



Saint James the Greater Catholic School

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St. James Catholic School was the recipient of The ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS AWARD for the 2ND YEAR IN A ROW!

The criteria upon which this Award is given is that the recipient school must be in the top top 10% of all parochial, private and public schools in the state of Kansas!

What an achievement for our students, teachers, parents and for the entire St. James Parish Family!

Dear Jaguar Parents,

**CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019**

OUTSIDE RECESS AND COLD WEATHER DAYS

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS WINTER TIME...THE CHILDREN WILL BE GOING OUTSIDE FOR RECESS IF IT IS NICE OUT (SUN SHINING, ETC). THE 5TH GRADE BAND WILL WALK TO EWALT EVERYDAY, UNLESS THE WEATHER IS TOO BAD. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND YOUR CHILD(REN) IN WINTER COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION! St. James Catholic School goes along with the public school system's policy concerning outside recess on cold weather days. Whenever the temperature is 15-degrees or lower students will stay inside and play in their classroom, Community Room, or the Gymnasium, otherwise they will go outside.

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT DINNER FOR PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED

St. James Catholic School is hosting a Christmas Benefit Dinner to help parish families in need this time of year. Con Otto will be cooking and the dinner will be held from 3:00-7:00pm on Wednesday, December 12th. There is dine in or carry out available. Please call ahead for carry out orders. The menu will be Chicken Lo Mein, Egg Rolls, and there will be spaghetti available for children.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. James Catholic School Christmas Program “Caroling the Nativity” will be held in the Augusta High School Auditorium Monday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. Children should report to the commons area of the high school around 6:10pm. Thanks to Mrs. Hilton for her time devoted to our Christmas program...it is sure to be a big hit!! **The plan is for the students to go over to the Augusta High School Monday, December 17th from 9:00-11:00am for a rehearsal on stage. The students will be taken to the Augusta High School via bus for rehearsal.** The program is for Preschool through 8th grade students. All students will participate. Preschool students will sit with the Preschool teachers and staff unless otherwise stated. **BAND STUDENTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL HAVE SOME PART IN THE PROGRAM AT MRS. HILTON’S DISCRETION**

GUARDIAN ANGELS

Due to the Christmas Program on Monday, December 17th-children need to be picked up by 4:00 p.m. on this day to allow everyone time to get ready. The same late fees apply as on a normal day if your child is not picked up by 4:00pm! Thank you for your cooperation.

AFTER CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ASSISTANCE NEEDED

After the Christmas Program on Monday night, December 17th, we are seeking a couple of volunteers to help load Mrs. Hilton’s van with props. It will take approximately 15 minutes. Please let Mr. Guy know if you can assist. The items will be smaller items, nothing heavy.

CLUB NEWS:

LITTLE FLOWER GIRLS CLUB

The Little Flower Girls Club will meet Monday, December 10th from 3:15 – 4:15pm.

LITTLE WOMEN’S CLUB

The Little Women’s Club will be helping with the Christmas Benefit Dinner and Our Lady of Guadalupe lunch.

BLUE KNIGHTS BOY’S CLUB

Blue Knights Boy’s Club has been cancelled for the month of December.

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YOUR DECEMBER PRESCHOOL PAYMENTS ARE DUE!!!!

\$200.00 for AM Preschool 5 days a week.

DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Gabe Kappelmann and Mr. Guy

GABE KAPPELMANN is an amazingly gifted Jaguar student. St. Augustine said that we are citizens of earth, but also citizens of heaven! Gabe is one young man who displays that dual citizenship well. He strives to be a model student – academically and spiritually. He has a wonderful and infectious smile that comes from experiencing the joy of living as an excellent steward of his gifts and talents!

Gabe is a diligent worker who has demonstrated leadership with great respect from and for his peers. **Gabe** has a big heart and is an excellent example for all students at St. James Catholic School. **Gabe** is a wonderful child of God, who strives for perfection and serves God through his actions and words during the day. **CONGRATULATIONS GABE!**

During the month of December, the Kappelmann family may utilize the parking space in front of the school by the flag pole that is designated “Family of the Month”.

TWO FAMILIES FROM CHINA

A few years ago, Linda Liu, a professor at the University of Beijing in China, visited our school with her son Tiger. They will be coming back for another visit in late January or February. They have secured a place to stay during that time.

