



# Cougar Call Weekly News

Newsletter 5, September 18, 2014

Our first fundraiser, World's Finest Chocolate, is going very well, and three classes have almost reached or exceeded 100% of their goals! We ordered an extra 60 boxes and hope to sell these in addition to our original order. If you would like more chocolate, just send back the money, \$60.00 per case, and we'll be happy to send home more chocolate. If you don't think you can sell what you have, please return it so that others can sell it. The incentives for selling are listed on the flyers that have gone home in the past Thursday folders. The chocolate sale ends Sept. 25. We really appreciate your support in this fundraising project, which will benefit all our children.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the St. James Church second collection that benefits St. James School. We received \$1,239.84 in July and \$1,330.02 in August. This weekend are the Stewardship and second collection Masses. Students who come to St. James Church in uniform at any of the weekend Masses and offer to help with ushering, offertory, bulletins, etc. will receive an Out of Uniform Day on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Thank you to our Middle School students and teachers who will be assisting at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. on September 21.

Progress reports will be sent home on Thursday, September 25. This year you will receive both a hard copy and an e-mailed copy of your child's progress report and report card. Next year, we shall go to e-mailed progress reports and report cards. Please sign and return the hard copy to your child's teacher.

Please check to see that your child comes to school in the correct uniform each day. Just a reminder that socks need to be plain white or navy CREW or knee socks (girls) and plain white CREW socks for boys; no golf, quarter length, no show socks, or embellishments are allowed. BELTS are necessary if the pants or shorts have belt loops. School PATCHES are required to be sewn on shirts. Shirt tails need to be tucked in, and girls' skirts need to be at the knee and shorts/skorts no shorter than two inches above the knee. Please see the *Parent/Student Handbook* on pp. 50-52 for details. Students will be reminded, and then they will receive infractions if they continue to come out of uniform.

We have rescheduled our Spirit Day for Tuesday, Sept. 30, and will be sending home the Spirit t-shirts today. We also have a Favorite Teams Jersey and jeans OOU Day for \$1.00 scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 24. Proceeds from this will benefit our chapter of National Junior Honor Society. Our volleyball and football teams are both having a good season. The schedules are listed on the school website [www.sjcstx.org](http://www.sjcstx.org). Go, Cougars!

*Blessings,*

*Dr. Cindy Cummins, Principal*

## PTC News

All PTC credits will be updated in Ren Web by Monday, September 22, 2014. We apologize for the delay. A separate email will be sent with instructions explaining how to access your credits on Ren Web.

An email will also be sent with the sign-up sheets to assist with the children's games at the upcoming St. James Parish Festival and SJS PTC Hamburger Booth at the Guadalupe County Fair. There are a few time slots still open. If you would like to sign up, the contact information will be noted on the email.

### UPCOMING CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES:

- PTC General Meeting, Tuesday, October 14, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall/Cafeteria. We hope to see you there!
- Church festival on September 27 and 28 at the Seguin Events Center.
- SJS PTC Hamburger Booth at the Guadalupe County Fair, October 9-12, 2014.

## 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.**

## Other School News (continued)

- **LIBRARY NEWS:** As part of its enrichment program in Reading, St. James subscribes to Renaissance Learning, more popularly known as Accelerated Reader, whereby students, teachers, and now parents, can monitor their "outside reading" activity by taking an online quiz at school on books they have read. Included in today's packet is an informational letter for parents/guardians that gives instructions on how parents can be included. Please contact the school library or your child's teacher if you have questions.
- **PSIA:** Forms for students to sign up for PSIA should be going home with students soon. We encourage students to sign up for all the contests in which they are interested in competing in. St. James has had a very strong PSIA Academic program, and we hope to become even better. District competition will be on our St. James campus on March 21, 2015.
- **JCDA:** Attached is a flyer for all girls ages 6 - 18 interested in joining JCDA.
- **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!
- **CALENDAR CHANGES:**
  - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, WILL BE A NOON DISMISSAL.
  - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, WILL BE A FULL DAY.
- **Congratulations to First Grader, Will Dugi, for winning the second of three King Ranger Gift Cards in the Chocolate Sale Raffle!**

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, September 20-Sunday, September 21

- Stewardship Mass and Second Collection Weekend

### Monday, September 22

- Chocolate Raffle, #3
- Football Game, AWAY, vs. St. James (SA)

### Tuesday, September 23

- Noon Dismissal
- Cafeteria Closed

### Wednesday, September 24

- OOU Day: Favorite Team, \$1.00, NJHS
- Volleyball Game, HOME, vs. St. Mary Magdalen  
B-Girls: 4:30pm, A-Girls: 5:30pm
- School Council Meeting at 6:00pm in Family Center Meeting Room 1

### Thursday, September 25

- Chocolate Sale Ends, ALL MONEY DUE!
- Progress Reports Go Home

### Friday, September 26

- 8:00am Mass led by Grade 4

### Saturday, September 27

- St. James Church Fall Festival, 6:00pm-10:00pm, at the Seguin Events Center

### Sunday, September 28

- Mrs. Marek's Birthday!
- Mrs. Arce's Birthday!
- St. James Church Fall Festival, 11:00am-6:00pm, at the Seguin Events Center

### Monday, September 29

- Chocolate Awards, 2:30pm
- Dr. Hermes' Birthday!

### Tuesday, September 30

- Spirit Day Dress
- Volleyball Game, HOME, vs. St. James(SA), B-Girls: 4:30am, A-Girls: 5:30am

### Wednesday, October 1

- Nursing Home Mass, Seguin Assisted Living, 11:00am, Grades 5 and 2

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The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, JCDA

Our Lady of the Angels Court, #2502

Invites girls between the ages of

6 to 18 and their Moms

To join us on

September 21, 2014

After the 10:00 am Mass

At the CDA House

For food, fellowship, fun, and learning how we serve others

(Delicious light brunch provided by the CDA Court)

What does JCDA do?

- We participate in baking cookies at the CDA House for Nursing Home residents
  - We go Spring Caroling
  - We help by singing at the CDA's Stations of the Cross
  - We help with the Angel's Gift Shop
- We collect stuffed animals for the Blue Santa Program at Christmas
  - And assist the CDA court with other activities

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If interested, please print, cut out on line, and return to Mrs. Susan Jasek (Middle School teacher) by Friday,  
September 19, 2014

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending on Sunday, September 21, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_