



The secret of change is to not focus on fighting the old, but on building the new.
- Socrates



As principal, former teacher, community member, and previous SPJ parent, I truly understand the unique niche SS Philip and James school offers its stakeholders. Traditions and family unity are what drew me and kept me at SS. Philip and James School. My responsibilities for the past twenty some years have allowed me the privilege to experience our school in many different ways. I began my vocation with the preschool position, served as the eighth grade homeroom, religion, science, health and physical education teacher, and currently lead in the principal role. I belong here.

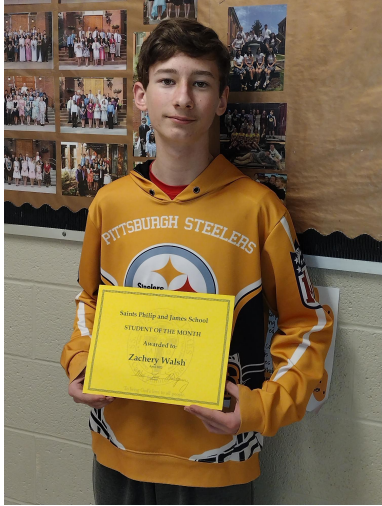
A school community cannot grow without a focus on the new. As members inside SS. Philip and James School, we see and experience the exuberant life that is emitted from our community. Our classrooms are filled with innovation, creativity, and excitement! This “goodness” calls to be shared. Your positive promotion of SS. Philip and James can directly impact the growth of our school. Whenever possible I encourage you to spread the good news and share our success with others. I welcome your visits, ideas for community connections, or just questions and suggestions as we move to the end of this school year. Please stop in the office anytime to set up an appointment, tour, or just call to say, “Hi”. I look with great enthusiasm to the future of SS Philip and James School.



I would like to thank you in advance for your help in building up our school. Please join me in making SS. Philip and James Catholic School “a school you can believe in”.

Enrolling Now 330-854-2823

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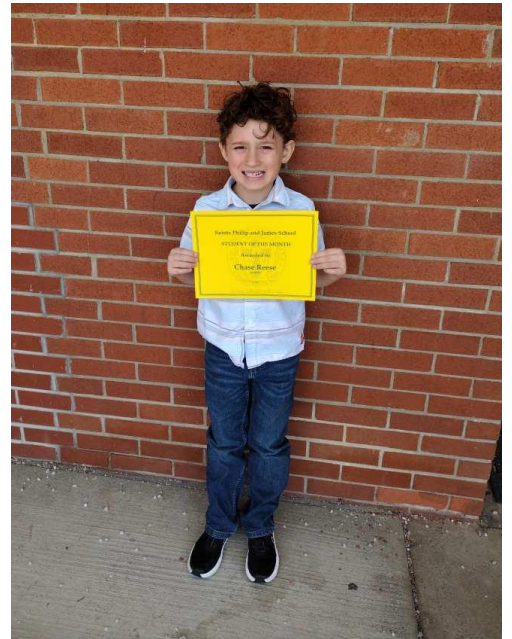


Way to Go Zachery!!

Zachery Walsh is a friendly, hardworking student who greets everyone with a smile. He is very involved in the extras at school. He is an altar-server, part of Genius Club, and works the sound system for plays and performances. He is also the first person to see a recycling bin that needs emptied, plants that need watered, or a mess he didn't make that could be swept up. The upstairs team is proud to nominate Zachery for student of the month.

Nice Job Chase!!

The downstairs teaching team has chosen Chase Reese to be the student of the month. He has really embraced first grade and has shown much growth. He is excited to learn about God and is always ready to say the Rosary. Chase is a great friend and loves to help his classmates. When a tour comes through our classroom, Chase is the first person to make the new child feel welcome. Chase loves math and also loves to make us laugh! Congratulations Chase, for being the student of the month!!!



HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS



SPJ Home and School will be hosting a gift card fundraiser for May. All proceeds will help update our current playground area. **A chance to win is only \$10 each!** Sales will be in the month of April.

Thank you, families, for your support!

All Home & School meetings are on the same ZOOM link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600673536>
The next meeting is April 13 at 7:00pm.





Parent Corner Week 11 -

Take time for yourself

"LOVE YOURSELF FIRST, AND EVERYTHING ELSE FALLS IN LINE. YOU REALLY HAVE TO LOVE YOURSELF TO GET ANYTHING DONE IN THIS WORLD." ~LUCILLE BALL

Self-care is an important tool to help you live a more positive lifestyle. Our day-to-day lives are often fueled by negativity. It's often hard to find solitude in today's climate. Many of us are feeling the stresses of having to take care of kids at home on top of a full-time job, and the seemingly constant cycle of negative news doesn't make matters any easier. It's crucial to make sure you're taking care of your physical and mental health. Self-care can come in the form of simply stepping out into nature, or reading from the bible. Stop by Adoration; sit in silence, to ensure you are taking the time for yourself.