This time Linda is bringing a friend, that also teaches at the University of Beijing, and her daughter that is in the first grade. Those two would like to stay with a family, preferably near St. James Catholic

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School where she could walk to school. She is willing to pay a stipend – if need be. She and her daughter will stay for 3 weeks. The exact time frame isn't determined yet. However, it will be near the end of January and/or 3 weeks in February. If you are interested in hosting a family, please let Mr. Guy know in the school office.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We were notified of two school families to be adopted. These are some items to get for the families. Baby girl: winter clothes size 12 months and summer clothes size 18 months; infant girl: 0-3 month clothing and 3-6 month clothing (some winter clothing), bibs, socks, bottles, crib mattress, bedding, pacifiers, and diapers; elementary age girl: shirts and pants size 8, shoes girls size 3, hoodies size 8/10, Boxy girls dolls, Lol dolls, little hatchimals, fingerlings (large ones, not electronic), Dr. Seuss books, blanket, legos, and she like unicorns, cats and hair pretties; elementary age boy: boys shirts- short sleeve size 8/10 and long sleeve 14/16, boys pants size 14/16 (adjustable waist), shoes size 4-4 1/2, hoodies size 14/16, toys- scooter, nerf guns and accessories, boys chapter books, blanket, Harry Potter and Zelda. Gift cards for the parents from Walmart, Dillons, and gas gift cards would be greatly appreciated also. Please look for paper Angel ornaments with items written on them. The tree is placed in the school foyer with Angel ornaments listing things that have been asked for, please help out by purchasing and item or two on the Christmas Ornaments. Thank you in advance for your generosity during this Christmas Season.

DONATIONS ARE DUE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

The Annual Christmas Craft Day sponsored by the St. James PTO is being held on Friday, December 14th from 12:30-2:30pm.

We are in need of helpers!!! Please call the school office or Kelly McClure if you can help. Thank you to the St. James PTO for holding this wonderful event for the children!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PLAY/DINNER

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Please join us for a re-enactment of the visit of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Friday December 14th after 8:00am Mass and again after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 16th. On Sunday, the celebration continues in the school gym as Mexican food will be available for a donation immediately following the re-enactment. Some of our St. James School children and St. James Parish youth will perform Mexican dances for our entertainment pleasure.

SPECIAL EVENTS CONTINUED:

CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Room Mothers will need to consult with the classroom teacher to schedule treats and any activities for **Wednesday, December 19th**. **PLEASE GET WITH THE TEACHERS! THIS ALLOWS THEM TO KNOW THAT EVERYTHING IS TAKEN CARE OF.** Christmas Parties begin at 2:30pm.

Preschool party will also be on Wednesday, December 19th at 10:00am.

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

During the month of January, the Diocese of Wichita declares a “Walk in Sister’s Shoes” program. This program will benefit financially struggling schools in our Diocese. That money will help diocesan schools further Catholic education each year.

Each student will learn about Sister Katharine Drexel as part of our Walk in Sister’s Shoes effort.

St. Katharine was born into a wealthy family in 1858. Her parents taught her that their wealth was simply loaned to them by God and was meant to be shared with others, especially those in need. She grew up with over a dozen servants in her household. Her mother died just five weeks after her birth. Her Catholic father remarried, and her stepmother, Emma, had a good deal of influence on Katharine. She was very generous and gave freely to the poor.

After her stepmother died in 1883, her father took his 3 daughters to Europe. When she returned she decided to become a Sister. In 1885, her father died and left a fortune of \$15 million to his three daughters.

Eventually Katharine took her final vows and she found twelve women who wanted to work with her and she started her own order. Her congregation was known as Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People and later to be just Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

She lived to be nearly 100 years old. She donated all of her monies. When she died in 1955, the order stated that she spent over \$20 million in support of her work, building schools and

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churches, among other charities. The estate in today's current dollars would be worth 250 million dollars.

She worked and lived among the poor. With all her wealth, she lived frugally.

