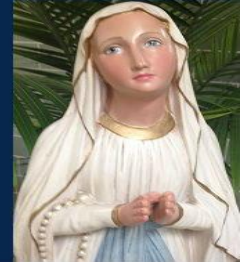


# Ss. Philip and James School News



*Twenty-fourth and fifth Weeks of School*

*February 18 and 25, 2016*

## Registration for 2016-2017 Begins Today!

Included in today's Thursday folder, you will find a great deal of information regarding registration for the 2016-2017 school year. If you have any questions regarding anything, feel free to e-mail Mr. Mitchell at [dmitche11@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dmitche11@youngstowndiocese.org) or call the school.



Now is the time to turn in the applications for the PSAS tuition assistance/ scholarship funds; in order to be eligible to earn these scholarship funds, the **form MUST be completed** and returned to the PSAS organization by **March 18**.



EdChoice is now open for re-enrollment or new enrollment; forms are available in the office – please contact Mrs. Bentzel in the school office at 854-2823.

## SPJ Students Honored at Patriot's Pen Banquet

Congratulations go out to SPJ students Grace Bentzel and Macy Bachtel; both young ladies were honored by the VFW at a formal dinner and presentation for their Patriot's Pen essays on, "What Freedom Means to Me." Out of 171 student entries from Stark, Wayne, and Tuscarawas Counties, Macy placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and Grace was the overall champion! The girls have been awarded cash prizes totaling over \$600.00!



## Math Counts Competes at Exploration Gateway

SPJ Math instructor Mrs. Mackey took her Math Counts team to a competition at Exploration Gateway. Eighth graders Garrett Weaver and Preston Mitchell both finished in the top 20 overall; other competitors at the competition include Ethan Knight, Jaden Minarcheck, Abbey Guenther, Max Grillo, Elaina Casteel, Jacob Metzger, Austin Ellerbrock, and Will Campbell. SPJ was the only school in the Diocese of Youngstown to compete, and the students represented the school like champions!

## Super Science!

The following students have earned a Superior score in our local science fair and will advanced to the District Science Fair held at Mount Union University. Congrats! Ethan Knight, Garrett Weaver, Austin Ellerbrock, Lily Conrad & Amanda Varacky, and Thomas Yingling.

### 2016 Silent Auction/ Reverse Raffle News:

\*Remember to return your Reverse Raffle Rally forms as soon as possible.

\*Dinner ticket forms went home last week; encourage friends and family to join us for this wonderful event.



### Silent Auction/Reverse Raffle Updates and Needs

Due to Spring Break and other factors regarding the venue, the auction committee is asking for dinner and reverse raffle tickets to be purchased by the **deadline of March 21st**. Please fill out your dinner ticket/raffle ticket form and return with cash or check (payable to SS. Philip and James) to the school in care of Kelly Morber or Angela Mackey, as soon as possible. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and your support of the 2016 Silent Auction/Reverse Raffle.

The auction committee is currently accepting needed donations of any size or amount such as: home decor items, sports paraphernalia, goods and services, jewelry, and hand-crafted items. Filler items are needed as well, such as nuts, chocolates, and wine etc...items used to fill in gift baskets.

Thanks to All of our SPJ Families for your help and support!

**2016 BENEFIT FISH FRY**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITTING  
**SHAWN WENZEL**  
WALSH ALUMNI AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26  
4:00PM - 7:30PM

TICKETS  
CHILD \$5  
ADULT \$10

WALSH UNIVERSITY

BARRETTE CONFERENCE CENTER

Sponsored by Walsh University Residence Life  
For more information, please contact Jared Ward, Hall Coordinator (330) 244-4844

### SPJ Summer Program – off for 2016

Due to a lack of interest, SPJ will not be able to offer the proposed Summer care program mentioned in previous newsletters and e-mails. We will do another interest inventory next winter for Summer 2017.

## Home and School News



The next Home & School meeting is Thursday March 3 @ 1:00 at SPJ.

Monday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day to turn in Box Tops!

### SPJ Collects

This is just a quick reminder that SPJ collects not only Box Tops, My Coke Rewards, and Campbell's soup labels, but we also collect Tyson chicken labels, used/ depleted ink cartridges, old cell phones, Mid's lids, Acme receipts (from Aug. through January), and electrical cords!

**Thank You!**

Special thanks go out to the Hatfield family for donating brand new playground balls to SPJ! We greatly appreciate your generosity!

## SPJ Sports



### SPJ Cheer Excels at Competition

The SPJ JV Cheer team placed second overall in the elementary division at the St. Michael Cheer Competition in Greenville. The Varsity team finished third overall in the middle school division. Maddie Grillo placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the "Middle School Jump Off," and earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in the "Tumble Off"!

### SPJ 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Team Finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tournament



This past Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders Brady Lantz, Jack Hopkins, and Nathan Walsh competed as SPJ at the 3 on 3 basketball tournament at St. Mary's. Of the numerous teams that entered, they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall!

### Western 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Plays for Championship

The Western 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team (comprised of players from St. Joan of Arc and SPJ) compete tonight for the league championship! The team defeated St. Mike's to earn their spot in the game; SPJ's varsity cheer squad will perform during half time of the game. Tip-off is at 7:45 at the Meyers Lake YMCA. Good luck, Western!



Western teammates Ethan Peterson, Joe Boron, and Preston Mitchell



Tumble Champion Maddie Grillo!

## Upcoming Events:

Mar. 3 – Home & School Meeting @ 1:00 at SPJ.  
Mar. 4 – NO SCHOOL  
May 2 – Kindergarten Screening at SPJ  
Mar. 7 – Food collection  
Mar. 14 – Spring School Pictures  
Mar. 23 – Passion Mime – 1:30 and 7:00  
Mar. 24 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

### Newly Released Dates:

May 5 – May Crowning  
May 6 – Grandparents' Day – 1:00 Mass w/ reception to follow.  
May 7 – First Communion – 1:00  
June 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 6:30 w/ reception to follow  
Aug. 23 – 2016-2017 school year begins

## Bountiful Gifts Race

Bountiful Gifts (<http://www.bountifulgifts.org/>) will be holding a 5k 10k half - walkers event on June 4th at 9am. Anyone can participate but walkers can receive place awards. Everyone receives a finisher's medal and tech shirt. See the attached flyer (electronic version).

## 2016 Holy Cross Academy Benefit Concert

We hope your family will join us for the 2016 Holy Cross Academy Benefit Concert on Monday, March 7, 2016 at Umstadt Performance Hall at the Zimmermann Symphony Center.

Last year's event was a moving experience and was the talk of our community for months! You won't want to miss this year's inspiring evening! The concert is a benefit intended for all of the schools of Holy Cross and has become a celebration of Catholic Preschool and Elementary Education in Stark County.

Every school will be represented at the concert and artwork from students at our schools will be on display during the show!

Also performing are The Salvatonos, a vocal ensemble directed by Daniel Brondel of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, members of the ensemble have performed for national and international audiences, including for Pope Francis when he visited in September.

Serving as Mistress of Ceremonies is Dana Scallon, Christian artist from Ireland, who has performed for two popes and wrote the theme song for World Youth Day in Colorado. What an impressive repertoire of performers we have for our annual benefit concert!

Please plan to attend in order to support our school, visit [www.cantonsymphony.org](http://www.cantonsymphony.org) or visit the Canton Symphony box office for tickets.

