



A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

Who Do You Say You Are?

Reflecting on Holy Week 2022, I am filled with joy and renewed in hope for SS Philip and James School. Our students are “on fire” for their faith. Just walk through the halls or stop by the playground and you will experience it. God Lives Here!



What makes our little school different?

The SPJ Way is to focus on the whole child – socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically and culturally. We step out of the books and look into each student individually. We promote a life of worth – not merely a life of work. Through service projects and connection in the community, “school” is not a mere place, but becomes a collection of experiences. Under the spiritual leadership of Father Kevin, our heavenly connection is strengthened. He brings staff book studies (Living Joy-Stefanick), weekly classroom visits, server training, sharing in the “power of prayer” and more.

Father Kevin makes time to know us. The SS Philip and James teachers fully understand the mission. They put in the “extra” to bring the Holy Spirit to our students. Just this week: Daily Rosary, Weekly Mass, Adoration, pilgrimages to the Chrism Mass (and earlier the CCHS Grotto), performance of the Passion Mime, growing the Faith in Kindness Groups, Living the Stations around campus and more gives “true” meaning to Holy Week. Our teachers are trained to notice talents and use personal interactions to plan lessons, activities, and build memories. *“They know their own.”*

SPJ invests the time and effort in the development of You! We know you! As we celebrate Easter Sunday, Holy Week is “not finished”. Just the opposite, this fulfillment gives us meaning to “Who we Are”!

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:15-16)

From SS Philip and James School to You: Happy Easter!!



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HOLY WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



Thank you Mrs. Morber for another incredible Passion Mime! Way to go, 8th graders!



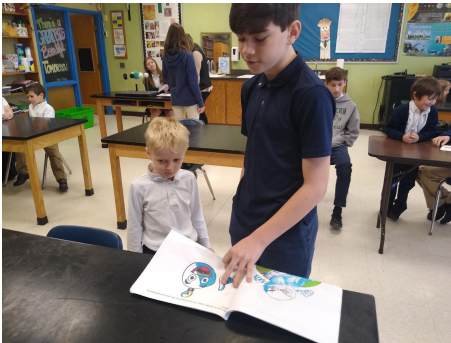
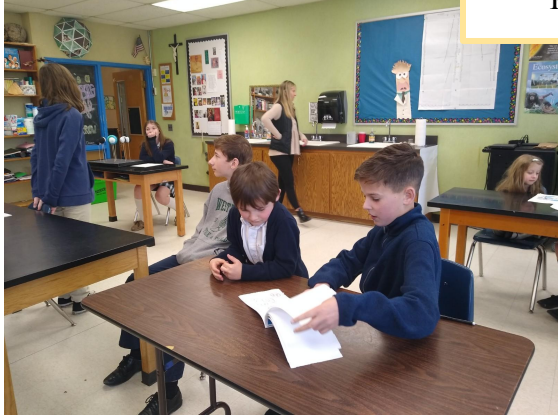
Thank you Mrs. Mackey for taking the 5th graders to the Chrism Mass in Youngstown!



Thank you 7 & 8 grade for Living Stations and "Finding Jesus" Hunt!



The 6th and 7th grade students wrote books and created projects to explain the moon, sun, and earth relationships. They even shared their work with the TK and K students!



HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS



Keep selling those tickets!

SPJ Home and School is hosting a gift card fundraiser for May. All proceeds will help update our current playground area. **A chance to win is only \$5 each!** Sales will be during the month of April.

A digital copy of tickets is provided with this email.

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.





We need your help! Join the SPJ Team!

Saturday, April 30 from 8:00-12:30 pm (or any portion of time you can spare)

A new foundation is kicking off the spring season with a park clean-up day! **Canal Life** is sponsoring this event, let's support this energetic and generous group the SPJ way!

Canal Life- <http://www.canallife.org/> **Our mission is to assist in creating a visually appealing, prosperous and inclusive downtown through continuous cleaning and beautification, programming, marketing, economic development and advocacy.**

Please think about joining a SPJ Team for their first sponsored event. Wear an SPJ shirt and meet at the park. See flier for more information.

This fits perfectly with Laudato Si and our call to care for God's great Earth!

You're Invited to Grandparents Day

April 29th @ 2:00pm.

RSVP Please!

See flier for more information

H & S is looking for cookie donations.



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 SCC's school. An alternative award will be provided if a student is already on full scholarship.

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

Facebook: @spjschool | saintsphilipandjames.org



Homework Club News

The final day for Homework Club will be **April 27.**

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!!



Mrs Burke is looking for several large appliance boxes, especially refrigerator boxes to use the week of April 25th.. If you have one or know of someone who might have one please let her know.

Thanks!

SPJ's Got Talent!

SPJ is currently looking for talent for our #THESPJWAY Talent Show on May 31. See flier for details and to sign up your act.

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

Share our video with friends!

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 Thank you Student Ambassadors for bringing new friends to SPJ.

#THESPJWAY



Our Student Ambassadors!



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 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.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 17 Easter Sunday 	No School	No School	No School	No School	No School
April 24 Confirmation 6:00 @ SMS 	April 25 Return from spring break		April 27 Last Day for Homework Club	April 28 Aladdin Dress Rehearsal, St. Barb visit (lunch included) Interims	April 29 Grandparents' Day @2:00 
May 1 First Communion @ 2:00 at SPJ 	May 2	May 3 SPJ Feast Day	May 4 Talent Show Tryouts	May 5 May Crowning @ 2:15	May 6 7th-8th Dance
May 7/ May 8 Mother's Day 	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 H & S Zoom Meeting 7:00pm		May 13 CCHS Band Presentation 2:00
				May 19 Canal Boat Field Trip grades 3,4,5	
	May 23 7 & 8 Pittsburgh Trip 5 & 6 Rhoda Wise Trip 	May 24 7 & 8 Late Start Arrival Time 10:15	Dress Rehearsal for Talent Show		May 27 Preschool's last day \$1 jeans day Kindness Group
	May 30 Memorial Day-no school 	May 31 School Talent Show 9:30 am Field Day PM	June 1 TK-5 Zoo field trip 7th Wilderness Center trip	June 2 School Carnival 8th grade Graduation Mass 6:30 pm with reception	June 3 Last day-half day Kindergarten Mass Pass it On Awards Ceremony