Even though she was raised in opulence, Blessed Katharine took seriously her vow of poverty. She used pencils until they were nubs, wrote return correspondence on the blank side of the letters she received and opened up the flaps of envelopes for notepaper. When her shoelaces snapped, she sewed them back together rather than buy a new pair. She frequently encountered the ire of train conductors on her many visits to her schools and missions because she spent as much time as possible in the day coach, which was a cheaper fare, before retiring for a few hours in the sleeper car. The savings were used to increase her tips to the black porters. Finally, where we get our theme, "Walk in Sister's Shoes" was because she wore the same pair of shoes for ten years.

In honor of Sister Katharine Drexel, we will raise money in several ways to help support our poorest of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wichita. Listed below are a few ways we will raise monies for the Walk in Sister's Shoes Program.

1. **BOOT COMPETITION** – Each classroom will have a boot in which to collect pennies and other change in it. The pennies will make the dollar amounts rise, while the silver coins and dollar bills would make the dollar amounts fall. The children will be able to put money in their boot or any other classroom boot. The competition will see who has the highest positive amount or least negative amount by the end of Catholic Schools Week on Friday, February 1st.
2. **SPECIAL JEANS DAYS**

PARENTS/RELATIVES VISITING THE SCHOOL

When parents and relatives are visiting the school, such as having lunch in the lunchroom, visiting the classrooms, or attending events in the gymnasium, school policies/guidelines will still be enforced. An example would be when a parent has lunch in the lunchroom, we will still enforce the "5 minutes of silence" so children may focus on eating their lunch and 5 minutes of silence at the end of lunch, so they can eat as much of their food as possible and not be distracted by talking to their neighbor.

LUNCH PAYMENTS ONLINE

We are able to do lunch payments online through our school website. Please do the following so that I can receive confirmation that it was paid and can apply to your child/ren's lunch account. Go to school.saintjamesaugusta.com, click the "Parents" tab, go to "Lunch Payments" and then fill out the form. This will email me that you have made a payment and I can apply that payment to the lunch account. If

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you do payments through the church website or just the payments button on the mobile website, I do not receive an email saying you have made a lunch payment, and therefore will not apply to your child/ren's lunch account. Please call me at the school office 775-5721 if you have any questions or need help navigating our school website.

VIRTUS PROGRAM – PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

What does it mean to be *Virtus* certified? This is a guarantee that all priests, religious, and lay people who work or volunteer in a Church apostolate involving contact with children and young people have participated in a live training session about the sin and crime of child sexual abuse, as well as how they can help to prevent it and respond appropriately to it. The program also provides periodic bulletins for ongoing formation in these areas. In addition, inspired by the same care for the well-being of children and young people, a presentation on safe environment is integrated into the religious education curriculum for each grade level. This is not sex education; rather, it is an age-appropriate effort to help students to recognize when adults behave in an improper manner towards them, as well as how to defend themselves and report such behavior.

CHECK GRADES THROUGH POWER SCHOOL

You and your child/ren can check grades and attendance, and register for email notifications with varying detail (All parents should currently be signed up for email notifications...if you are not receiving them, please let me know). If you haven't found your way to the site, please go to www.cdowk.powerschool.com/public. It will tell you that you will need to set up a parent login/password (each parent can set up their own account). The instructions on how to set up your single sign-on were sent home in September in your family folder along with the access #'s you will need for each of your student's. If you have already set up an account, thank you. You will only need one account for all of your children. If you have a new child to St. James this year...just go into your account and add them. **WE WOULD LIKE ALL PARENTS TO BE SIGNED UP FOR THE PARENT PORTAL...SO PLEASE GO IN AND TAKE CARE OF THIS.** This is a good way to keep up on your child's progress and lunch accounts. Teachers update their grades weekly.

If you have any questions about your login or general questions about PowerSchool, please contact Wendy in the school office. If you have questions about the grades, you can email the teachers directly by following their link on the student's access page. PowerSchool grades should be updated weekly; if not, please contact Mr. Guy in the school office. When a new quarter begins, if you do not see the grades for that quarter, please contact Wendy in the school office. There is also the Power School Mobile App that can be downloaded for your mobile device. Thank you for your cooperation!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

