

St. James' News, January 22, 2010

Dear St. James' Parents:

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Pennies from Heaven jar for Haiti. As of this morning, we had raised \$862.68 for the relief effort.

Here are current announcements:

RUN FOR FUN POSTPONED

We have postponed our Run for Fun event until Friday, January 29 at 3:15 p.m. because of the wet weather. The event, organized by Fifth Grader Max Zucker, will raise funds for the St. James' soup kitchen.

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.

ALERTNOW NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Keeping you informed is a top priority at St. James'. We have recently adopted the AlertNow Notification Service which will allow us to send a telephone or e-mail message to you providing important information in an emergency or urgent situation. In the event of an emergency, you can have peace-of-mind knowing that you will be informed immediately by phone. You will find a form in your re-enrollment package that you can fill out to make certain that we have your most current phone numbers. Please return this form with your re-enrollment materials so that we may update your information and begin to implement this great service.

NAME PLACARDS AT PICK-UP

To help ensure the safety and security of our students, please remember to show the placard with your child's name to our after-school staff during dismissal. The placards not only help us identify quickly which students are going home but also verify that the person picking up a student is authorized to do so.

BOOK FAIR

The 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. It will be open from 8:15 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. If you are available to help at 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. This would also be a great afternoon to shop with your child at our Book Fair.

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. If you've received an invitation, remember to RSVP to rsvp@sjsla.org.

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 Ferrera 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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DVD

The DVD of our Christmas Pageant will be available in the next week or two. Kindergarten parents will receive a copy automatically. If any other families would like one, please email zproser@sjsla.org. We suggest a donation of \$5 per DVD to help cover the replication costs -- please make checks payable to "St. James' School."

ST. JAMES' CAFE

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 some of our students' art and writing from the Winter Magazine is posted on our website? Scroll to the base of the "Academics" page at <http://www.sjsla.org/academics.html>.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these announcements.

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