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SPJ News

February 4, 2021

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A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

On Your Mark.....

Get Set.....

..Register!!

There is something about hearing this phrase that can bring about a sense of urgency. It is time once again for enrollment and registration for our beloved SS Philip and James School. A HUGE "Thank You" goes out to the multiple families that have been "talking up our school." You are bringing interest to our sometimes hidden "Happy Place". Keep sharing the great news of what is happening inside SPJ. Although this year, like last, has a few restrictions due to Covid-19, the teachers, students, and staff are "gearing" up to "show off our favorite place of learning. Tours are set, phone calls made, emails sent, and new families are joining our community. (and it is only February) "I am soooooo excited!!" Families, you will find a Re-enrollment Form in your child's Thursday folder today. Please fill out and return asap. I truly appreciate all that you do for SS Philip and James. Keep sharing in the "build up" of our wonderful school. Ready..... Set..... Go!!



2021-2022 SPJ Tuition Savings Opportunities

In 2020-2021, SPJ students were provided with a great deal of tuition savings through several avenues, including Youngstown Diocesan Catholic School Scholarships, SPJ Parish financial assistance, the EdChoice and EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, Be a Student's Friend, Stark County Catholic School Alumni Partnership Scholarships and SCRIP.

It is our goal to never turn away anyone based on financial needs. All requests and applications can be found at https://www.starkcountycatholicschools.org/stphilipandjames_home.aspx Look under Quick Links, Facts Tuition, Apply for Financial Aid. A direct link is online.factsmgt.com/aid

Families will need to apply for the scholarship through FACTS Aid. The opening date for the link will be January 4, 2020. **All applications must be received and completed by March 19, 2021.**

If you would like to receive more information on how to apply to receive any of our savings options, please call the office at 330-854-2823 or email Mrs. Montgomery at lmontgomery@youngstowndiocese.org.

EdChoice Update

NOTE: The FY 2022 Expansion Application System is now open and the forms are available on the EdChoice website. However, the Traditional EdChoice list and guidance materials will not be available until closer to the Traditional EdChoice System opening on March 2, 2021.

****EdChoice Expansion eligibility was recently changed to 250% of federal poverty guidelines.** The EdChoice Expansion Income Guidelines document on the EdChoice website has been updated to reflect this change.

Renewal Forms are being mailed to all current scholarship parents. 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.

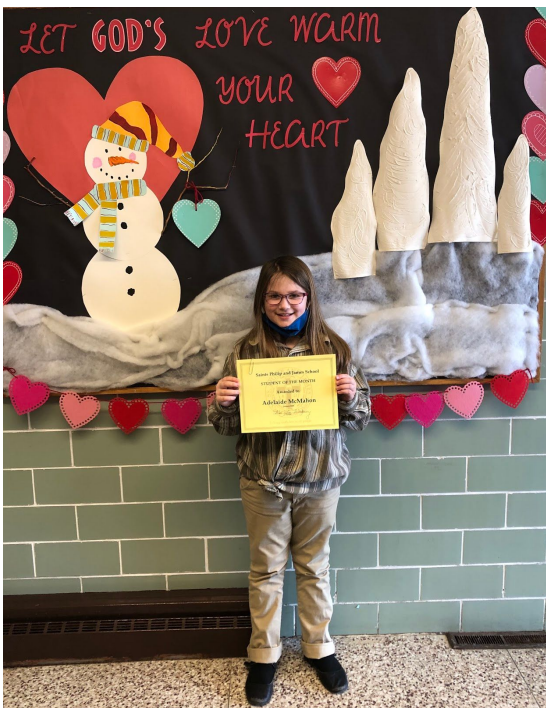
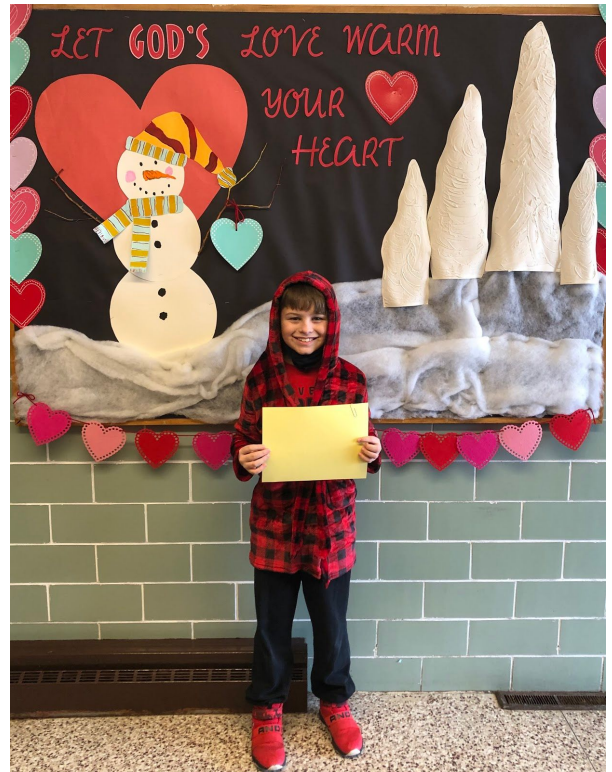
Scrip Is Still Available

