

St. James' News, January 15, 2010

Dear St. James' Parents:

News has slowly been trickling in from our friends in Haiti after Tuesday's devastating earthquake.

The area where our sister school is located has not been badly affected, and we have heard that two of the priests who have hosted our past visits are well.

However, the Episcopal cathedral in Port-au-Prince has been destroyed, and we are waiting for news about Holy Trinity and other Episcopal schools closer to the epicenter.

If you would like to make a donation to the rescue and relief efforts, we recommend visiting the following websites:

<https://www.er-d.org/donate-select.php>

<http://www.pih.org>

<http://www.redcross.org>

Third Grader Roxy Cowan has set up a "Pennies from Heaven" jar in the school's front office. Please encourage your child to drop some coins into it for the Haitian relief effort.

We will keep the people of Haiti, their families, and the aid workers in our prayers.

Stephen L. Bowers

Head of School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCHOOL JANUARY 18

There is no school Monday, January 18 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

ALL-SCHOOL CHAPEL

We will honor Martin Luther King, Jr. at our All-School Chapel service at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 20. We invite you to join us and to bring a non-perishable food donation for the food pantry.

RE-ENROLLMENT CONTRACTS

Re-enrollment contracts for the 2010-2011 school year will be mailed to current families Monday, January 25 and are due back Thursday, February 4. Please note that the deposit is due with the returned contract.

VOLUNTEERS FOR KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENTS

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the Kindergarten Readiness Assessments. During the assessments, groups of about ten prospective families bring their children to spend an hour with the Kindergarten teachers. While the prospective parents wait, we provide them with refreshments and an opportunity to ask questions of a friendly St. James' parent (you!).

If you are able to volunteer, please email Lynn Leipzig at theleipziggroup@gmail.com. Please be sure to include which date(s) you would be willing to help: Jan. 21, Jan. 22, Jan. 25, Jan. 28, Jan. 29, or Feb. 1. All assessments take place from 9:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers need to arrive at 9:20 a.m. to help set up.

IN-N-OUT LUNCH

Thursday, January 21 in In-N-Out Day. The regular hot lunch will not be served on this day. Parents are welcome to join us and purchase a burger meal for \$6.50.

BOOK FAIR

Our winter Book Fair with a full selection of books for children at all reading levels will be in St. James' Hall Monday, January 25 through Thursday, January 28. If you are available to help set up the Fair on Friday, January 22 or sell the books during the Fair, please contact Laura Riley at laurabriley@mac.com.

EARLY DISMISSAL JANUARY 27

We have a Professional Enrichment Day Wednesday, January 27. You may pick up your child an hour earlier than usual (1:45 p.m. for K-1, 2:00 p.m. for 2-3, and 2:15 p.m. for 4-6), or you can take advantage of our supervised activities on the yard.

ANNUAL GIVING DONOR RECEPTION

There is still time to be invited to our Annual Giving Donor Reception on Friday, January 29. Please send in your pledge or donation, and you'll receive an invitation.

ALL-SCHOOL CHAPEL FEBRUARY 3

Our All-School Chapel Wednesday, February 3 will be in honor of African-American History Month. All are invited to attend.

DADS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 7

You are invited to our annual Dads' Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 7 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. St. James' Dads will prepare a delicious assortment of pancakes as well as eggs, croissants, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit salad, juice, milk, and coffee. Please pre-order your breakfasts using the attached form. If you are a Dad who would like to help, please contact Peter Fererra at Pferrera@counsel.lacounty.gov or Nicolas Peter at nicotico@ca.rr.com.

COMMUNITY GATHERING

Our next Community Gathering with presentation of Student of the Month awards will be Friday, February 5 at 8:15 a.m. in St. James' Hall.

PARKING ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that the parking lot on Gramercy Place with the sign "St. James' Church Parking" is reserved for faculty and staff with permits from Monday through Friday. Please refrain from parking there so that our teachers always have a parking space and will not be late for their classes.

ART ROOM REQUEST

The Art Room is in need of small, empty, uncrushed cardboard packaging boxes, such as those used for office supplies, cosmetics, and medicines, for an upcoming sculpture project. Boxes less than two or three inches wide, tall or deep are ideal. Please bring your donations to the Art Room. For questions, please e-mail Mr. Danenberg at rdanenberg@sjsla.org.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS

The "St. James' Café" in the Parish Hall of St. James' Church is open every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for your family to have dinner, cooked by our parish chef. The suggested donation is \$5 per person.

SCHOOL WEBSITE TIP

Did you know that this weekly email and our "photo of the week" are posted to our website by 4:00 p.m. each Friday? Go to the "New" page at <http://www.sjsla.org/news.html>.

Enjoy the long weekend!

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