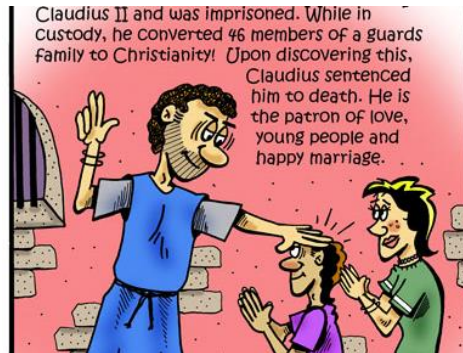

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

Happy Saint Valentine's Day!

Saint Valentine fact: A kind-hearted Roman priest, he aided



http://www.catholic.org/saints/fun_facts_arch.php?saint=159

I hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day with your families. It was a crazy busy day with a two hour delay but it is still one of my favorite days in school where students really enjoy the day exchanging cards and having parties that focus on friendship with their classmates.

We have used the five snow days that are built into our calendar. If we have any more days, we will be adding days to our school year. We will have to wait and see what the rest of the winter brings. I am looking into other options.

We have completed one half of our self-study for NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges). We have completed the standards on governance, enrollment, program, experience of the students, resources to support the program, and the standard on our early childhood program. We have reviewed the narratives on these topics as they relate to the indicators in the Catholic School edition. We will start work on mission, faculty, administration, evaluation and assessment, health and safety, communication, and infrastructure in the upcoming months. Our visitation team is scheduled to be here from Sunday, October 15th through Wednesday, October 18th of 2017.

We had our first open house on January 27th and will have two more on February 27th and March 27th. Please spread the word to those that you know. You are the greatest way to advertise for our preschool through eighth grade! If a new family comes in and uses your name in the application as the way they heard about the school, you will not have to pay a registration fee.

Are there any families that would like to represent Saint James School at the various churches in the area? I am looking for volunteers. It could be the regular mass that you already attend, and we would ask that you prepare a short talk to explain why your child attends Saint James, what you see as pluses, etc. Then, your child could speak about what they like about Saint James and encourage people to ask you questions after mass. You could hand out some informational brochures, tell them about the open house, and it would give prospective parents the opportunity to ask questions. Thank you for your help!



We are working on a promotional brochure about Saint James. I would like to collect quotes from you or your child to add to this brochure. I would not use any names, I would say a current parent or a 4th grade student. Please, send it to me via email.

Also, any ratings that you provide on the Internet are a tremendous help to our school. So many parents have already looked at our website and researched the school prior to coming in for a tour. If you haven't done so, please take a moment to do so. Thank you for your positive review!

"I think one of the unique aspects of Catholic education is the opportunity to care for the material and intellectual needs of the child in a community atmosphere"

- MARK FOLEY

Just a note on pickup, it is really helpful if you could walk closer to the front stairway when you pick up your child at the end of the day. We try to call students right away but it is hard to see faces at the sidewalk, especially now with the large snow banks.

My door is always open to you. I truly appreciate when parents come in to speak to me and give me suggestions or make recommendations.

Enjoy your vacation with your wonderful children!

Nancy Naimy