



To bring God's love to all people.

SPJ News

February 11, 2021

SS Philip and James School

532 High Street NE

Canal Fulton, OH 44614

Pastor: Fr. Kevin McCaffrey kmccaffrey@youngstowndiocese.org

Principal: Mrs. Montgomery lmontgomery@youngstowndiocese.org

Secretary: Mrs. Floom sspandjsecretary@youngstowndiocese.org

What Makes SS Philip and James Different?

Soooooooo, I've been thinking.....

(no need to be afraid, this is a good thing)... having the opportunity to "show off" our school to interested families and sharing in their joy as they leave our building "got me thinking".....

Have you ever wondered what makes our school a special place?

(I often use the term, "Blessed")

Is it the small class sizes, the individual attention for each student, the traditions, the faith?

Could it be the extraordinary STREAM opportunities that are woven throughout the day, or the rigorous curriculum and high standards in all subject areas? Or is it the innocence that remains in our school?- the prayer, the respect, the buddy programs, Mass mentors, Kindness Group, and classroom birthday treats (some of these activities have changed due to Covid).

Well, here is my answer and it is always the same:

Our school is extraordinary because of the incredible students, parents, and staff!

Together, this community brings SPJ to life each day. It is the "stuff" behind the bricks!

Now it is your time to think. (no need to be afraid, this is a good thing) Please share in my email, lmontgomery@youngstowndiocese.org, "What Makes SS Philip and James Different?" Add a family photo and I will share your thoughts in my future newsletters. (Think of it like a special Valentine's Message for our school.)



The energy, love, and passion for SS Philip and James is infectious, and I am so grateful for all you do to make SPJ something great.



A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

2021-2022 Re-enrollment Forms

Thank you to all families that have turned in the Re-enrollment Forms. There is still time to send in your requests. Please fill out the Re-enrollment Form and return asap.

2021-2022 SPJ Tuition Savings Opportunities

In 2020-2021, SPJ students were provided with a great deal of tuition savings, over \$204,500!!

It is our goal to never turn away anyone based on financial needs. All requests and applications can be found at https://www.starkcountycatholicschools.org/stphilipandjames_home.aspx Look under Quick Links, Facts Tuition, Apply for Financial Aid. A direct link is online.factsmgt.com/aid

Families will need to apply for the scholarship through FACTS Aid. The opening date for the link will be January 4, 2020. **All applications must be received and completed by March 19, 2021.**

If you would like to receive more information on how to apply to receive any of our savings options, please call the office at 330-854-2823 or email Mrs. Montgomery at lmontgomery@youngstowndiocese.org.

EdChoice Update

NOTE: The FY 2022 Expansion Application System is now open and the forms are available on the EdChoice website. However, the Traditional EdChoice list and guidance materials will not be available until closer to the Traditional EdChoice System opening on March 2, 2021.

**EdChoice Expansion eligibility was recently changed to 250% of federal poverty guidelines. The EdChoice Expansion Income Guidelines document on the EdChoice website has been updated to reflect this change.

Renewal Forms are being mailed to all current scholarship parents. Blank application forms, Income Verification Form and additional information have been posted in the scholarship system as well as on the Ohio Department of Education / EdChoice Website.

Scrip Is Still Available

Please see the flyer explaining this easy tuition saver!! The more you purchase the more you save!! Some SPJ Families have used this fundraiser to cover the entire expense of tuition for their children. Let me know if you have any questions.



CCHS Registration

Parents, please plan to join your eighth grade student on Thursday, February 18 starting at 12:00 to register for Central Catholic High School. Mr. Lindesmith has made a visit and sent home all the materials needed to register. Please

have forms including the Application of Admissions completed prior to meeting with CCHS guidance counselors.



School Mass Times and Links

Families, please join us for Mass either in person or from home.

Thur 2/11 <https://youtu.be/-Jt9IJUg1SI>

Friday - I am unable to video tape this day - sorry

Sat 2/13 <https://youtu.be/EZbJIZMBU0>

Please share our VIRTUAL TOUR!



