



Cougar Call Weekly News

Newsletter 23, February 19, 2015

Congratulations to eighth grader Maddie Schaefer and seventh grader Damian Carreon who won second and third places respectively in the 2014-2015 District VFW Patriots Pen Essay Contest. The topic was "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans," and they wrote beautiful essays. Thank you to the VFW and to Mrs. Susan Jasek for sponsoring the middle school students in this competition. Congratulations, too, to second grader Megan Ohnheiser for being one of the ten winners in grades 1-5 at the Elementary Art Show sponsored by the Seguin Art League. Way to go, Megan! Also, thank you to all who use their Target Red Card (Target credit card), which gives back 1% of purchases at Target to our school. We recently received \$64.60 from Target's Take Charge of Education. If you have a Target Red Card, you can designate St. James School as the recipient of the 1% by going to www.target.com/tcoe and designating our school as your recipient.

Please remember that the morning car line drop off at the elementary area is for **DROP OFF ONLY**. If you want to walk your child, talk to someone, or get out of the car for any reason, you need to park in the Family Center parking lot. Please do NOT park on the right hand side of the street on Camp. If you do, you have totally blocked off access down the street. Please abide by these simple rules for the safety of the children and for access for the drivers who need to drive on Camp Street.

Online registration has begun! You should have received an e-mail with a link to registration. When you click on the link, you'll receive instructions for completing registration. Please remember to pay your registration fee of \$395 (K-8) or \$250 (PK2 - PK4) in the school office. The Early Bird Discount (\$20 voucher) for registration and at least one paid registration fee ends on Friday, February 27, and all registration and at least one fee are due by Friday, March 6, to save your spot and be eligible for tuition scholarship. Our primary grades fill up quickly; please don't wait to register.

If you wish to apply for tuition scholarship, the 2015-2016 for the Future application for tuition scholarship, the St. James Scholarship, and the Glenewinkel Scholarship are all now online. The priority date for Hope for the Future is March 15, and the Glenewinkel is due March 18. Go to www.sjcstx.org and look under "Admissions---2015-2016 Registration." The first round of scholarship money will be distributed in April. To be eligible for tuition scholarships, your applications must be in by the 15th of the month prior to distribution. Four or five rounds of Hope for the Future and St. James tuition scholarships will be given from April to August. The earlier you apply, the more the funds are available for distribution. Please remember, in order to receive tuition scholarships 1) you must have registered for next year, and 2) your account must be current. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

The school will celebrate Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:30 PM during Lent. Additionally, JCDA and CDA will be conducting Stations tomorrow at 6:30, followed by a Soup Supper. Good luck to our fourth grade *Innovate, Create, and Discover* team that competes this Saturday in San Antonio!

Blessings,

Dr. Cindy Cummins, Principal

Important Service Credit Information

REMINDER: April is the last month to earn school service credits. Please read the "Service Credits Opportunities" section of the Cougar Call each week to know of ways your family can earn credits before the cut off. Please remember, you can earn one service credit for each PTC meeting you attend.

Thursday After Ash Wednesday

*Lord,
Let everything I do this day and in this
season of Lent come from you, be inspired
by you.*

*Help me to remember that nothing is
important in my life unless it glorifies you
in some way. It's so easy to get caught up
in the day to day of my life and keep saying,
"Tomorrow, I will spend more time in
prayer," but now my longing meets your love
and I want to do it now.*

*Help me to rely on you for help. The prayer
asks you that I reach perfection.
Please, Lord, remind me that "perfection"
isn't "successful" way I try to live my
life, but a perfection of my most authentic,
real self. My "perfection" might be holding
my many flaws in my open hands, asking
you to help me accept them. Heal me, Lord,
and help me to find you in this Lenten
season.*

*Let me reach out in this time and feel your
hand and love there to guide me.*

Amen.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 19

- Meeting for Parents of Students in Grade 5 – 7 about next year's sports

Friday, February 20

- 8:00am Mass led by Grade 8
- Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm
- CDA/JCDA Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, with soup supper served in the Parish Hall/Cafeteria afterward

Monday, February 23-Wednesday, February 25

- Parish Lenten Mission, 6:30pm

Thursday, February 26

- School Council Meeting, 6:00pm in the Family Center

February, February 27

- Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm
- Early Bird Registration Ends
- Knights of Columbus with Eighth Grade Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm with soup supper served in the Parish Hall/Cafeteria afterward

Monday, March 2

- Dr. Cummins' Birthday!
- PTC General Meeting, 6:00pm in the Cafeteria/Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 3

- Safe Environment Training, 6:00pm, Family Center Meeting Room 1

Wednesday, March 4

- Nursing Home Mass, Grades 4 and 5K, 11:00am, Argent Court

Thursday, March 5

- Nursing Home Mass, Grades 5 and 3, 11:00am, Remarkable

Sunday, March 8

- Daylight Savings Time Begins