



A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

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The Montgomerys are baseball people. We talk baseball, we watch baseball, we once “lived baseball”. We love baseball. This time of year brings excitement and great anticipation. “Tis the time” of Opening Day! There’s something in the air on the first day of the season, the days are longer, there is a renewed sense of hope, teams are being formed, crowds are gathering. Whether your favorite team made the playoffs last year (or not), possibly a favorite player has been traded (where’s Lyndor?) or maybe your home team recently changed their name (no comment), all of our teams start with an equal record on Opening Day. 0-0

Home openers offer old players a chance to atone for the mistakes of the previous season and try again. New players emerge from spring training and join the line up to prove their worth.

On the first day of the season, there is an unspoken commitment to the long journey. (162 games) We remember the best seasons, the magical moments, the critical games won and lost. We choose our next favorite player. A sense of nostalgia begins. There likely was someone who introduced you to the game. Going to baseball games is a wonderful social event filled with smells and sounds and “miracles”.



Similarly, Easter is the celebration of our hopes and wonders as a Christian people. With the Resurrection, it’s like a “season reset” on humanity. Scores are back to 0-0. Each year, Easter gives a chance to start fresh, to grow, and to improve in our relationship with God and one another. The Easter season is also a long one, fifty full days. This season gives us time to remember how central Jesus is to our lives as Christians. This time of the year brings us together. We are once again part of a family, a community, a team. MLB home opener is April 7th. Easter opening day is April 17th. Become a part of “Team Jesus” this year. Hear your name called in His starting “line up”! *Play Ball!!*

Enrolling Now! 330-854-2823 lmontgomery@youngstowndiocese.org



Academic Awards for Quarter 3

Please join us on Friday, April 9 following the 9:15 Mass for 3rd quarter honor roll. Congratulations students!! Your efforts and hard work are noticed and appreciated!

<u>8th grade Honor Roll with Distinction</u> Anna Minarcheck	<u>8th grade Honor Roll</u> Matthew Cook Jordan Liptak Alyssa Pandrea	<u>8th grade Merit Roll</u> Lilly Bentzel
<u>7th grade Honor Roll with Distinction</u> Amelia Rohr Carlie Rohr	<u>7th grade Honor Roll</u> Avery McMahon	<u>7th grade Merit Roll</u> Jesse Everhart Brianna Stair



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



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!!

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.

Current Top Sellers-Lily Morber and Eddie Caniglia

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.





Faith on the Go!



We love taking field trips! We love it, even more, when our field trips help us to deepen our faith. Our 5th-grade class visited the Central Catholic campus to see the Our Lady of Lourdes Outdoor Grotto earlier this week. CCHS Campus Minister, Deacon Smith, joined our class for Stations of the Cross at their outdoor grotto. Mrs. Miller, the co-chair of their Grotto Committee, gave our students a tour and the history of the grotto. It is a beautiful place for worship! Of special note, our 5th graders held a bake sale at school, doing all the work for the sale from start to finish, and raised over \$100 to offer as a gift to the CCHS Our Lady of the Lourdes Grotto Committee to help with up-keep of their beautiful space.

#FaithMakesADifference #TheSPJWay #SCCSTogetherInFaithExcellenceService





Parent read-aloud gets wacky in 2nd!

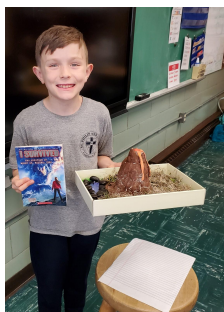


Mrs. Roberts came to visit her daughter's class to share a very silly book with them! There were tears of joy and laughter, and giggles for the rest of the day in 2nd grade! Thank you for sharing this fun book with us!

The Book With No Pictures
by, BJ Novak

Book Reports with Creativity!

Mrs. Bonnot's third grade class chose out-of-the-box book reports to show their learning!
A look at books in a new way, books are fun at SPJ!



Become a witness to this year's *Passion Mime*

The passion mime is a long-standing tradition here at SS Philip and James School. It is a "rite of passage" for our eighth graders, yet each class creates a unique look at the final hours and resurrection of Christ. The audience is spellbound with live music, a realistic portrayal, and the silence of this powerful production! Join us for this moving closing to our Lenten season!

Date: Wednesday, April 13

Times: 1:30pm and 7:00pm

Location: SS Philip and James School, 532 High St, Canal Fulton OH 44614



Thank you, TJ!!

A big thank you goes to TJ Schneckenburger for your birthday donation of six playground balls! This has become a tradition of giving for TJ on his special day. Thank you for thinking of SPJ!





Parent Corner Week 12 - Spring Sports

Sports teach our kids about the value of teamwork, dedication, and discipline while helping them build character, confidence, and friendships that will last a lifetime. Three Main Advantages of Team Sports
Physical – better physical health and fitness
Emotional – increased confidence, happiness, and improved behavior
Social – meeting new people, developing communication skills, and learning cooperation and responsibility.

<https://www.orchidsinternationalschool.com/blog/parents-corner/encourage-team-sports/>
<https://optimistbaseball.ca/pages/parents-corner-1375167514>

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

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SPJ

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<http://bit.ly/SPJReviews>

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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.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 10 Palm Sunday 	April 11 Mass @ 9:15- Mass uniform		April 13 Passion Mime 1:30 & 7:00 	April 14 Free jeans day and kindness shirts	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 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	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 School Carnival 8th grade Graduation Mass 6:30 pm with reception	June 3 Last day-half day Kindergarten Mass Pass it On Awards Ceremony