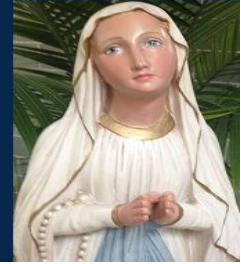


Ss. Philip and James School News



Thirty-fourth week of School

April 28, 2016

SPJ Student Named Debate Champion!



Eighth Grade SPJ student Juliana Colant and her partner Olivia Barnett-Sims (STA) placed first in debate at the Stark County Speech and Debate State Tournament. In addition, Juliana placed first in the state as the individual debate speaker. Way to go, Juliana!

Food Truck Rally – April 29

Tomorrow night, from 5:00-10:00, at 469 Elm Ridge Ave, Canal Fulton will be the place to be! It's going to be tons of fun, and some proceeds from the event go to support the school! See the electronic flyer in the e-mail version of the newsletter.



2016 SPJ Volleyball

5/6 Volleyball Perfect!

The 5th and 6th grade girls volleyball team has been dominant in their spring league play, defeating all of their opponents on their way to a 6-0 record this season!

SPJ SPORTS

Track Season Underway

SPJ has a great number of young athletes in grades 3-8 participating in track this year as Western (w/ St. Joan of Arc and St. Mary). The 3-6 grade have competed in one meet and the 7th and 8th graders have competed in three.

There have been many stand out performances by SPJ athletes, including the following:

-Georgia Bentzel – 1st 800M, 4th 1 mile

-Max Grillo – 1st 1 mile, 1st 800M, 1st 4 X 100

-Ryan Hancock – 1st 200M, 1st 4 X 100, 3rd Discus, 3rd 400M

-Jaden Minarcheck – 2nd, 2nd, 1st 4 X 100

-Cody Harris – 1st 400M (2x's), 4 X 400 2nd, 3rd

-Garrett Weaver – 4th 1 mile (2x's), 4th 800M (2x's), 2nd 4 x 400 (2x's)

-Juliana Colant – 4th 200M, 1st 200M, 4th 100M

-Maddie Grillo – 1st 1 mile (2x's), 1st 800M (2x's), 2nd 4 x 400 (2x's)

-Abbey Guenther – 4th 400M (2x's), 3rd 200M (2x's)

-Lexie Howell – 4th 100M, 2nd 4 x 400

-Grace Bentzel – 2nd 4 x 400M

-Preston Mitchell – 1st Discus (2x's), 2nd 200M, 2nd 100M

-Sarah Protzman – 3rd, 4th 100M, 2nd 200M

-Emily Adams – 3rd 800M, 4th 100M

(details for grades 3 & 4 to come).

A Note from Coach Koch – Chess Club

Father Kevin and I recently completed the Chess Club season and it was a tremendous success. We have a core group of fourteen players and have had as many as twenty-two players show up on any given week. Father and I have covered many intermediate chess concepts and are stunned by how well the students have implemented these concepts into their games. I am also very impressed by the enthusiasm of our club members. We have a group of students that truly love the game. It is amazing how focused and quiet these kids can be over an entire hour.

My thanks to Kelly Morber for helping this club to continue and encouraging participation. It has not been an easy year for Kelly and I am certain it would have been a whole lot easier to just forget the chess club. However, Kelly's dedication to the students and their development helped her to keep the ball rolling. I would also like to thank Father Kevin for his help. Father Kevin and I have rather different coaching styles and completely different playing styles and I believe the kids have enjoyed watching the banter between us.

Regards,
Matt Koch
A.K.A. Coach Cookie



Grandparents' Day – May 6

Parents: please remember to fill out and turn in the form from last week's Thursday folder if your student's grandparents are planning on attending the event.

Spring Pictures

Please remember to return your spring pictures or turn in the money for those pictures that you plan to purchase.

4th Quarter Interims

Papers for this quarters interim reports will be included in today's Thursday folders.

Home & School Association Information

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Sunday in May 15.

SPJ Pre-owned Uniform Sale

The 2016 pre-owned uniform sale will be on two days on **Sunday, May 29** (time to be announced) and again on **Tuesday, May 31** late afternoon/evening (time to be announced). The students will be permitted to wear non-uniform clothes for the last week of school.

We are in need of clothing racks to borrow for the event – if you have some that we could borrow, please call the school office at 854-2823.

Donations can be brought to the social hall the week before the sale.



Upcoming Events:

May 2: Kindergarten Screening at SPJ
May 6: Grandparents' Day – 1:00 Mass w/ reception to follow.
May 7: First Communion – 1:00
May 9-13: ACRE Testing
May 10: Talent Show Act Screening – 9:00-10:30
May 12: May Crowning
May 19: Sports Boosters' Club Banquet
May 31: SPJ Talent Show 9:00-11:00
June 1: 8th Grade Graduation – 6:30 w/ reception to follow
Aug. 23: 2016-2017 school year begins

Bountiful Gifts Race

Bountiful Gifts (<http://www.bountifulgifts.org/>) will be holding a 5k 10k half - walkers event on June 4th at 9AM.

Anyone can participate but walkers can receive place awards. Everyone receives a finisher's medal and tech shirt.

SPJ TALENT SHOW: May 31 – 9:00-11:00

Calling all talented Titans: SPJ will be hosting a talent show for students in grades K-8; if you have a special talent, and would like an opportunity to show the school family, **please send in a note with the following: Your name, grade, and a brief summary of your presentation.**

We will have a screening of the acts on May 10^h, from 9:00-10:30; interested performers will be called down by homeroom.

Grades K-3 Visit Wilderness Center



On Wednesday, the SPJ students in grades K-3 visited the Wilderness Center in Wilmot, OH and had a spectacular day of learning in nature!

Congratulations Eighth Graders



The SPJ 8th grade students will be making their Confirmation of the Catholic Faith this evening at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Massillon, OH. Bishop Murry will be the celebrant of the Mass and ceremony!



Holy Cross Decal Challenge

The decal challenge is a tight race! Going into the final days of the challenge our three leading schools are St. Peter, SS. Philip & James and St. Paul. The race is too close to call and other schools are certainly challenging our leaders! There is still plenty of time for each school to show off your school spirit and win the HCA sponsored Movie Party!