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## SPJ News

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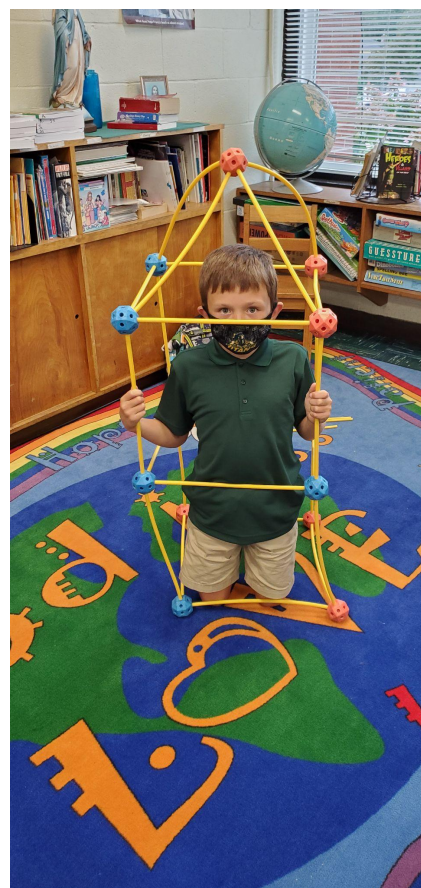
### A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

**"The Only Constant in Life Is Change."** - Heraclitus.

Heraclitus was a Greek cosmologist and philosopher who was active around 500 BC. He insisted that the world exists as a coherent system in which a change in one direction is ultimately balanced by a corresponding change in another. In 2021, we are definitely living in a world of change. For SS Philip and James School, the start of this school year has been filled with policy, mandates, and differences. If we embrace the philosophy of Heraclitus, we can understand that change is necessary. If it were not for the constant conflict of opposites, there would be no alternations of day and night, hot and cold, or summer and winter. To exist we need change, we need opposing views. In a simple way Heraclitus described the unity of opposites as, "the way up and the way down are one and the same. Waking and sleeping, young and old, are the same." Moving up and down are on the same spectrum, they simply go in opposite

directions. Although they are different, they are unified in what they are in their most basic form. Here at SPJ we

are unified in the most basic form of education. Together our goal is to help our students to become better humans and life long learners. Although there may be differences in perspectives, the SPJ community balances each other, we need our differences to become whole.



### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Holy Spirit, be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them, their teachers and all who work at their Catholic school. Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and understanding to their search for knowledge, and peace and zeal to their spirits.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Home & School Picnic- This Sunday, August 29, 2021



Mark your calendars Sunday, August 29 from 1:00-3:00 at Boettler Park. Bring your own picnic and “ketchup” with friends. See flyer for more details.

### Additional 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!! The school is in need of lunch volunteers to assist during the week. 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](mailto: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 Sept 8, 2021 at 7:00pm.**





## Homework Club

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.

## 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.

## Free Breakfast and Lunch This Year!!

***September Lunch Menu is included in this email.***

The Ohio National School Lunch Program is helping to provide **free breakfast and lunch** for all students for the 2021-2022 school year.



Here is what is needed:

- Using the lunch form provided for the month, fill out the days your child/children want lunch.
- Turn the form in without money to your homeroom teacher. In October, November, and December repeat the process.
- Milk will be provided with lunch at no cost. This year milk alone is no cost too.



### **STAR Assessments are Starting Now**

Testing, One, Two, Three

**Star** Assessments are short **tests** that provide teachers with learning data. **Star tests** are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child. STAR testing will begin soon to obtain a baseline for each student attending SS Philip and James. Independent learning paths will be aligned to the educational needs of our students. Teachers and Support Staff are really excited to give individual attention to help each student succeed.

### **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.





## SPJ Family Handbook

You can find a copy of the SPJ Family Handbook on the SS Philip and James website. Use this link [https://www.starkcountycatholicschools.org/stphilipandjames\\_home.aspx](https://www.starkcountycatholicschools.org/stphilipandjames_home.aspx) Happy Reading!

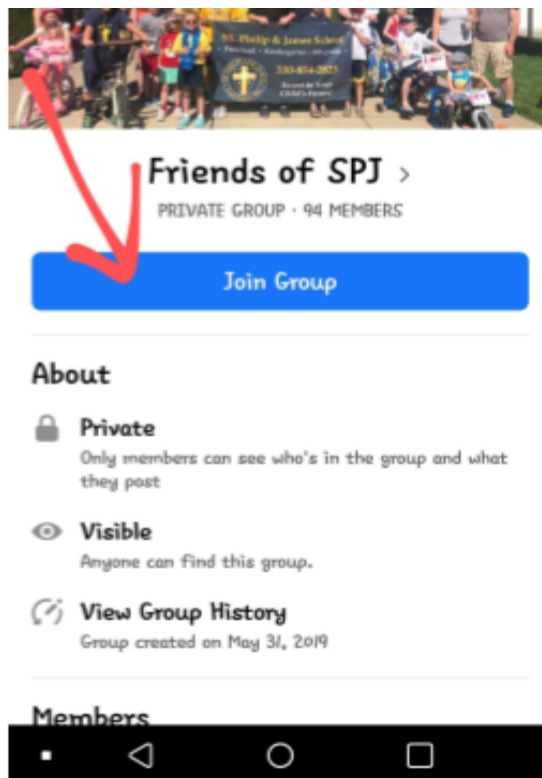
Will You Be a Friend of SPJ?

Join Us on Facebook

Follow this link to find our "Friends of SPJ" Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/349819142385205/?ref=share>

Click on "Join Group" to gain access to photos, uniforms for sale, conversations between parents and faculty, and fun activities that are happening at our school!





*Head Coach Jeff Lindesmith and the Central Catholic football family invite you to come out and cheer on the Crusaders. Be a part of the 96 year Central Catholic football tradition. The three time state champions and perennial playoff contender have an excellent schedule this season and look forward to seeing you at the stadium. Please watch your student's take home folder for news about pregame parties, postgame dances and spirit wear for you and your Future Crusaders.*



## Volleyball News



### Sprouts Volleyball for students in grades 3-5

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.

### Girls' 7 & 8 Volleyball

Thank you Coach Kate Floom and Mrs. Morber for assisting with our SPJ Volleyball Team. The season is underway and the girls have A Few Wins!!  
#SPJALLTHEWAY





## Upcoming Dates

August 29- Home & School Picnic

August 30- Homework Club Begins

September 3- No School

September 6- No School

September 8- Home & School Meeting @ 7:00 pm

September 26- Father Kevin's Birthday and A Night with the Holy Spirit

September 30- Interims Go Home

October 1- Walk a Thon

October 6- Picture Day



Behind the Bricks at SPJ!!

