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SPJ News

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A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

Happy New Year!!

Out with the old and In with the new!! I am not sure about you, but I excitedly yet “quietly” (due to Covid) celebrated the closing of 2020 and the opportunity to begin 2021!! As with every year, on January 1, my list of “Resolutions” fill a page. (Well really, my list starts with great enthusiasm on December 31!!) I vow to lose ten pounds, walk everyday, stop eating “night” snacks, buy only healthy food, ingest no sugar, drink more water, write and send more letters, call more often, save more money, clean extra, try harder, give larger, run faster, jump higher... (get it? the list goes on and on and on) My “aspirations” become somewhat unrealistic and by January 7, when close to all the Resolutions have been broken, I feel defeated.

A wise man (Father Kevin) once told me to focus, to limit, to choose one promise and then work hard to keep it. I often (as a dreamer) think big and get extremely excited by the “brainstorm”. It is the editing that is where the struggle begins. Soooooooooooooooooooooo, after trying once again this year without success, I am changing my ways. I have reduced my 2021 New Year’s Resolutions to one.....

I promise to pray more. That is it and that is enough. I will concentrate really hard to find a connected communication with Jesus. I pledge to limit distractions and plan times to “settle” with the Lord. This Resolution I know I can keep!! I will become Focused.~~~~~Just think about it!!

I can pray in the morning, I can pray at night. I can pray for our school and the students and their families. I will pray for peace and rest within our nation. I will pray for world issues. A prayer of gratitude for SS Philip and James staff. Prayers of petition for next year’s enrollment and bringing new friends to SPJ. I can say a prayer of contrition asking for forgiveness when I slip in my thoughts, words, and actions. Prayers for animals, and plants, and the ocean. Oh yea, don’t forget safety, and love, and did I mention peace?

Important Changes to the School Calendar

Attached to this week's newsletter is the Updated SPJ Calendar 2020-2021.

On Thursday, January 14 students will attend school from home. This is a Practice Digital Day! Much like a "fire drill" or "tornado drill" January 14 will allow for students and teachers to practice learning and teaching through a virtual connection. Teachers are currently planning on an accelerated schedule so that students can "link up" and "join in" for all subjects. Look for a schedule from your homeroom teacher to help you navigate through the day. Attendance will be taken and students are responsible for all assignments given that day. Participation is required!! This is a "real" school day. Remember this is a drill, only a drill!!! We will return to in-school learning on Tuesday, January 19.

Also included on the updated calendar are the added Teacher Work Days arranged with the help of the Diocese of Youngstown. There will be no school for students on these days.

Friday- January 8

Friday- March 19

Friday- May 21

Students of the Month

The K-3 Student of the Month is Kassidy Dolecki! She always comes to school ready to learn. Her smile brightens our mornings and her joyful singing fills us with cheer during the Christmas season and all through the year. Kassidy is polite and kind to teachers and other students. She also always tries her best on her schoolwork and completes her assignments neatly. Keep up the good work Kassidy!

The upstairs' teaching team would like to recognize Avery McMahon as the student of the month for grades 4-8. Avery is a hard worker and goes out of her way to include others. She is responsible and puts 100% effort into her schoolwork. Congratulations Avery!

Cheer Clinic is Now Available- January 13, 20, & 27

SPJ is offering a cheer clinic for students in grades K-8. Cost is \$5.00 per session. Pay only when you attend. January practices are on the 13, 20, 27. Sarah Protzman (SPJ alumni) will host this event. Please notify the office if your child is planning on attending.



Archery is Open

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. McMahon for leading this wonderful extra curricular. Archery practice for January will be on Monday the 4th, 11th, and 25th. Practice is stopped at 4:20 so the students can help with putting all the equipment away. As soon as everything is

cleaned up the students are free to leave, so please plan on being outside waiting by 4:30. Please make sure you arrive at 4:20pm to pick up from practice. Also remember to send in a note or contact the office if your child plans to stay for this event. All the students are doing a great job helping.

