

# Saint James Newspaper



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## Wear Red Day

On February 14, 2017 Saint James invited students to donate \$2.00 in support of National Wear Red Day. This day is a national awareness day for women's heart health. On the first Friday of February people from around the world wear red to remind us about women's heart disease and strokes. In 2003, the American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute took action against a disease that was harming the lives of almost 500,000 American women each year. By raising awareness and money almost 300 fewer women die from heart disease and stroke each day! Wearing red on this day is a very special reminder for women, so if you have red don't forget to wear it! The next National Wear Red Day is Friday, February 2, 2018.

## Confirmation

Since the beginning of September, the eighth grade graduating class of 2017 has been preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The students, or confirmandi, have been completing letters to their sponsors, reports on service projects and saint reports. The confirmandi attended **REBOOT: Live!**, where internationally acclaimed author (of our **Chosen** program) and speaker, Chris Stefanick, spoke. He engaged the students by playing games (like karaoke singing with an electric guitar), telling stories, and having interactive talks about why it is important to continue professing our Christian faith and about relationships we have with others. The eighth graders will officially make their Confirmation on Wednesday, March 29, 2017.



## Catholic Schools Week

During the week of January 30th we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The celebration of Catholic Schools Week was started in 1974 as a way to celebrate the value that Catholic Education has on our students, church, and community. Every year there is a theme to Catholic Schools Week. The theme for the year of 2017 was: *Faith, Knowledge, and Service*. Saint James School celebrated in the following ways: On Monday the entire student body attended mass. Attending mass as a school reminds us that we are one family. On Tuesday, classes made special gifts for each other. Each class made some type of gift for a different class to recognize the accomplishments of the students. On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, each student was allowed to show school spirit by dressing in Saint James spirit gear. Many of the students wore sports teams' uniforms. On Friday, February 3, there was a Pep Rally. Everyone enjoyed their time at the Pep Rally. Every grade went to the game to watch their peers play basketball and highlight the sports programs. Some of the students from the younger grades decided to make signs to show their support.

# Clubs

## Law Adventure Club:

In Law Adventure club, students analyze U.S. court cases. The club facilitators are Mrs Fleming and Mrs. Fagan. Among the topics discussed are many interesting court cases. Students are encouraged to share their opinions on the cases and debate the innocence or guilt of a defendant. The club often debates many current, sometimes controversial, topics that we have in American Society today. The Law Adventure Club loves learning about the law.



## SJS Play:

Saint James School's annual school play "I Want My Mummy" will be premiering Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8th. The play is about the trials the monsters of the Castle Frankenstein face when a rich matron decides to visit. Little does the matron know that the Frankenstein Monster sits in the very castle she's visiting! The show will be presented in the BSA. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Tickets will go on sale late March. Tickets will also be available at the BSA, before the show starts. The advisors of the show are Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Signorello, and Mrs. Oakerson. Every year these teachers work hard to teach students the art of performing and for this we are grateful.

# From the Student Council

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR  
HARD WORK!!!

EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS &  
PARENTS APPRECIATE YOU!

**MRS FARRELL**

HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION  
DAY!

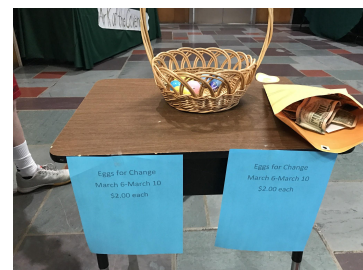


## Teacher Appreciation:

On February 3rd, Saint James School celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day. The members of the student council demonstrated their appreciation for the teachers and faculty by bringing them a water bottle and muffin. The water bottles included a label saying, "Thanks for quenching my thirst for knowledge". We chose this saying as a way to show gratitude for the daily efforts of our teachers. They are always finding ways to make our studies stimulating and fulfilling. Students are encouraged to practice gratitude, not just on Teacher Appreciation Day, but throughout the year.

## "Egg"change:

The Saint James Student Council has been busy with the upcoming Easter season! They have filled plastic eggs with candy and mystery passes. These \$2.00 eggs consist of Dress Down passes, homework passes, shoe passes, and many more. These delicious and colorful eggs are sold in the foyer each morning. Saint James wishes you and your family an eggcellent Easter!





