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SPJ News

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A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

As long as I can remember, butterflies have given me joy. When butterflies make their presence known to me, I pay attention. I have an overwhelming feeling of awareness and a sense of wonder. Does the butterfly have a message? Author Erika Buenaflor, MA, puts it in her book Animal Medicine, butterflies symbolize rebirth, hope and bravery. "Seeing one is a sign that a positive change is transpiring, and brave forces are watching over you." In my mind, butterflies bring me among the angels. Spirits sent from heaven to watch and guide me. It is my physical connection to the Holy Spirit. There are no coincidences! With the ups and downs of life, it is easy to get overwhelmed with unexpected obstacles. The "setbacks" get

in the way of finding peace and joy. Allow butterflies to help remind us that every moment is sacred. Butterflies live for about one month. Some call this "ephemeral beauty". Don't put things off. Butterfly wisdom says, "Be in the moment!". Next time you are outside, stop and notice when a butterfly "blesses" you.





Information from Home & School

Home and School assists with the planning and implementation for a lot of school functions and has joined with the sports boosters this year.

Volunteers needed!! An updated volunteer list is included in this email. You're Invited to help. All school volunteers must be fingerprinted and participate in the Child Protection Policy class which can be taken online. Please reach out to the SPJ office at sspandjsecretary@youngstowndiocese.org if you are interested in volunteering during lunch.

All Home & School Zoom Meetings will be using the same link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600673536>

The next meeting is October 13, 2021 at 7:00pm.



Homework Club

Monday through Thursday Only

Mrs. Norman will begin her Homework Club for second to eighth grade students starting on Monday, August 30 from 3:30-5:00pm in the SPJ library. Registration forms are in today's Thursday Folder and also attached to this email. All students must have permission to stay after school. Students will need to be picked up by 5:00pm or signed up for AfterCare to stay until 6:00pm. This is a free program.

September Students of the Month



Congratulations Daniel!!

Daniel Connolly is our student of the month. He is in first grade this year. Daniel is always very helpful to his classmates. He also works hard to make sure that his friends are happy. Daniel's jokes and funny stories always make us laugh. He is also a great writer and has shared some of his very own stories with his class! We are proud and happy to congratulate Daniel for being the student of the month for September! Way to go, Daniel!!

Good Job Zachery!!

The teachers in grades 4-8 have selected Zachery Walsh as their Student of the Month for the month of September. Zachery is a hard working student who comes to school every day with a smile on his face, eager to learn. He shows respect and has a willingness to go with the flow. Zachery enjoys a challenge and seeks opportunities to solve problems with his peers. Zachery goes above and beyond to help his teachers and fellow classmates, and also gives his time as an altar server for our weekly school masses. Zachery is a pleasure to have in any classroom.



Morning and After Care

Morning and After Care is NOW in session.

Look for the sign up form in today's take home folder. For more information, please contact the school office. 330-854-2823

Morning Care

6:30am-8:00am

After Care

3:15pm-6:00pm



School Mass Times and Links



School Masses will be on Fridays at 9:15 am. We will be using our "family seating" so all grades can celebrate together. Mass Day uniforms are required. White dress shirts and ties for boys. White shirts with skirts or jumpers for girls.

Thursday Folders

SS Philip and James School still uses the Thursday Folders to send paper communication from school to parents. The SPJ Thursday Folders are sent home weekly (on Thursday) with important information. Please have your child return the folder promptly. Thank you!!





Check the Facts, Ma'am

Grades 4-8 students' grades can be found on FACTS. Here is an easy way to check in.

- Use factsmgt.com
- Go to Parent Login
- Go to FACTS Family Portal
- Use the district code: SPJ-OH
- Usernames should be first initial,

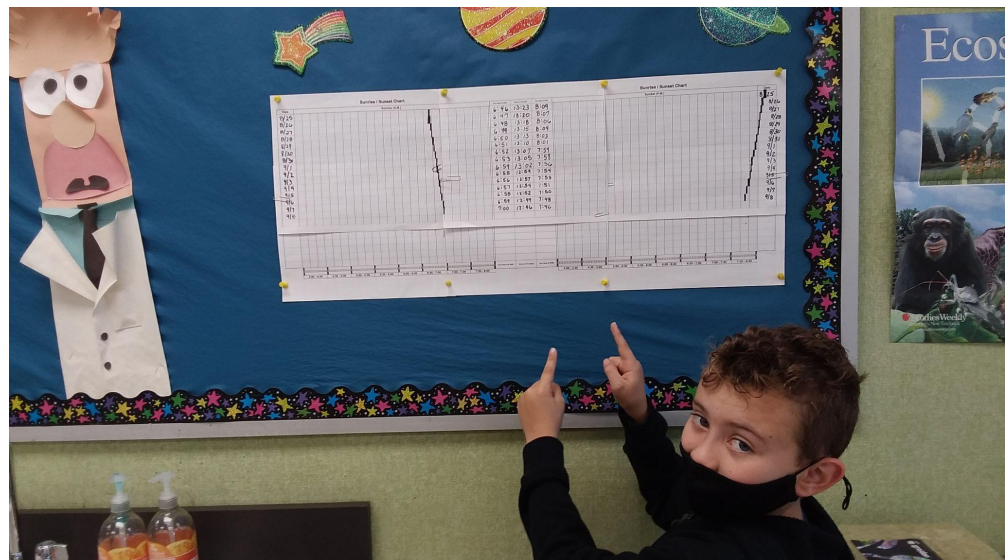
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- Sign in as a student below the

password

Did You Know?

The 5th grade science class is studying the Earth and Solar System to start the year and are tracking and charting the sunrise and sunset each day to discover how the tilt of Earth's axis causes our seasons. Since August 25th when they started keeping records Canal Fulton's daylight has decreased by 37 minutes!





