



# Cougar Call Weekly News

Newsletter 2, August 28, 2014

Thank you for being so diligent with our car lines. They are running very smoothly and safely. Most of the children are all picked up within 5 - 10 minutes. Thank you, too, for attending Great Expectations for parents of grades K - 8 students. We appreciate your interest in the school and what your children will be learning and doing. In this week's Thursday folder, you will find information about our new *Today's Tips for Parents* and *School Success Ideas for Parents* that can be found at the bottom of the front page of our website. *Today's Tips for Parents* changes daily and provides quick helpful hints.

**Our first fundraiser, World's Finest Chocolate, will begin on Thursday, September 4, and end on September 25.** Last year, we raised almost \$14,000 for our athletic department and many other programs at the school. More information about this event can be found in this Thursday's packet.

**We would like to thank Mr. Kenneth Patek who donated funds in memory of his daughter Jenna Patek.** This donation will allow us to expand our mobile iPad lab to add 10 more iPads, bringing us to a total of 20 iPads for classroom use, 2 mobile iPad charging carts, and 20 iPad cases. We are also getting 2 document cameras and a mobile laptop charging cart for school use. **Thank you, Mr. Patek!**

Please join us for our PTC Spirit Night at 6:00 P.M. on the school campus. This should be a fun time for all! Lastly, come cheer on our Lady Cougars at their first volleyball games against St. Peter Prince on Tuesday, September 2 (an AWAY game) and at HOME against Rolling Hills on Wednesday, September 3. The B team plays at 4:30, and the A team plays at 5:30. Our first flag football game will be an AWAY game against St. James, San Antonio, on Monday, September 8, at 5:00. *Go, Cougars!* Have a restful Labor Day weekend and no school on Monday, September 1.

God bless you!

*Dr. Cindy Cummins, Principal*

## DTC News

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, donations and help as we begin this new school year.

**On Saturday, September 6, 2014, beginning at 6:00 pm, the school will be having our Spirit Night.** This event will be held on the school grounds; therefore, we ask you to please bring lawn chairs/blankets to sit on and repellent. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

### UPCOMING CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **1<sup>st</sup> PTC Meeting:** September 8, in the cafeteria/parish hall, at 6:00pm.
- **Spirit Night:** September 6, on school playground, at 6:00pm. Assistance is needed for set-up, clean-up, serving, and donations. If anyone is interested in donating for this event, please contact Lynda Ploetz; 830-305-1525 or Cynthia Polanco 210-387-8677.

## Other School News

- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ST. JAMES SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE WORKERS. PLEASE CALL OR COME BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO APPLY, 830-379-2878.**
- **St. James 4H Club:** Welcome to the new 4H year!  
**Meeting Change:** St. James 4H club has had to change our meeting date in September due to Labor Day and some sporting events. Our September meeting will be on September 9th in the cafeteria; arrival starts at 5:45 and meeting will start promptly at 6pm. Please bring a friend or come if you would like to join. We look forward to seeing you there! -Jill Boothe

### Other School News (continued)

- **You'll Find New Ideas for Parents Every Day on Our School Website!** Helping a child do well in school is one of our biggest jobs as parents. And now you can get help right on our school website! **Every day, 365 days a year, you'll find a new "Tip for Parents," a new "Idea of the Day," and hundreds of other ideas.** They're all designed to help you help your children do better in school. **Have a question you'd like to ask? Try the "Search" option in the "School Success Ideas for Parents" section.** On your Internet browser, just go to the Web address below. Click on the "Today's Tip for Parents" or the "School Success Ideas for Parents" buttons. **Here's the website address: [www.sjcstx.org](http://www.sjcstx.org)**
- **Yearbook Sale!** Yearbooks for 2013-2014 are in and available for purchase in the school office for \$30.00 each. Please stop by and pick yours up today!
- **Reminder: Please do not leave children unattended in vehicles or leave your vehicles running unattended.** Thank you for keeping our students and campus safe!
- Junior Master Gardeners Club began this week. Please see the attached flyers if you and your child are interested in joining.
- **Hope for the Future Fundraiser: Tuesday, September 9, from 4:00pm – 9:00pm at Peter Piper Pizza.** Please see the attached flyer for more details.
- **CALENDAR CHANGE:**
  - **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 WILL BE A NOON DISMISSAL**
  - **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 WILL BE A FULL DAY.**

