

Ss. Philip and James School News



First Week of School Edition

August 20, 2015



The First Day Back

There were many smiling faces on the first day of school at Ss. Philip and James! It was a true blessing to see everyone happy and healthy to start the school year.



Holy Cross Academy Radio Advertisement

Ss. Philip and James eighth grader Juliana Colant was recently the featured narrator of a radio advertisement for Holy Cross Academy. She was chosen for the spot as a result of her success this summer in communications at a Speech and Debate Camp held by Holy Cross.

Preschool Entrance to be Remodeled in Terrazzo Style

Preschool parents, please forgive our mess in the entrance of the preschool; we are currently having the entrance floors redone; the tentative plan is to have them done in the Terrazzo style (pictured above); Terrazzo or an alternative, expect a completed floor within the next month.



Parents Must Check in at Front Office

All parents coming to pick up children during school hours or to drop things off: be sure to check in at the office when doing so. Regardless of any past policies, it is important that we all respect this rule for the safety of our children and the security of the facilities.



Check here for
Ss. Philip and James Church

St. Philip and James Preschool
teaching in the name of our Father and the Holy Spirit, while having fun!

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visit at **SPJ HOMEWORK HOTLINE**



Catholic School Fun Fact

In 2012 study conducted by American College Testing, it was found that, on a 36 point scale, Catholic school students scored 2.4 points higher than non-Catholic school students. Higher ACT scores often translate to greater college savings through scholarships!

Parents of students in grades 4-8 will be able to check their students' homework each evening. On the right side of our school website, <http://www.saintsphilipandjames.org>, look for the "Homework Hotline" banner.

Child Protection Class / Treasured Gifts From God

All parents or guardians who wish to help out at school through volunteering are required to attend (at least one time in their volunteering career, not every year) the child protection class, called "Treasured Gifts from God." Ss. Philip and James will be hosting the class on Sept. 18 at two different times, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The course will be held in the social hall. Please contact Jackie Prosis for more information at bjprosis@ssnet.com.

Western Cheerleading – 5th & 6th Grade

A note from Carrie Competty:

"I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a great 2015-2016 school year! My name is Carrie Competty. I have a daughter in 5th grade at St. Mary's school in Massillon. We are trying to organize a cheer squad for the 5th-6th grade Western Warriors team. This will include girls from St. Mary's, St. Joan of Arc, St. Barbara's, and St. Phillip and James. I would like to get this going as soon as possible. If you have a daughter who is interested in participating, please contact me via cell phone at 330-933-9055 or via email at carriecompetty@hotmail.com. The cost is \$30 and will include your child's t-shirt. There will also be a \$5 charge for a hair bow. Also, I am looking for moms who are willing to help to coach the squad. I could especially use a hand from someone with cheer experience, but I will gladly take any help. This is a new program and I would love for it to succeed! Please contact me by Monday, August 23rd."

Home & School Corner

HSA will be sponsoring some collection competitions in the coming months:

OCT: Box Tops **NOV:** My Coke Rewards
FEB: Campbell's Soup Labels

During these competitions, the class that achieves the highest per student donation of each item will receive a delicious treat of donuts & cider (or other beverage). So, if "Homeroom A" has 9 students, and brings in 500 box tops, the per student average for that class is 55.5 box tops per student; if no other room has a higher average, they win!

You are welcome to turn these items in whenever you like, but the competition period will begin and end within each specified month.

Also, please continue to collect Mid's Lids, Prang labels, Tyson labels, and ACME receipts.

Upcoming Events Calendar

On the school website, you will find an electronic calendar, through which you can learn of upcoming events and happenings, such as athletic events, gatherings, and school functions. This calendar has not been utilized much in the past, but I would like to point it out, as it will serve as the main source of information, regarding such activities.

To view the calendar, go to the main school site, look to the right, and you will see a grey box marked "calendar;" to see the entire month (and months to come), click "view all."



The screenshot shows a website header with a blue button for "Ss. Philip and James Church" and a logo for "Ss. Philip and James Preschool" with the tagline "Establishing a lifelong connection to Jesus and the Word of God... while having fun!". Below the header is a "VIEW ALL" button. A yellow banner for "SPJ HOMEWORK HOTLINE" is visible. A grey button labeled "CALENDAR" has a red arrow pointing to it, and a "VIEW ALL" link is next to it. Below the calendar button is a "School Care Program" link and a "First day of preschool!" announcement for August 24th at 12:00 AM.

Lighting Renovation Plan



The McMahon family recently donated the services of their company Environmental Services, Inc. to complete an energy assessment of SPJ. After much hard work on their part, they have developed an energy reduction plan for the school which will see us moving away from our current lighting toward a new LED based system. The light changes will save the school approximately 35% in energy costs each year! Grants are currently being written to pay for the changes which will provide brilliantly clear light for our students. We appreciate their donation of time and energy immensely!

Thank You's (from the principal)

I thank you all for welcoming me so warmly into this Catholic school community. It has been a tremendous blessing to have met all of you, and your kindness abounds. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and run this summer's Canal Days tent. Thank you to those who helped organize the SPJ section of the Canal Days parade. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve on the various committees and clubs that keep the school lively. Finally, thank you to all of the teachers and staff of SPJ; you are truly the finest group of teachers and employees I have ever worked with!