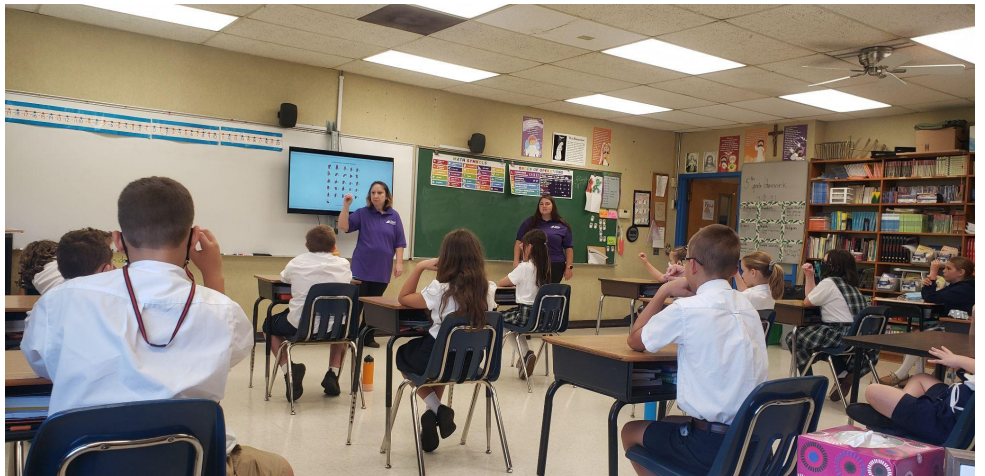
Welcome Preschoolers!!!

This week we welcome our preschool students. Thank you Mrs. Lavery, Mrs. DeMarsh and Student Ambassadors for all that you do for our young students.
#TheSPJWay



We  **ASL**

All SS Philip and James students are learning American Sign Language. With the help of TRIAD Deaf Services, Instructor Danielle Partin along with her interpreter Amanda submerge our students into the deaf culture. Each week the homeroom teachers will send home the learning power points along with “at home” practice for your students. The students are engaged and love using their brains in new ways!! Take a Look!!



The ASL Power Point Lesson is included in this email.

Yearbooks On Sale in the Office

2020-2021 Yearbooks are now on sale for \$20 in the office. Stop in to pick up your memories!!



Scrip Orders

SPJ Scrip Program can save money on your next year's tuition. Start now and Save later!! All rebates earned through Scrip from now until April 15 each year will be applied to the following year SPJ tuition at 100%. You can earn 80% back to Central Catholic High School or if you do not have tuition payments at either location, your earnings will go toward a scholarship fund at Saints Philip and James School to help a family with the cost of a Catholic education.

WALK A THON

Walk, skip, run or jump while raising money for the school! The students will be walking around the school campus for 30 minutes to see how many laps they can do. The students will collect silly bands to keep track of their laps and have a chance to earn prizes by collecting donations! Donation collection forms will be sent home today! <https://spjcanalfulton.weshareonline.org> (Note the paper Walk a Thon form in the Thursday Folder has the wrong date. You can still use it!!)

Home and School Family Directory

Home and School would like to create a directory for parents with contact information for the families in the school. This will ONLY be shared with the parents at the school and please only complete the information you are comfortable sharing with others.

Volleyball News



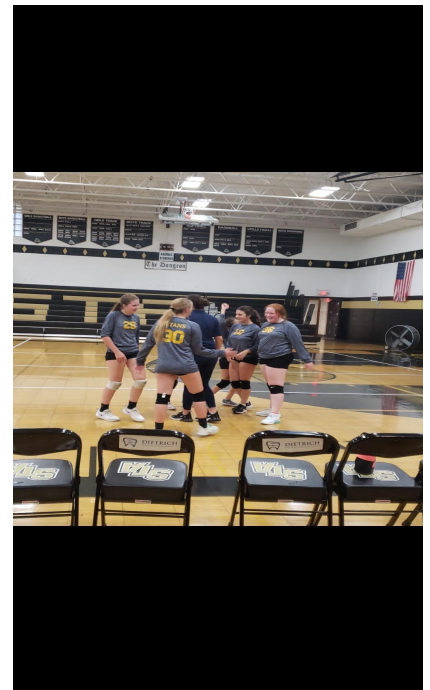
Sprouts Volleyball for students in grades 3-5 This Starts Tomorrow!

Please send in a "change of schedule" to the office if your child is staying for this camp.

Coach Reese (Mrs. Reese) will run an informational volleyball camp starting on September 10. If your student is interested please fill out the registration form found in this week's email and return it to the school office asap. All practices will be held in the Social Hall from 3:30-4:30pm.

Great Job Girls' Volleyball

The 7/8 Grade Girls' Volleyball Team celebrated a win last Tuesday night against the St. Thomas Aquinas Knights. If you're interested in coming out to support the girls, contact Mrs. Morber for a schedule of games at kmorber@youngstowndiocese.org.



Central Catholic Girls Basketball



There is a free skills training camp for girls in grades 4-8. See flyer for details.

Calling All Cheerleaders

CCHS is offering a cheer clinic on September 25 for all Kindergarten through Sixth grade students. See flyer for more detail.



Upcoming Dates

September 26-Father Kevin's Birthday & A Night w/ the Holy Spirit

September 30- Interims Go Home

October 1- Walk a Thon

October 6-Picture Day

October 11- No School

October 22-First Quarter Ends

October 28- First Quarter Report Cards Go Home

October 29- Halloween Party



*Thank You Mrs. Flory
for sharing your butterflies.
Butterfly Blessings
Coming Your Way!!*