### Support Our Parishes!

#### St. James Catholic Church,

- **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:** Classes begin Sunday, September 14. Please see the attached letter and schedule from Father Dennis, Father Greg, and Sister Cal.
- **Fall Festival, September 27 & 28, at the Seguin Events Complex.** Raffle tickets available in the church office or through a church parishioner.

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Bazaar, *August 30 - 31 at the Seguin Events Complex*

### Upcoming Events

#### Thursday, August 28

- Great Expectations, 6-8, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Cafeteria/Parish Hall

#### Friday, August 29

- 8:00 am Mass, led by Grade 8

#### Monday, September 1

- Labor Day
- **NO SCHOOL**

#### Tuesday, September 2

- Safe Environment Training, 6:00pm, Family Center Meeting Room 1
- Volleyball Game, St. Peter Prince, AWAY, B-Girls 4:30, A-Girls-5:30

#### Wednesday, September 3

- Father Dennis' Birthday!
- Nursing Home Mass, Middle School and Kindergarten, 10:00am, Hacienda Oaks
- Volleyball Game, Rolling Hills, HOME, B-Girls- 4:30, A-Girls-5:30

#### Thursday, September 4

- Nursing Home Mass, Grades 3 and 5, 10:00am, Guadalupe Valley

#### Friday, September 5

- 8:00am Mass, led by Grade 7

#### Saturday, September 6

- Spirit Night, 6:00pm

#### Monday, September 8

- PTC General Meeting, 6:00pm in the Cafeteria/Parish Hall
- Flag Football Game. AWAY. St. James-SA. 5:00pm



## St. James Catholic Church

510 S. Camp St.  
Seguin, TX 78155  
(830) 379-1796

August 26, 2014

Dear Parents:

We would like to invite your family to participate in the Family Formation Program at St. James. It's an excellent opportunity for your family to build connections and friendships and to grow in faith as a family.

Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller is asking families in every parish to participate in this special program.

The Family Faith Formation program will be offered twice a month on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., beginning on Sept. 14. Please see the schedule on the other side of this page. The schedule also includes the main topic of each month's sessions.

The program is designed for entire families (including parents). Presentations, discussion and activities will be geared to adults and to children and teens in age-appropriate groups.

We really want to encourage you to consider participating. The prayer and spiritual life of your family is very important to us. We feel that this is so important that the parish has paid the fee for school families to participate. If you can make a commitment to these Sunday gatherings, we are convinced that you will see a difference in your family's relationship to Christ and to each other.

The program is free to you. Please sign up with Sr. Cal (830-379-7689 or [cleopold@saintjamescc.org](mailto:cleopold@saintjamescc.org)) or call for more information.

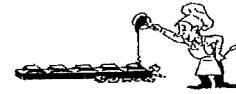
Sincerely,

Fr. Dennis Darilek  
Pastor

Fr. Greg Neclud  
Parochial Vicar

Sr. Cal Leopold, OSF  
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# St. James Catholic School



Dear Parents,

We are about to undertake an important fund-raising project selling **World's Finest Chocolate**. We hope you will join our efforts for a 3 week sale beginning on September 4, 2014 to raise money for our school.

We are asking each student to sell **2 cases (60 items)**. We will be selling 2 variety packs which feature an assortment of World's Finest Chocolates: milk chocolate with almond bars, caramel bars, crisp bars, mint meltaways, caramel whirls and continental almonds. Each item sells for \$2.00. Our school will profit 50% from each item sold.

**WHEN:** Our sale **BEGINS** on Sept. 4, 2014 and **ENDS** on Sept. 25, 2014.

## Incentives!!!

This is a family project, so we encourage the whole family to participate by taking the chocolates out into the community, to work, and to neighbors, family and friends.

