



St. James' Episcopal School

Newsletter

"Growing in the Spirit"



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Message from the Director

Dear Parents,

Are you ready for spring yet? As the snow days continue to come, I have had many questions about why we follow Fauquier County's closing schedule and if SJES will make up any of the days we have missed. Following the county schedule makes it easier on many families that have older siblings in county schools. We also have many teachers at St. James' who have children in the county school system. Are there days we could come to School when the county has closed? Sure. Is the solution for us to make our own call for school closures and delays? We are not yet certain. Please know that we are presently looking at our school closing policy and always do what is most safe for our families and our staff. **Please note—Monday, February 15, will now be a regular school day-weather permitting!** (It was previously scheduled as a holiday.)

As you know, registration at St. James' is in full swing. Letters will be sent home to current students and siblings on February 22 regarding admission status. If you have not received information by February 26, please contact the Office. Please continue to refer your friends, neighbors, etc., to our School. Your referrals have been wonderful and we appreciate all of the positive feedback we hear from new parents who are registering. Thank you!

Along with registration is some really great news from our School Board. Please read the article below regarding the growth of our School. We are so lucky to have such a talented and hard-working Board. This is a very exciting time for our School!

DVDs for the Christmas Program have been distributed. If you have not received your order or would like to order one now, please contact Miss Foster in the Office.

Finally, as we scramble to come up with activities for the children at home during these days off, put on snow boots, take off snow boots, dry snow suits, and make one more cup of hot chocolate, remember our little ones are only this age once. Take some time for one more walk in the snow, have a family movie night, or do whatever your child feels is special. These memories will last a lifetime.

Blessings,
Stacey Irvin
Director, St. James' Episcopal School

REMINDERS:

- February 12-Spirit Night at Foster's Grill, 4-10pm
- February 15-Presidents Day-There will be School-weather permitting.
- February 18-SJES Parent Coffee, 9:30am
- February 26-Spirit Night at Tropical Smoothie, 5-7pm

Looking Ahead:

- March 8-Peter McCory visits SJES, 10:30am
- March 10-Spirit Day at Chick-fil-a, 3:30-9:00pm
- March 26-Spirit Night at Tropical Smoothie, 5-7pm

The Growth of Our School

By Kimberly Wright, SJES School Board Chairperson

St. James' Episcopal School is pleased to announce the introduction of a first grade class in the fall of 2010. This momentous leap into offering an elementary program has been years in the making, beginning with the success of our kindergarten. Did you know that the majority of our kindergarten students place at or above grade level when matriculating to first grade?

Here at SJES, we are committed to academic success with our first grade, while continuing to provide our nurturing environment that instills the radiant confidence we see in all of our students.

In addition, by offering a first grade, we have committed ourselves to the arts, building upon our current music program by adding language and art, including an introduction to art history. We also believe in teaching the whole child and will continue our commitment to outdoor activities, including physical education. As an Episcopal school, we believe in teaching and nurturing all aspects of our students: physical, cultural, and spiritual. We believe that without building a spiritual foundation, we are unable to develop as a whole. It is through our graceful formation in understanding our spirit that we can understand what it means to develop a lifetime devotion to service, compassion, and character.

Our first grade will only make us stronger. With our commitment to first grade and our emphasis on the arts, we will have a language program which will carry over into the kindergarten and after school enrichment programs for our preschool. We continue to appreciate and honor the traditions of our past in offering a nurturing community for the development of our young students so they may grow and prosper.

As parents and as a community, you have made this happen. The success of our preschool through the years has been achieved by the strength of our staff and the commitment and dedication of our families. We look forward to the road ahead! For more information on registration for first grade, please contact Stacey Irvin at the School. For more information on becoming involved in the growth of the School, please contact me at kimberly.gay.wright@gmail.com.