Please see the flyer explaining this easy tuition saver!! The more you purchase the more you save!! Some SPJ Families have used this fundraiser to cover the entire expense of tuition for their children. Let me know if you have any questions.

Students of the Month

Aiden Liptak- Grade 4

The teachers in grades 4-8 are pleased to announce Aiden Liptak as our Student of the Month. Aiden arrives at school every morning with a smile and enthusiasm. He is always willing to jump in and help anyone who needs it. He is kind and respectful to his classmates and teachers. Congratulations Aiden!



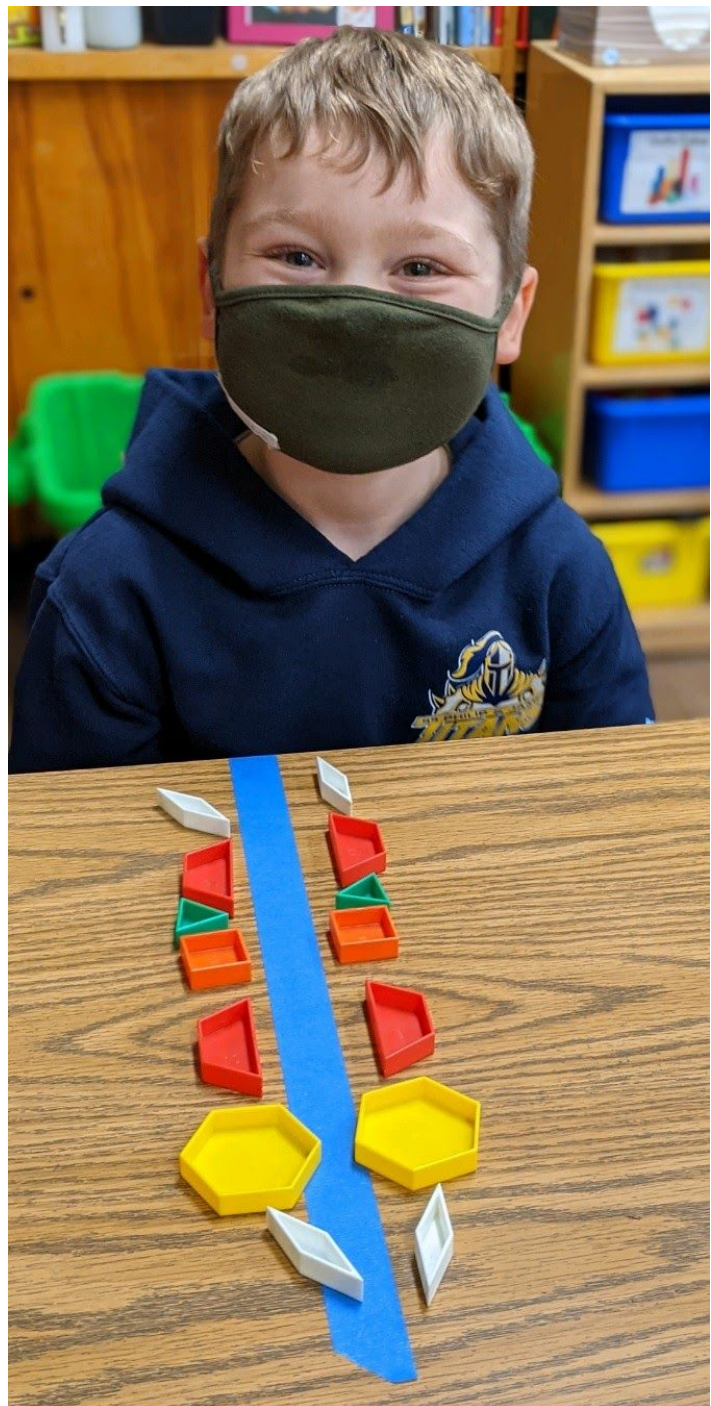
Adelaide McMahon-Grade 2

Addie is a wonderful girl! She brings joy and warmth to our second grade class. She is always offering help to others and uplifts friends when they are down. Addie enjoys gym class, dancing, and reading with friends. She works hard when she is learning something new and never gives up. We are so happy to nominate Addie for student of the month!

A New Program for 2021-2022

New to SPJ for next school year 2021-2022, will be an option for our early learners- Transitional Kindergarten. SS Philip and James Transitional Kindergarten program provides children an extra year of growth before beginning a full day Kindergarten. This extra year of “childhood” enables children to continue to develop their social, emotional and academic skills. The curriculum follows the Ohio Learning Standards and is accredited by the Ohio Department of Education as a half day Kindergarten. All children must be five years of age by September 30th to attend. This will be a great opportunity for first time learners and students with a summer birthday! See the flyer included in this week’s newsletter and as always ask if you have any questions.

(The current traditional kindergarten class lead by Mrs. Dolecki will also be available in 2021-2022.)



School Mass Times and Links



Families, please join us for Mass either in person or from home.

Thur 9:15 <https://youtu.be/KOvkKpOOqy0>

Fri 9:15 <https://youtu.be/yBTBv2vZeX8>

Saturday, 9:00 Mass in-person Celebrating SPJ Families

Sat. 5pm <https://youtu.be/UScKyDzYYf0>

Will You Be My V-A-L-E-N-T-I-N-E?