Welcome Bishop David Bonnar

Please pray for our new Church Leader

Bishop Bonnar's ordination and installation will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website at [doy.org/Media/ETC-TV Live Stream](http://doy.org/Media/ETC-TV-Live-Stream). It will be rebroadcast on ETC- Ecumenical Television Channel on Thursday, January 14 at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and; 8:00 p.m.; and, Saturday, January 16 at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.



Confirmation and Communion Information

The Confirmation Parent meeting has been changed to 2/3 - it will be a zoom meeting for ALL Confirmation student parents (1 parent per child must attend) School, remote and CCD.

Jackie Prorise is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Confirmation 2021

Time: Feb 3, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76531698498?pwd=ZlIQQT1pVTUN5Z1V5aTU5ZGxMRWNwdz09>

Meeting ID: 765 3169 8498

Passcode: 92Ga7T

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>

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>

MARKET DAY IS BACK AT SPJ!

See flyer attached for more information.

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)

Golden Apple Award Nominations Needed Honor a Fabulous SPJ Teacher!!

Through the generosity and kindness of the Donahue Family Foundation, the Golden Apple Award program is again seeking nominations to honor outstanding individuals who devote their lives to teaching in Catholic schools. This award is bestowed annually on four elementary teachers, two high school teachers, and one principal currently working at one of our schools.



Candidates must be a practicing Catholic, full-time teacher or principal and have completed a minimum of three full years teaching or being a principal in the elementary or secondary school at which he/she is currently serving.

*Nominations are currently being accepted at the individual schools. The letter of nomination should explain why the nominator feels the individual deserves the Golden Apple Award and include specific examples of the individual's unique qualities and teaching ability. Nominations are accepted from a parent, and elementary student with his/her parent, a high school student, or a fellow teacher. Please see your local school for the nomination form. Completed nominations should be submitted to the school principal no later than February 9th. **Please use the attached cover letter when submitting your nomination.***

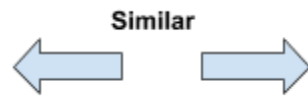
Snow Days (The best days ever!!)

This year for information on school closing for snow days you will be informed through Message Made Easy. Families will receive a text, email, and phone call alerting them of the change in schedule. You can also follow the school closing reports online. SS Philip and James follow the closing of Northwest Local School. In case of a snow day call off, your child does not need to report to virtual classes. Assignments will be turned in on the next in-school day. If snow days occur during a remote learning period, classes are canceled for that day and will resume when the inclement weather restrictions are lifted.



Try out this snow day indicator. (Yep, that is really a thing!)

<https://www.snowdaycalculator.com/calculator.php>



When will magnets attract or repel?
Ask Third Grade Science

Special Bus Run

SPJ students using Northwest bus transportation will use a SPECIAL BUS RUN from January 4-January 13. This may change the times of pick up and drop off. Please review the adjusted schedule sent out from NW Bus Garage at the beginning of the year.

Student Illness

Parents and Guardians,

“No goofing around”, with flu season upon us, here is a refresher of what to do if your child is sick. Thank you for helping keep SPJ healthy!!

The school is aware that there are many reasons a child may become ill. Regardless of the illness, a parent should keep the child home until the illness’s symptoms disappear. If a child has a fever, he or she must be fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours. A parent or guardian is required to call the student off from school each day he or she is ill, and a note describing the reason for the absence from school must be sent. A doctor’s clearance may be required for return to school.

(Taken from the SPJ Covid-19 Supplement to the Family Handbook 2020-2021)



Technically Speaking **Zach's "speakin the language"**

Zachary Walsh is the first sixth grade student to earn the level 300 programmer certificate in technology! Students are learning different programming skills through Tynker.

Upcoming Dates

January 7- End of Second Quarter
January 8- No School- Teacher Work Day
January 13-Report Cards Go Home (Quarter 2)
January 14- Digital Day (Learn from Home)
January 15- No School-Teacher Inservice
January 18- No School- MLK Day
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