



SPJ News

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A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

Dear Jesus, thank you for the beautiful weather! Amen. I realize Spring will not officially arrive until March 20th, (Vernal Equinox) but this week was a much needed reminder of “the positive power” of fresh air and sun. (Reminder: that big, yellow, glowing, light in the sky is called The Sun. We haven’t seen it in a few months.)

Seeing the sun and having the opportunity to remove my winter coat and gloves gave me a “new” outlook. I felt myself smiling more. I actually shared recess with my kindergarten and first grade friends. I took walks and noticed the crocus emerging from the ground. Spring is close, Nature is renewing its life.

Did you know the word Lent is derived from the word lencten meaning “spring”? The liturgical season of Lent coincides with Spring. New life, new growth, change and hope offered to each of us through penance, alms giving, and prayer. For those of you who are holding your pledge, stay steady! For the procrastinators; It is not too late, you still have 20 days to start afresh.

Now is the time to review your Lenten Promise and stay strong in your journey with Christ.

Now is also the time to sign up for the “Sign UP” Campaign. We are currently in the process of bringing “new life” to our school. Tours are being scheduled and new families are learning about this wonderful place called SS Philip and James. If you have a SS Philip and James School sign (blow off the dust and pull it from your back shed), it is time to place it proudly in your front yard once again. If you need a new sign stop in the office, there are still a few available. If someone you know has a wonderful front yard that faces a busy road, please stop and pick up a sign to place in their yard too. (Ask first, of course!)

This time of year brings an energy and anticipation for “the new”. As part of the SPJ community, let’s “spring” into action during this Lenten season to improve ourselves while helping in the growth of our school.



2021-2022 SPJ Tuition Savings Opportunities Still Available

- The deadline to apply for financial aid through FACTS is March 19, 2021. Look under Quick Links, Facts Tuition, Apply for Financial Aid. A direct link is online.factsmgt.com/aid
- EdChoice Expansion eligibility was recently changed to 250% of federal poverty guidelines. Renewal Forms can be found in this week's Thursday Folders for all current scholarship parents. If you feel you may qualify for this scholarship opportunity please contact me for more information. Imontgomery@youngstowndiocese.org
- Scrip Savings is still available. Please see the flyer explaining this easy tuition saver!!

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

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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>



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

* 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.

Attention Parents:

Grades 2,4 and 7 will begin COGAT Testing this Monday, March 15. Please talk with your student about a good night sleep and eating breakfast before arrival to school. Thank you!!

Changes in School Mass Times and Links

Families, please adjust your schedules for the next two weeks.

Thursday, March 18- Mass for grades 4-8.
Mass prepared by grade 8.

Thursday, March 25- No Mass for grades k-3 due to state testing.

Friday, March 26- Mass for grades 4-8. Mass prepared by grade 7.

**SPJ Archery News**

Archery practice for this month will be March 15th. Additional days may be added.

We are also in the process of organizing a fun shoot for the archery team. More details to come once the date/time is set.

We will be having an archery team and individual pictures on Monday, March 15th at the beginning of practice. Please have your student bring their gray SPJ gym shirt or gray archery shirt from last year to quickly change into.

The photo envelopes will either be handed out at practice this coming Monday or they will be sent home in the school folder.

If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you!

Hey Mikey! He likes it!!

Cereal Drive

The second, fifth, and sixth grade students are sponsoring a box cereal drive. Please bring in boxes of cereal from March 15-March 22. All cereal will be donated to our local Bountiful Gifts organization. The class that brings in the most boxes as well as the class that brings in the highest average per student will win a Jeans Day!! Our goal is to collect 150 boxes as a school.



MARKET DAY IS BACK AT SPJ!

Look for the flyer in this week's newsletter!!

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)



Order Yearbooks for 2020-2021 Now

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 2020-2021, there is a yearbook order form included in the attachments to this week's newsletter or contact the school office for an order form. **The deadline**

to accept orders is April 30, 2021.

Focus on Community- *Impact Martial Arts- Congratulations Ethan grade 4*

Ethan started his karate journey back in January of 2016. He attends karate classes at Impact Martial arts right here in Canal Fulton. Just like everyone else on their journey to a black belt, Ethan started as a white belt. When you first earn your new belt, the first task to complete is to learn the new kata and self-defense for that particular color belt. Once those are learned, the goal is to perform them with the proper moves, stances, and in the correct order. During each class, the black belt instructors are consistently watching each student to see how they are progressing. Once the student has shown they are competent with their current kata and self-defense, the instructors begin to pre-test them to see if they are ready to be promoted to the next rank. Ethan has learned many valuable lessons from taking karate classes. He has learned discipline, respect for himself and others, and the importance of being humble. Ethan recently tested for his purple tip, and now he is just 4 belts away from earning his black belt. We're so proud of his accomplishments during his journey in Karate and wanted to share.



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>



Free Lunches for the Rest of the Year!!

(Seriously, now until the end of May)

The Ohio National School Lunch Program is helping to provide **free lunch** for all students from now until May 28, 2021. 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.
- Milk will be provided with lunch at no cost. Milk purchased without a lunch is still \$0.50.



A Message From the SPJ Lunch Crew



Parents and guardians please send in water, juice, or sports drinks to hydrate your child during the day. Please do not send tea, caffeine products, or soda. Developing good eating habits is a lifelong process that demands a healthy perspective on food. Thank you!

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 14- Daylight Savings Time
March 15-18- CoGat Testing grades 2,4,7
March 22-26- IOWA Testing grades K-7
March 29-April 1- Make up Testing
March 18- End of Third Quarter
March 19- No School-Teacher Work Day
March 25- Report Cards Home (Quarter 3)
March 31- Spring Photos with Lifetouch
April 2- No School- Good Friday
April 5-April 9- Easter Break