This year SPJ will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 11. Students may accessorize their uniforms with red and pink. Pizza will be provided and teachers will host the party. Paper valentines, sealed individual treats and sealed individual food & drink may be sent in from home, now till February 6. (This will allow for time to reduce contact tracing prior to passing out the items on February 11.) Please ask if you have questions or concerns. I have attached an article that may help.



<https://www.healthline.com/health/how-long-does-coronavirus-last-on-surfaces>

MARKET DAY IS BACK AT SPJ!

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)



A Message from Mrs. Burke

Attention Parents of 4th-8th Graders: Please remind your student to charge their Chromebook nightly-- we have only a few extra Chromebooks and can no longer loan them to students whose devices aren't charged.

Conference February 10th

Reminder: Parents, please send in Conference Forms asap. All forms need to be turned in regardless of a conference request or not. Thank you for your cooperation!!



Communion Information

First Communion Parents will meet on Feb. 10th at 7 pm - at SPJ school - One parent per child please.

<https://www.messagemadeeasy.com/optout.aspx>



SPJ Families,

Please share our SS Philip and James Virtual Video Tour. Thank you Stark County Catholic Schools for helping to make this beautiful trip around our campus. Current families can earn a \$250 referral bonus for bringing new friends to SPJ when new families become a Titan! Register for a tour and receive an entry in a \$500 tuition credit raffle at

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



NW Special Bus Run

Northwest Buses will be on a special bus run this Friday, February 5, 2021. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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>





Archery News

A quick note from Mr. and Mrs. McMahon to let you know that archery practice for February will be on Monday the 1st, 8th, and 22nd.





Spring Sports Sign Up

Included in the Newsletter is sign up grades 3-8 for Spring Track, Lacrosse, and Tennis. See attached flyer.

Upcoming Dates

February 5- Spelling Bee and Dress in Jeans & Kindness Shirts

February 6- Mass at 9:00am Celebrate SPJ Families

February 10- Conference Day

February 11-Interims for Quarter 3

February 12- No School

February 15- No School

February 17-Ash Wednesday

March 12-No School- Teacher Inservice

March 18- End of Third Quarter

March 19- No School-Teacher Work Day

March 25- Report Cards Go Home (Quarter 3)

April 2- No School- Good Friday

April 5-April 9- Easter Break