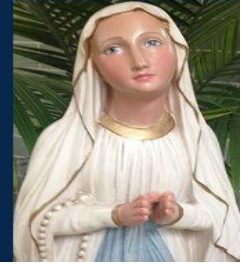


Ss. Philip and James School News



Thirty-second week of School

April 14, 2016

SPJ Environment Club

You are Invited to the SPJ Environmental Club
When: Monday, April 25 @ 3:30-4:30
Where: Mrs. Montgomery's Room
Who: All students grades K-8



Why: To help SPJ become an environmentally friendly school and to have FUN!

Mrs. Montgomery Wins the Golden Apple!



SPJ's very own Mrs. Montgomery won the most prestigious teacher award in the Diocese of Youngstown this year, the Golden Apple Award! Mrs. Montgomery's tireless dedication to the school was recognized, and her accomplishment was celebrated with her students last week. She wins a plaque and a \$5,000 prize. Mrs. Montgomery is a true gem, and we are lucky to have her here at SPJ!



SPJ wins \$5,500 Grant

SPJ was just recently awarded a \$5,500 grant from the Bishop Malone Foundation Grant of the Diocese of Youngstown. The funds will be used to buy 20 new Google Chromebooks and charging ports for our school!



St. Mary to host 7th / 8th Dance

St. Mary School in Massillon will be hosting a junior high dance on April 15th from 7:00-9:00 and SPJ students are invited. Mark your calendar!

SPJ Third Quarter Honor Roll

8th Grade:

Jay Aaron
Grace Bentzel*
Juliana Colant*
Abbey Guenther
Lexie Howell
Ethan Knight
Preston Mitchell*
Garret Weaver*

7th Grade:

Macy Bachtel
Elaina Casteel*
Kayla Johnson*
Brock Stropki

6th Grade:

Tristin Bonnot
Max Grillo
Benjamin
Hopkins*
Jacob Metzger

*= Straight A's



SPJ Pre-owned Uniform Sale

The 2016 pre-owned uniform sale will be on two days on **Sunday, May 29** (time to be announced) and again on **Tuesday, May 31** late afternoon/evening (time to be announced). The students will be permitted to wear non-uniform clothes for the last week of school.

More specific information on how to participate will be forthcoming.

Donations can be brought to the social hall the week before the sale.



SPJ Leads Decal Challenge

SPJ is the current leader of all the schools in Holy Cross Academy in the decal challenge; let's not rest on our laurels – St. Peter is a close second! If you have not participated in the challenge, directions are attached to e-mail version of this newsletter.

Home & School Association Information

New Box Tops Competition: Start sending in those box tops in baggies with your child's name & homeroom – we've started a new homeroom competition!

Ink cartridges: We are also leading a drive for old ink cartridges to be sent in and recycled – SPJ earns funds through this!

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on a Sunday in May – date to be announced.

Upcoming Events:

April 15: 7th and 8th Grade Dance at St. Mary (7:00-9:00 PM)

April 16: Confirmation Retreat

April 17: Parish Pot Luck – 5:00

April 18-22: IOWA Testing

April 28: Confirmation

May 2: Kindergarten Screening at SPJ

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.

May 6: Grandparents' Day – 1:00 Mass w/ reception to follow.

May 7: First Communion – 1:00

May 9-13: ACRE Testing

May 12: May Crowning

May 19: Sports Boosters' Club Banquet

June 1: 8th Grade Graduation – 6:30 w/ reception to follow

Aug. 23: 2016-2017 school year begins

MINT GUM or MINTS

Your students have permission to enjoy mints or mint gum during standardized testing.



SS. Philip and James Parish Pot Luck

All SPJ Parishioners: you are invited to our Parish Potluck Sponsored by your Parish Council. Please join us on **Sunday April**

17th at 5 pm in the Social Hall. Come renew old friendships and make new friendships. Bring your favorite casserole or dish to share. Table service, plates, and drinks will be provided. All those who come will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Walmart gift card. Bring games to play or just come to socialize. It will be a fun time for all. Hope to see you there. Any questions please contact Julie

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Holy Cross Academy Sports Programs

With a commitment to developing the whole individual, the Holy Cross Academy athletic program promotes Catholic values of faith, humility, fairness, charity, and to lead by example. These values are embedded in our athletic programs where our children learn teamwork, sportsmanship, how to compete, and life lessons. Our goal is to teach Catholic Values through sports with a focus on good sportsmanship and leadership. All students are encouraged to participate, and no one is cut from our teams.

- **1st and 2nd grade programs** are fun while introducing students to a sport.
- **3rd and 4th grade** continues development of basic skills while introducing a game environment.
- **5th and 6th grade sports** allows students to be competitive in games while developing athletic abilities and understanding concepts of teamwork and leadership.
- **7th and 8th grade** is our most competitive level. Our students compete against other Catholic and public middle school teams. At this level, there is a great deal of focus on individual development in a team environment. We are teaching more than just athletic skills. Here is where we challenge the individual to grow as a person; to be a strong, vocal leader. We prepare our students for high school competition.

Football Program:

- **1st and 2nd grade** flag football is a 6 week parish program beginning the first week of school teaching the fundamentals of football.
- **3rd and 4th grade** flag football is an 8 week program. Practices start 2 weeks before the first day of school. The teams play a 6 week schedule. The league is set up to promote fun competition.
- **5th and 6th grade** tackle football starts mandatory practice at the beginning of August. They play a 6 game schedule in the Tri County Youth football league. Playoffs follow the regular season. The season ends mid-October.
- **7th and 8th grade** football starts mandatory practice at the beginning of August. Teams will usually participate in 1 scrimmage and 8 games. The season ends late October. Our teams continue the tradition of catholic school rivalry while filling our schedule with local public school teams.

Cheerleading Program:

For a great way to show school spirit, join our cheerleading programs. In the Fall, we have cheerleaders at all grades cheering for our football programs.

Volleyball Program:

Our volleyball program participates at Elite Sports Ltd., located in Uniontown. Elite schedules meet for our schools against teams from Portage, Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne Counties.

-3rd and 4th grade volleyball is an 8 week program. 4 weeks of practices starting around mid-August. The season is 4 weeks long, playing Sunday nights in at least 3 modified matches.

-5th and 6th grade volleyball starts mandatory practice at the beginning of August. The season is 7 weeks long, 6 weeks of matches and then a championship match.

-7th and 8th grade volleyball starts mandatory practice at the beginning of August. The season begins around mid-August and ends early November. Our teams schedule up to 20 competitive matches on 16 playing dates plus one post-season tournament.

Golf Program:

Our Golf program is for grade 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. The season consists of about 7 matches starting around early September and ending around late October. The 5th and 6th grade groups play a 6 hole match.

Cross Country Program:

Our Cross Country Program is for grades 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Mandatory practice begins at the beginning of August and ends at the beginning of November. Our teams are allowed to participate in up to 12 contests. Our team participates in 2 major meets at the end of the year; the Junior High State Championship Meet and the Ohio Athletic Committee Championship Meet.

If you have any questions, please contact me at athletics@stpaulincanton.org.

Rod Baca
SPS AD,

If your student would be interested in participating in one of the above fall sports, please write to Mr. Mitchell @ dmitchell@youngstowndiocese.org to express your interest.



The 5th & 6th SPJ Grade girls volleyball team won their third match last night, making them undefeated this season!

Preschool Parents: Be sure not to drive behind the school grounds when dropping off your children – this is a safety hazard; please park in the standard locations and walk them to the preschool.

PICTURE NEWS: Spring pictures are coming home today – please either send in payment or return the pictures to the school