your 2012 – 2013 tuition. The credit will be applied after the new student (or students) attend school. Please make sure that the enrolling family submits your name as the reference.

We value our partnership with you and hope that many families will participate in this effort. While on the beaches, on the fields, at the playgrounds and summer barbecues, spread the good news to those you know, so their children will have the chance to become individuals of ***faith, honor, and excellence!***



SJS Honors and Congratulates Teachers

Saint James School students celebrated the final weeks of school with sadness and joy; wishing four beloved teachers farewell as they retire while celebrating the end of the school year with parties and graduations.

On behalf of the students, parents, and your fellow colleagues, Saint James would like to extend our sincerest congratulations on your retirement. Together you have given us over 100 years of dedicated service. You have been such strong pillars of this elementary school and we would not have reached our prestigious rank without your unwavering loyalty, patience, faith, and commitment to education.

With so much joy, we are calling for a celebration of a wonderful group of extraordinary teachers who have touched the lives of so many. Your legacy will remain forever as it inspires the young generation of students who look up to you with so much respect. Once again we wish you congratulations and many thanks for your years of service to Saint James Elementary School.

~ Mrs. Susan Walsh has taught math, algebra, and religion at Saint James School for 11 years while also serving as a homeroom teacher. Mrs. Walsh has also been one of the forces behind our performing arts drama program, always encouraging our students to explore and develop their potential.

~ Mrs. Marsha Walsh has taught at Saint James School for 28 years, first, as a kindergarten teacher then as a first grade teacher and most recently, as a Resource teacher. Mrs. Walsh also was the Coordinator for our extended day program for 10 years. Mrs. Walsh has always patiently guided our young students on their learning journey.

~ Mr. Neil Fitzpatrick has taught music to students in Preschool to 8th grade here at Saint James for 31 years. Mr. Fitzpatrick has played either the piano or organ for all of our religious services, our Christmas shows, and also moderated our school's Choral Club.

One of the sweetest sounds is Mr. Fitzpatrick's playing the piano while the Kindergarten class is singing "God Bless America" with gusto.

~ Mrs. Ann Fitzgerald has taught at Saint James School for 38 years! Mrs. Fitzgerald has served in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, and an algebra teacher. She also taught Math Lab and High School Prep as well as acted as the Technology Coordinator for our school. Mrs. Fitzgerald has a wonderful sense of humor and could probably tell a good story about some of her former students.

Congratulations Mrs. Susan Walsh, Mr. Neil Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Ann Fitzgerald and Mrs. Marsha Walsh. You have touched many lives through your vocation.

Enjoy your retirement!

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