

St. James' News, February 12, 2010

Dear St. James' Parents:

Here are current announcements from our School:

NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 15

There is no school Monday, February 15 in honor of Presidents' Day.

ASH WEDNESDAY CHAPEL

Parents are welcome to join our Ash Wednesday All-School Chapel with imposition of ashes February 17 at 8:45 a.m. You are encouraged to bring a donation of dried or canned food for the food pantry.

IN-N-OUT LUNCH

Our next In-N-Out Lunch will be Thursday, February 18. Parents are invited to join their child to eat a burger and support our school. Please consider buying an additional burger for \$3.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT

In celebration of Black History month, Mrs. Gamboa, Jordan Franklin's mother, has set up a wonderful President Obama display in the LMC (Library/Media Center). Please stop by to view it when you have a chance.

AUTHOR VISITS

Oliver Chin, author of *The Year of the Tiger* and other books in the Chinese Zodiac series, will come to St. James' to present to Kindergarten through Grade Two Friday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. in St. James' Hall.

His books are on display in the LMC (Library/Media Center). Caroline Arnold, author of *A Polar Bear's World* and over 140 other books, will present to Kindergarten through Grade Six on March 3.

PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Join other St. James' parents for a lively and animated discussion of best-selling author Marcus Borg's *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith - How We Can Be Passionate Believers Today*. We meet the following Tuesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Parish

Meeting Room (2nd Floor, Parish Building): February 9 & 23, March 9, April 12 & 27, May 11 & 25.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLY

Parents are welcome to attend our all-school assembly in honor of African-American History Month Tuesday, February 23 from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. in St. James' Hall. The theme for the assembly will be the country and people of Haiti.

PAN-AFRICAN FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL

In celebration of Black History Month, we encourage you to take your family to the 18th Annual Pan-African Film and Arts Festival in Culver City, which includes a children's festival this weekend. For more information and a schedule go to www.paff.org.

EARLY DISMISSAL FEBRUARY 24

There will be early dismissal Wednesday, February 24 for a Professional Development day for faculty and staff. You may pick up your child early or take advantage of our after-school programs on the playing field.

AROUND-THE-WORLD EVENT

We are looking for volunteer parents to bring in a dish from another country and to bring in exhibit items for our Around-the-World Event, March 10-12. Look for the flyer which will go home next week with more information and sign-up sheets.

SCIENCE FAIR 2010

Our annual Science Fair is Wednesday, April 14. This is an opportunity for students to do exciting experiments at home and showcase their scientific knowledge to their peers. All students are invited to participate and pursue any scientific topic that is of interest to them. Students may work individually or with a partner. Please register your project idea at www.stjamesschool.oursciencefair.com by Friday, March 19.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our School's exclusive event at the California Science Center will be Sunday, May 2 from 2:00 to 7:30 p.m. See the "Student Life" page of our website at http://www.sjsla.org/student_life.html for more information. If you'd like to donate auction items, please contact Auction Chair Amy

Savagian at savagianmd@gmail.com. To volunteer at the event, contact Cara Esposito at clesposito@earthlink.net or Julie Hite at hites@earthlink.net.

FIRST GRADE DINO-PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY AT BANK OF AMERICA

Our thanks to Nora Houndalas, Cathie White, and Vanessa Herman for putting up an exhibit of our First Graders' Dinosaur Paintings at the Bank of America in Larchmont Village.

DO YOU NEED HELP THIS SUMMER?

Several of our faculty and staff members are looking for work over the summer. Please respond to this email if you need a summer tutor, childcare, a dog-sitter or a house-sitter.

SCHOOL WEBSITE TIP

Have you used our online family directory? It's much easier than trying to find your printed directory when you need to schedule a play date. At the base of the Home Page at www.sjsla.org, click on "Directory", then on "[Family Directory](#)", and respond to this email if you need a password. (The password changes each January.) If you'd like to add a photo of your family, please email one to zproser@sjsla.org. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these announcements. Enjoy the long weekend!

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