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# SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**



We have had beautiful fall weather and we have had a wonderful start to the year and all the classes are getting into a nice routine. Students are ready to begin their NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Assessment) this week. We have had some computer issues but are now ready to roll. Students in grades one through five will complete the reading and math assessment and sixth through eighth grades will also complete the language arts portion. The value of these assessments is that they give a great deal of information that teachers use to group students and to differentiate instruction. The teachers will have these results to share with you during conferences.

Our first Casual for a Cause will be on Friday, October 14th and donations will be given to the Michael Goulet Foundation. This was the organization that came and spoke to students last year during our health fair about bike safety and gave each student a helmet. Now, we can help them!

Parents and parishioners brought animals of all shapes and sizes on the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi. Students also brought pictures and Monsignor Mathieu led a short prayer service and blessed all the animals.

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Are you ready to run or walk in our 5K this year? We will have a spaghetti supper the night before and then our Trot for Catholic Education on November 5th with a Kid's Fun Run. Sign ups are online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/ME/Biddeford/TrotForCatholicEducation>. It will be a fun day for everybody.

Our fall fundraiser will only be for two weeks and there are a lot of nice items so start your Christmas shopping early and help our PFTA. Maybe your family or neighbors will find a few items for their Christmas shopping, too! There are prizes that go with the sales. We will have a basket available if your child(ren) might want to donate them for a children's hospital.

Have you ever thought of becoming a substitute teacher? Teachers attend various workshops and we are continuing to do curriculum work with Saint Thomas and Saint Brigid will also be joining us this year. We can always use more subs. If interested, contact Mrs. Fournier in the office.

It has been wonderful to see the multi colored shirts in our middle school. Students in middle school have a different dress code and can wear any color shirt, as long as it has the logo on it. Shorts are not allowed after November first. By then, the weather has gotten colder. Saint James sweatshirts can be worn on gym days only. We did just receive more dry fit gym shirts so if you are interested, they are available in the office. And a reminder that coats cannot be worn in the building, many Saint James sweater is allowed any day and a Saint James sweatshirt is allowed on gym days. Shorts are not allowed after November first. Thank you for helping us out with our dress code policy.

On Halloween, we will allow students to wear a part of their costume. They can wear casual clothes, makeup Halloween shirt or hat or accessorize their hair but, no masks or face paint, no weapons.

Middle School students are spending a great deal of time at their lockers so we have asked them to get the books for two classes at a time so our classes can begin on time and they do not miss instructional time. Your student might like a smaller bag, rather than a large backpack to carry two classes worth of books. This will help students be more responsible, be prepared and be more organized. We would like them to not go to their lockers from class but instead be prepared for class. We would appreciate any help you could give us on this matter.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather, Nancy Naimey

May God bless you always!



Monsignor Mathieu made his way around the school yard talking to students and blessing the animals.

**"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and start with the person closest to you."**

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