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SPJ News

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A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

This Saturday, the Spring Equinox will take place. This celestial shift is a joyful occurrence that is centered around rebirth & growth. It is the arrival of Spring! Scientifically, the Vernal equinox, two moments in the year when the Sun is exactly above the Equator and day and night are of equal length, happens when either of the two points in the sky where the ecliptic (the Sun's annual pathway) and the celestial equator intersect. (Encyclopaedia Britannica) In simple terms, "The Earth is coming alive!"

We often think of this time of year as "new". As we enter into the final quarter of this school year, it's time to think about a "new" in many volunteer positions that help our school function. Please pray and discern about these most needed and important positions. We need you!!

Here are some ways you can help:

Home & School Officers -Help lead our school!! Nominations will be accepted on March 24

Sports Booster President- A subset of H & S. Great way to be a "team" player.

Yearbook Coordinator- document the school year in photos and fun memories!

Reverse Raffle Chair- In the past combined w/ the Silent Auction, Next year let's get creative!

Santa Shop Co-chair- Help out with shopping, set up, sales, and more!!



With the "new" we often must say, "Goodbye" to the old. Thank you Mrs. Piper, Mrs. Obreza, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Schilling for your time and effort with Home & School!! (I secretly hope you'll stay!) Thank you Mrs. Guenther & Mrs. Harris for your endless help with both the yearbooks. We appreciate Mrs. Guenther & Mrs. Burgess as supportive members of Sports Boosters. Thanks, Mrs. Rohr and Mrs. Koch, the lead elves for our Santa Shop. And finally, huge gratitude for Mrs. Morber, Mrs. Piper & Mrs. Mackey for our successful Virtual Silent Auction/Reverse Raffle this year!!

I have a tradition of leaving the window open on the night of the Spring Equinox. I love to hear the birds chirping when I wake up in the morning. It lets me know spring is here! I will leave the "window" open to these wonderful opportunities to join the SPJ team. I hope you will be inspired to "spring" into action. We are looking for you, we are waiting for "the new"!

Here's Your Sign

It is 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!) **Thank you Walsh Family for being the first to pick up a SPJ sign.**



2021-2022 SPJ Tuition Savings Opportunities **One Day Left**

- 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 Papers have been sent home. Please return them asap to expedite the scholarship procedure.** 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?
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Attention Parents:

Grades K-7 will begin IOWA Testing this week, March 22-26. Please talk with your student about a good night sleep and eating breakfast before arrival to school. Thank you!!



Home & School Meeting

You're Invited to Attend

Topic: Home & School Meeting

Time: Mar 24, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83974741416?pwd=SEQ2SG8xc0pHMGtrNy9yVVA1d0VUUT09>

Changes in School Mass Times and Links

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

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

A fun shoot on the morning of Saturday, March 27th is scheduled from 9:30-11:00am with set up/ break down before and after. A parent/guardian will be allowed to attend. We are still working on those details. Please confirm with The McMahons by tomorrow if your bowman will be attending.

Thank you!

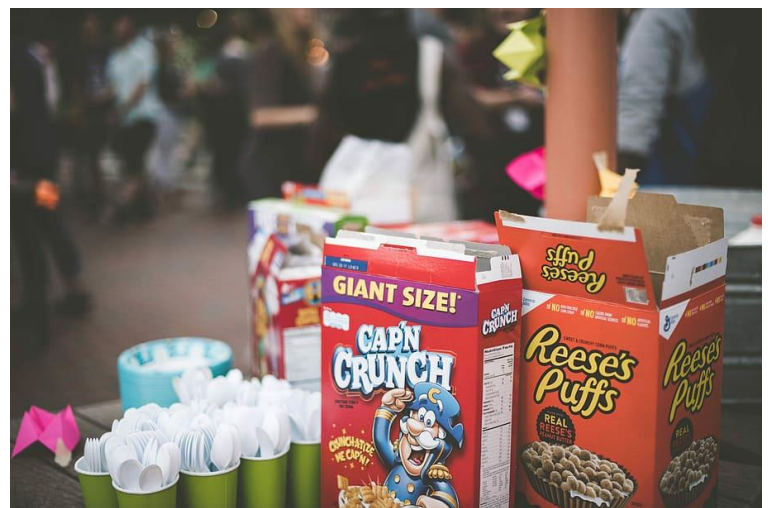
Order Yearbooks for 2020-2021 Now

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.**

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.



Currently, the second and third grade are spoon to spoon!!

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)

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.



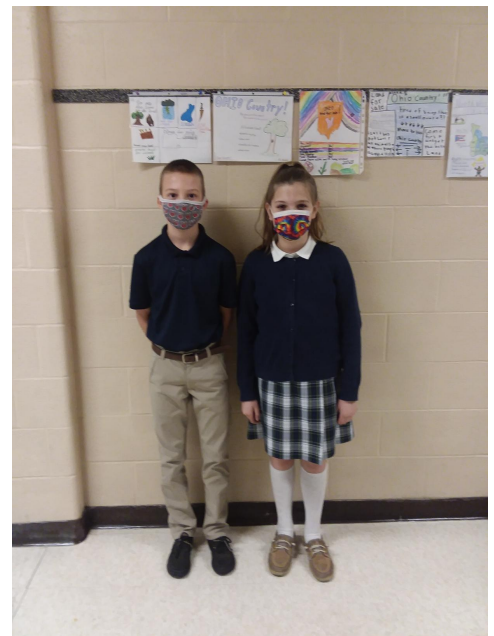
A Message From the SPJ Lunch Crew



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!

Uniform Updates

Following the SPJ Uniform Guidelines for 2020-2021- Shorts in khaki and navy blue may be worn from April 1 through the end of the year. Parents, please help reinforce this practice even in warmer weather. Also as we approach the end of the school year, please check the length of skirts and gym shorts. (two inches above the knee) Girls should be wearing shorts under uniform skirts. Thank you for helping us monitor before your child leaves home in the morning. See uniform guidelines included in this week's email.





Thank you to Gavin Buhecker and his family for donating two new basketballs to be used during recess. We also want to thank T.J. Schneckenburger and his family for donating two basketballs as he donates playground equipment annually as a birthday gift to our school. The new balls are very much appreciated, especially since the weather is getting nicer.

Upcoming Dates

March 19- No School
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
March 29-April 1- NW Special Bus Run
April 2- No School- Good Friday
April 5-April 9- Easter Break