# Fundraising / Entertainment



## Preschool Dress Down:

On January 27th, the SJS Preschool classes held a Dress Down Day to raise money and awareness for the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center of Monmouth County. This new Middletown facility opened its doors in January. The preschoolers raised \$700. They also collected coloring books, crayons and markers to make baskets for the waiting rooms. The preschool efforts were assisted by 7th graders Robbie Attardi and Jenny Portela. Robbie and Jenny helped make signs and flyers advertising the event. On behalf of the preschool, Jenny and Robbie presented the donated items and money raised to the facility organizer.

## Polar Express Day:

On December 20th the preschool through second grade classes participated in Polar Express Day. The students wore their pajamas to school that day. This fun filled day started in the gym with a reading of The Polar Express. During the day students participated in specially designed activities that included hot chocolate and crafts. Miss Nelson, the coordinator of the day, said "I have been doing this activity for awhile now. I have always enjoyed the book and would like to share my love for the book with as many students as I can! In addition, many students generously brought in new Pj's and books to support the Pajama Program.



## SJS Art Show:

Saint James' first art show will take place May 11th. This event will be hosted by the PTA and assisted by Mrs. Bolan. The art show will take place at Saint James Elementary School. The art show will showcase students' individual artwork and grade level projects. The students of Saint James, in all grades, will participate in a night of fun activities. All artwork will be available for purchase. The art show will also include a featured artist - the father of second grader Oliver Schrenk. Mr. Schrenk is a sculpture and woodworking artist. It will be a fun night for all! See you then!



## Polar Plunge:

On January 8th SJS teachers, along with students and their families, plunged into the freezing cold water in Long Branch, New Jersey. This very cool fundraiser brought in \$11,000 for the school. "It was a VERY Cold day" Miss Nelson said. "With the windchill it was in the single digits. There was even snow on the sand." Everyone involved said they loved it and can't wait till next year's Polar Plunge!!! Come join us next year!

# Sports

## Boys Basketball:

The boys basketball teams had a great season. They worked very hard and played in some very challenging matches. The varsity team's season was sadly cut short by St. Dominics in the playoffs. The varsity team was led by eighth graders Shane Panzini, Thomas Manners, Diego Volpe, Kyle Hannan and Dylan Wanagiell with the support from their seventh grade teammates. Our JV boys' team also worked hard, but unfortunately their season was cut short in the playoffs by St. Mary's. They finished with a 6-8 record. The varsity and junior varsity would like to thank Coach Dan Callandrillo for all of his guidance and dedication. Go Royals!

## Girls Basketball:

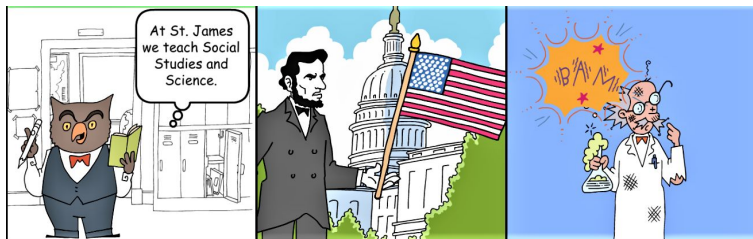
Both the girls varsity and junior varsity basketball teams played their hearts out this season. The teams were both ranked in the "A" Division of parochial schools in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. The varsity girls' team was coached by Scott Burne. The team will miss their graduating eighth graders: Cassandra Cavanagh, Ally Perri, Anna Ferrigine, Lindsay Mazzucco, Kailey Totland, Ryan Mooney, Emma Hall, Lexi Campanella, Regan Reilly, and Carleigh Lang. The junior varsity team, coached by David Forsyth, ended the season with a record of 10-1. Both teams made it all the way to the playoffs. The girls worked and trained incredibly hard this whole season. Go Royals!

## Baseball:

Spring is almost upon us and Saint James is looking forward to baseball season! The boys' season ended last year with a loss in the semi-finals to Saint Mary's. The team is headed by Coach John Supp and assisted by Mike Connelly. The tryouts this year will be held in March. The season spans the months of March, April, and May. Consider joining the team or just coming out to cheer them on! Go Royals!



## Fun Stuff



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