

December 15, 2023



SJS Families,

Thank you to all who made time in their busy schedules to volunteer to be with the students so the staff and teachers can enjoy a nice Christmas Luncheon today. We are so appreciative of your generosity as well in donating prizes for our raffle.

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas!



Congratulations to our students who received their First Reconciliation at Saint James Church last evening! May you always know God's loving mercy for you!



Tuesday, December 19: Students may wear Christmas sweaters, accessories, and/or socks with uniform bottoms. Kindergarten and First grade may wear pajamas to celebrate their successful pajama drive. They collected 131 pajamas for children in need for their class service project.

Saint James School will be **closed** for Christmas Break from Wednesday, December 20-January 2. We wish all our SJS families a most blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

SPIRIT STORE opening soon! First chance in 2024 for some new St James School gear! The link will be sent, and the store will be open January 3rd-15th.

Volunteer Opportunity! Join us at TK Stone Pool Jan 5, 2024 7-8 PM to record swim times. Stop watches will be provided. One Service Hour. This would be ideal for a Middle School/ High School aged student.

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2024 Senator Joe Prather Distinguished Alumni Recipient

Congratulations to Deacon Bill Clark who has been named the recipient of the 2024 Senator Joe Prather Distinguished Alumni Award. Deacon Bill was born on March 20, 1948 in Elizabethtown. He attended St. James Catholic School and Elizabethtown Catholic High School graduating in 1966. He is a lifelong member of St. James Catholic Church and has practiced his faith in his home parish for 75 years. He was ordained to the Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Louisville in 1996 and has served as a Deacon for twenty-seven years. He has served on Parish Administration Staff, the Finance council, the Formation Committee, and the Archdiocesan personnel board of the Diaconate. He and his wife, Nicki, have taught religious education classes, marriage preparation classes

and led Christian Awakening Retreats. He and his wife were instrumental in bringing couple to couple marriage sponsorship program to St. James. Bill has enshrined a love of catholic education in his children and grandchildren and has contributed to the school by serving on the PTO, the School Board, and the building committee.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 2023 to honor an attendee of Saint James Catholic School for outstanding achievement. This year, there were 7 nominations received and reviewed by committee. The award will be presented at the annual Black & White Knight event at Saint James Catholic School on Saturday, February 3, 2024.



***All ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets must be returned by January 12th. See attached flyer for golf cart specs.**

Thank you to the families who have already returned their sold raffle tickets! Currently we are just over **10%** of the way to our goal with 300 tickets sold.

The 11th Annual Black and White Knight event will be held February 3, 2024 at St. James School. This event is the primary fundraiser for the school. Through this and other fundraisers, we are able to offset core school expenditures like teacher salaries, student and faculty resources, athletics, and extra-curricular activities. This keeps our tuition affordable, provides students with unique opportunities, and enhances the quality of education we are providing.

We ask each family to sell the three \$20 tickets provided to earn a *Choose Your Shoes Day* for your family. Teachers and Faculty who sell three tickets also receive a jeans day.

If you'd like to receive additional tickets to sell over the break and help us reach our goal, please contact the Raffle Chair, Courtney Fleck, at courtney.r.fleck@gmail.com or stop by the school office.

With your help, we can make this the best year yet!