<https://goodenoughcatholic.com/lent-devotional-women/>

<https://mhanational.org/taking-time-yourself>

<https://www.betterup.com/blog/take-time-for-yourself>

Student Ambassadors for 2022

SS Philip and James School is booking tours to "show off our school". All tours are free and are a great way to see "Behind the Bricks" of SPJ. Student Ambassadors share the "student's view" of our school. They answer questions, show off their favorite spaces, and send a thank you following the visit. When the family enrolls each new student "Starts with a Friend". Call now [330-854-2823](tel:330-854-2823) Thank you Student Ambassadors for bringing new friends to SPJ.

#THESPJWAY



Our Student Ambassadors!



Final Countdown → Order Yearbooks for 2022-2023

Thank you to the families that have turned in the yearbook order forms. If you would like to purchase a “memory book” for the school year 2021-2022, there is a yearbook order form included in the attachments to this week’s newsletter or contact the school office for an order form.

Deadline to accept orders is April 1, 2022.

DO YOU LOVE SPJ? TELL US WHY!



LEAVE US A GOOGLE OR FACEBOOK REVIEW



How was your experience at SPJ?
Please share your testimony on Google:
<http://bit.ly/SPJReviews>

Facebook: @spjschool | saintsphilipandjames.org

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/SPJVirtualTour>



* 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
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Following the SPJ Uniform Guidelines for 2021-2022- Shorts in khaki and navy blue may be worn from April 1 through the end of the year. As we approach the end of the school year, please check the length of skirts and gym shorts. (two inches above the knee) Girls should be wearing shorts under uniform skirts. Thank you for helping us monitor before your child leaves home in the morning. See uniform guidelines included in this week’s email.



BAKE SALE, BAKE SALE!

On Monday, April 4th, the 5th graders will be sponsoring a bake sale during lunch periods. Prices will range from \$.25 - \$1.00. Proceeds will go to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Preservation Committee at Central Catholic.

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

Share our video with friends!

Homework Club News

The final day for Homework Club will be **April 28**. Aftercare will be available in May for the cost of \$7.50/day. Thank you Mrs. Norman for helping with this new opportunity this year!!





2022-2023 TUITION SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES

\$3000 SS Philip and James Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus is offering a \$3000 scholarship for our students. (Last year 3, \$3000 scholarships were generously given.) If you or your grandparent is a member of SS Philip and James Parish, please consider filling out the application. Applications are in this week's Thursday Folder and also attached electronically to this week's email.

Deadline for turning in applications is April 30, 2022.

EdChoice Expansion

EdChoice Papers have been sent home. Please return them asap to expedite the scholarship procedure. EdChoice Expansion eligibility was changed last year to 250% of federal poverty guidelines. Renewal Forms were placed in last week's Thursday Folders for renewal scholarships. If you feel you may qualify for this scholarship opportunity please contact me for more information.
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The FY 2023 Traditional and Expansion Application System is now open and the forms are available on the EdChoice website. <https://scholarship.ode.state.oh.us/>

**EdChoice Expansion is requesting income to be submitted electronically. Please use these guides to help. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XiFre19K20&authuser=0>

- [Parent Income Verification Tutorial](#)
- [Scholarship Income Verification System Access](#)
- [How To Upload Documents - Quick Guide](#)

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 100% assistance is available for 2021-2022 tuition.

We will order physical gift cards once a month now. We will still order on Sunday night so the cards can be sent home in the following **Thursday folders**. Please contact me ASAP if there is an error in your order when placed or received. Michelle DuPlain, Scrip Coordinator michelleduplain@gmail.com
330-704-8909 April 3 May 8

AMAZON SMILE

If you shop on Amazon, don't forget your smiles! Just click on the chosen charity and click SS Philip & James, Canal Fulton. 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! Look for more information attached to this email.













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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	April 4 Bake Sale 				
April 10 Palm Sunday 			April 13 Passion Mime 1:30 & 7:00 	April 14 Free jeans day Kindness Group	April 15 Spring break begins 
April 17 Easter Sunday 					
April 24 Confirmation 6:00 @ SMS 	April 25 Return from spring break			April 28 Aladdin Dress Rehearsal, St. Barb visit (lunch included) Last Day of Homework Club Interims	April 29 Grandparents' Day @2:00 
May 1 First Communion @ 2:00 at SPJ 	May 2	May 3 SPJ Feast Day	May 4	May 5 May Crowning @ 2:15	May 6 7th-8th Dance
May 7/ May 8 MOMay 	May 9 ACRE test for 5th and 8th	May 10 ACRE test for 5th and 8th	May 11 ACRE test for 5th and 8th Kindness Group	May 12	May 13
	May 23 Pittsburgh Trip 	May 24 7 & 8 Late Start Arrival Time 10:15			May 27 Preschool's last day \$1 jeans day Kindness Group
	May 30  Memorial Day-no school	May 31 School Talent Show am Field Day pm	June 1 TK-5 Zoo field trip	June 2 All School Carnival 8th grade Graduation Mass 6:30 pm with reception	June 3 Last day-half day K Mass Pass it On Awards Ceremony