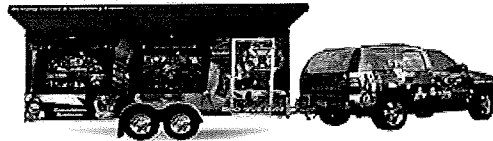
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**Sell 2 cases** -- get a FREE DRESS DAY

**Sell 3 cases** -- Get invited to participate in the GAMES2U GAME TRUCK AND LASER TAG (at school)



**3 Drawings for \$15 King Ranger Movie Theater Gift Card**-one entry for every case sold that week

Drawing Dates:

Monday 9-8-14

Monday 9-15-14

Monday 9-22-14

WOW!

## Top Seller Prizes

1st Prize- \$100 Visa Gift Card

2nd Prize- \$75 Visa Gift Card

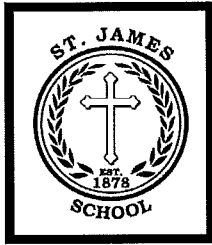
3rd Prize- \$50 Visa Gift Card

**Top Selling class (based on percentage) will win a Pizza and a Movie Party!**

**Top Seller in each grade level will receive a 1 pound chocolate bar!**

**ALL MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN BY 9-25-14 TO QUALIFY FOR TOP PRIZES**

**Prizes will be awarded on 9-29-14.**



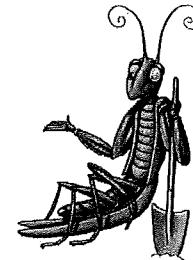
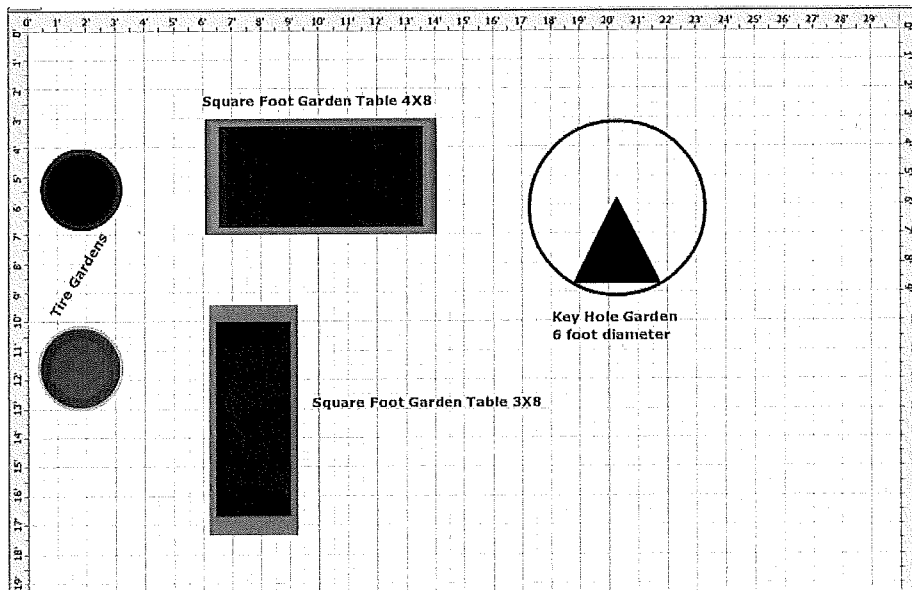
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August 27, 2014

Saint James Catholic School offers an after school gardening club for elementary grades. The club focuses on water conservation, recycling, and organic gardening techniques. We use the Junior Master Gardening Curriculum which emphasizes and strengthens science and math concepts while offering fun outdoor activities.