Fri. Dec. 7th	Choir Practice 7:30am Confessions Grades 3 rd and 5 th
Mon. Dec. 10th	Little Flower Girls Club 3:15-4:15pm Benefit Dinner Meeting 3:30pm
Tue. Dec. 11th	Friends of Augusta Student of the Month Luncheon – Noon – AHS PTO Meeting – 1:00pm Choir Practice 3:15-3:45pm
Wed. Dec. 12th	“NUT” Day Christmas Benefit Dinner for Parish Families in Need 3:00-7:00pm
Fri. Dec. 14th	Our Lady of Guadalupe Re-enactment after 8:00am Mass Confessions for Grade 4 th and 6 th -8 th Christmas Craft Day 12:30-2:30pm Childcare Available in the School Community Room if you have Christmas Shopping you would like to do. Michelle Bergkamp will take of the children from 5:30-8:00pm for a goodwill donation.
Sun. Dec. 16th	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration after 10:30am Mass; Re-enactment, lunch and dancers.
Mon. Dec. 17th	Christmas Program Practice at AHS Auditorium 9:00-11:00am Guardian Angels ends at 4:00pm Christmas Program at AHS – 6:30pm
Tue. Dec. 18th	Choir Practice 3:15-3:45pm
Wed. Dec. 19th	End of 2 nd Quarter/1 st Semester 1 st Quarter Principal’s Honor Roll Luncheon – School Community Room – 11:45-12:30/45pm Christmas Parties – 2:30pm Childcare Available in the School Community Room if you have Christmas Shopping you would like to do. Michelle Bergkamp will take of the children from 5:30-8:00pm for a goodwill donation.
Thur. Dec. 20th - Wed. Jan. 2nd	NO SCHOOL - Christmas/New Year’s Break
Wed. Jan. 2nd	Faculty Work Day
Thur. Jan. 3rd	School Resumes
Fri. Jan. 4th	2 nd Quarter Grade Cards Sent home in Family Folders
Mon. Jan. 7th	Walk In Sister’s Shoes Begins
Tue. Jan. 8th	1 st Semester Awards Assembly– Community Room St. James School Spelling Bee – approx. 15 min after 1 st Semester Awards – School Community Room Friends of Augusta Student of the Month Luncheon – 12:00pm – AHS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY CONTINUED

Wed. Jan. 9th	White Heart Rosary
Fri. Jan. 11th	AR Store Faculty Christmas Gathering
Tue. Jan. 15th	PTO Meeting – 1:00pm
Wed. Jan. 16th	“NUT” Day
Mon. Jan. 21st	NO SCHOOL – Faculty Formation Day
Wed. Jan. 23rd	VBRD Assembly for children at 2:45pm in School Community Room First Reconciliation Parents Meeting – 7:00pm
Fri. Jan. 25th	January Baptismal Celebration treats
Sat. Jan. 26th	St. James PTO Chili Dinner/Music Program/Book Fair ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES MASS 5:00pm – Church Preschool-Eighth Grades, Catholic and Non-Catholic 5:00pm Mass intentions are for the volunteers of St. James Catholic School by Mr. Guy
Sat. Jan. 26th – Fri. Feb. 1st	Catholic Schools Week (Schedule will be released during third week of January)
Mon. Jan 28th	Blue Knights Boys Club 3:15-4:15pm School Council Meeting 5:00pm Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm
Tue. Jan. 29th	Kindergarten Celebrates Kansas Day
Wed. Jan. 30th	100 th Day of School
Thur. Jan. 31st	Middle School Religion Quiz Bowl
Tue. Feb. 5th	Diocesan Spelling Bee at All Saints



Our 5th Grade Religion Quiz Bowl Team: John Kant, Madeline Kavalasuskas, Julissa Miranda, and Nathan Ebenkamp, shown with their coaches - Mr. Guy and Mrs. Clark

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VBRD ASSEMBLY
Recognizing Students Doing Virtuous Acts



I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your contributions at St. James Catholic School during the past year. Although you may not always receive the recognition deserved during the year, please know that each of you are deserving of many thanks. Thanks for the jobs you do, the time you give willingly, and most importantly, for working to make our school the best it can be.

My gift to you this Christmas is a special Mass intention for all our parents at St. James Catholic School. This Mass will be offered Saturday, January 26th at 5:00pm. I am very grateful for you sending your children to St. James Catholic School and providing stewardship for our parish school.

At this time, when the warm glow of love and friendship surrounds us all, regardless of religious beliefs, take pride in all that you have done and all that you have yet to do. The staff at St. James and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Have a nice day,

Yours in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Richard Guy – Principal
St. James Catholic School

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