RECEIVE A \$250 TUITION CREDIT IF THEY JOIN THE SS. PHILIP & JAMES FAMILY!

TOUR TODAY: Scan the QR Code or Visit:
<http://bit.ly/SPIVirtualTour>



* Referral Credit is for referring a family outside of SCCS school.
An alternative award will be provided if a student is already on full scholarship.

**REFER A
FAMILY
GET A TUITION
CREDIT***

<https://www.starkcountycatholicschool...https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=py2Y9pJ-OT4>

SPJ Family! We need your support to help raise money for our school. The Box Tops for Education program has started switching a lot of their rewards to scanning receipts in an app. Due to the change, our school fundraising with Box Tops has gone drastically down. The entire school is going to work towards a goal in the app and with physical box tops from February 11th-18th. If we, as a community, can raise \$150 the students will earn a jeans day! If you don't want to download the app, send in all of your receipts. We will find an example of a box top into the school. All box tops need to be mailed prior to the 1st of March.

[illegible]

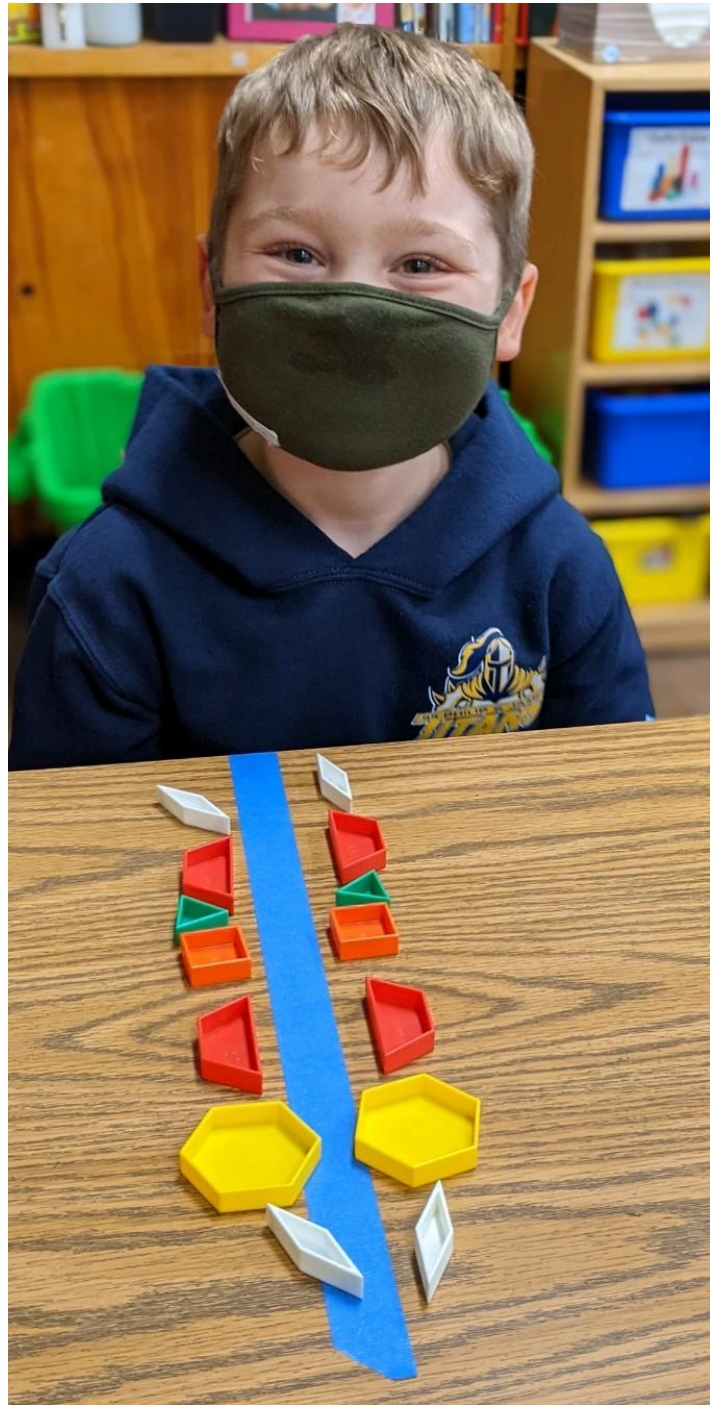
Parents and Guardians,

Please help your student “dress for the weather”. Students will be permitted to go outside for recess when temperatures are 20 degrees and wind chill temperatures are above 20 degrees. Coats, hats, & gloves are appropriate and needed for 20 minutes at 20 degrees. Boots can be worn too!! Thank you for your cooperation.

A New Program for 2021-2022

New to SPJ for next school year 2021-2022, will be an option for our early learners- Transitional Kindergarten. SS Philip and James Transitional Kindergarten program provides children an extra year of growth before beginning a full day Kindergarten. This extra year of “childhood” enables children to continue to develop their social, emotional and academic skills. The curriculum follows the Ohio Learning Standards and is accredited by the Ohio Department of Education as a half day Kindergarten. All children must be five years of age by September 30th to attend. This will be a great opportunity for first time learners and students with a summer birthday! See the flyer included in this week’s newsletter and as always ask if you have any questions.

(The current traditional kindergarten class led by Mrs. Dolecki will also be available in 2021-2022.)



MARKET DAY IS BACK AT SPJ!