This year we are putting in 2 standard raised beds, 1 key hole composting garden, and 2 tire beds:



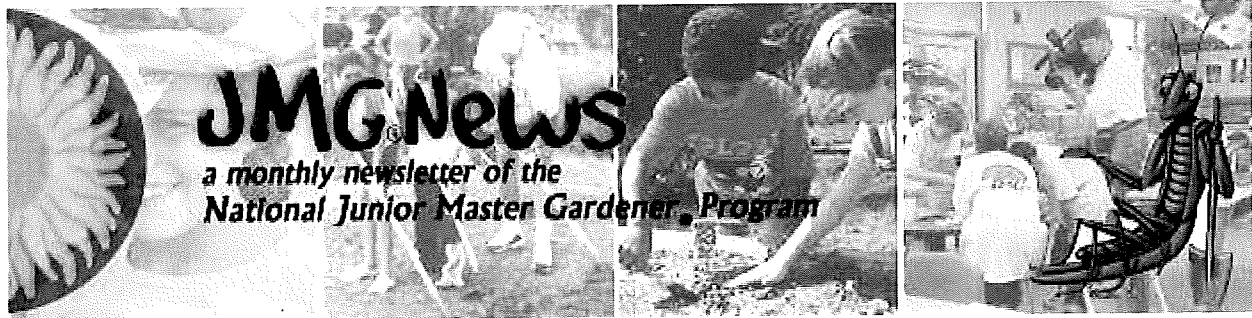
We would greatly appreciate donations and help with the following items:



- 25 feet of reed fencing
- 12 concrete blocks
- 2 (8 X 6 X 1) cedar planks
- 10 (2X2X8) wood beams
- 1 roll of weed fabric
- 6 cubic yards of compost

Sincerely,

Lo-Ra Dick  
Guadalupe County Master Gardener youth garden coordinator



**This week kicks off the gardening club activities for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders.**

- We will meet Thursday @ 3:30 - 4:30
- I pick up all children at aftercare. They will not charge you for the 15 minutes that the children are there. It is safer for me to gather them in one location. We have activities in multiple locations around the campus, so we always start at aftercare.
- We will end our activities in front of the 1st grade room or at the family center. If you cannot pick up your child at 4:30, I will return your child to aftercare. Please check with the school office regarding the after school policy.
- Kids get dirt on them. We actually encourage getting a *little* dirty. As a parent of 4 children I have decided that dirt must be good (if you can't beat them join them), besides it washes out. However, if we have activities for painting I will provide smocks.

**If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up please contact me. I will need the following information:**

- **child's name**
- **age**
- **grade**
- **food allergies?**
- **parent's name/ email address/ phone number**

There is a cost for the JMG book (\$ 15.00). We will use it throughout the year. **If they have one from last year they do not have to repurchase it.** I do not collect money for this. Parents must buy it online directly as I do not have any remaining copies.

The Junior Master Gardening Handbook for kids can be found at  
Texas A&M Extension Book Store (new)

<http://www.agrilifebookstore.org/product-p/b-6082.htm>

You could buy this on Amazon (used ??)

<http://www.amazon.com/Junior-Master-Gardener-Handbook-Level/dp/0967299004>

Looking forward to a fun year,

Lo-Ra Dick

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# St. James Catholic School

Join us at any Peter Piper Pizza and support the

**Archdiocese of San Antonio  
Hope for the Future**

**Tuesday, September 9 • 4 - 9 PM**

Mention your school or present this flyer and

# 15%

of your purchase will be rebated to the cause.

Pizza Party for the class with the most participation.

Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

# Peter Piper Pizza

## San Antonio

3131 S.E. Military Dr.      4474 Fredericksburg Rd.      8250 Marbach Rd.  
(210) 357-9238      (210) 732-1166      (210) 674-7008

5610 W. Loop 1604 N.      8134 Agora Parkway      803 S.W. Military Dr.  
(210) 681-1954      (210) 658-1541      (210) 922-8382

4811 W. Commerce      6965 Bandera Rd.      5723 N. Foster  
(210) 432-6025      (210) 543-7118      (210) 661-9500

## New Braunfels

1286 Interstate Hwy 35 North  
(830) 608-1040

**Don't forget to purchase your tokens at the register.**

Please mention school or present this flyer at time of purchase. Valid Tuesday, 9/9/14 only.