For those of you who were missing Market Day, IT IS BACK! For those of you who have not purchased from Market Day, it is a site where you can order food and it ships directly to your door! YAY! The best part....when you order from Market Day SPJ receives 10% from your order! There are new specials every month and they are adding new products every day! Make sure you use our organization [SS PHILIP & JAMES - CANAL FULTON - OH](#) when you purchase. Email me or contact me with questions. (Ashley Piper 330-715-3773 or ampiper10@gmail.com)



A Message from Mrs. Burke

Attention Parents of 4th-8th Graders: Please remind your student to charge their Chromebook nightly-- we have only a few extra Chromebooks and can no longer loan them to students whose devices aren't charged.



NW Special Bus Run

Northwest Buses will be on a special bus run this Friday, February 26, 2021. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

AMAZON SMILE

If you are getting a notification that SS Philip & James is not set up, **WE ARE NOW!** Just click on the choose new charity and click SS Philip & James Canal Fulton again. We have completed the required steps, so please use Amazon Smile for all of your Amazon purchases. It does not cost anything and you are donating to your school! Thank you! If you do not know how Amazon Smile works, look in the newsletter for more information or click here

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0861033>



Archery News

A quick note from Mr. and Mrs. McMahon to let you know that archery practice for February will be on Monday the 1st, 8th, and 22nd.



Spring Sports Sign Up

Tomorrow is the last day for Spring Sport Sign Ups!!!

Included in the Newsletter is sign up grades 3-8 for Spring Track, Lacrosse, and Tennis. See attached flyer.

S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G



Champions

Congratulations to the “keepers of the words,” Ross Everhart-grade 8 and Ben Porter- grade 4. Look for the email forward from Mrs. Flory with video of both the mini bee and the SPJ local bee.



Upcoming Dates

February 11-Interims for Quarter 3
February 12- No School
February 15- No School
February 17-Ash Wednesday
February 18- CCHS Registration
March 12-No School- Teacher Inservice
March 18- End of Third Quarter
March 19- No School-Teacher Work Day
March 25- Report Cards Go Home (Quarter 3)
April 2- No School- Good Friday
April 5-April 9- Easter Break



The Great Valentine Exchange

Students in grade one mailed Valentines to friends in 20 different schools across the US. SPJ now have friends in WA, CA, NV, TX, FL, GA, SD, IN, WI, MI, OH, PA, and SC. Wow, way to spread the **Love!!**

