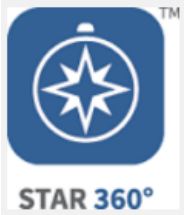


Ss. Philip and James School News



Fifth Week of School

September 22, 2016



SPJ Students to take preliminary assessments

SPJ students will be taking part in the STAR 360 assessment program next week; these computerized assessments are geared to look for

improvements in the areas of Early Literacy (for the younger students) and reading and math for students in grades 1-8. The initial assessments set a baseline for comparison to ones that will be taken later in the year.

Change of Schedules

It is very important that a note is sent in with your child regarding a change of regular procedure, especially for after school (sports, drama club, extended care). Notes can be sent in physically or by e-mail to sspandjsecretary@youngstowndiocese.org.

HCA/ SPJ Drama Club has First Meeting



The HCA/ SPJ Drama Club, led by Taylor Scott, had its first meeting on Tuesday; 23 students from our school attended and had a fantastic time singing songs and getting the swing of the this excellent program!

MORNING DROP OFF



Please do not drop off your children in the morning until 8:15.

5th and 6th Graders Go to Camp



The SPJ 5th and 6th graders got back from Camp Christopher yesterday. They experienced the beauty of nature, took part in team building exercises, ate delicious food, and even enjoyed Mass with Father McCaffrey! Special thanks to Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. Hatfield, and all parent volunteers for chaperoning the trip!





Volleyball: The SPJ 5/6 girls volleyball team won 3 out of 4 sets on Sunday. It was a very good start to the season with all the girls involved and making plays!

The SPJ 7/8 girls volleyball team have won 3 games in a row! They defeated Western Saturday morning - 20-25, 25-18, 25-23 in 3 sets.

Cross Country: 7th Grader Max Grillo ran 2 miles in 11 minutes & 36 seconds at the Spartan Invitational this past Saturday. This was his fastest time ever, and placed him 32nd out of 450 runners!

Soccer: Nick Savage scored a goal for his NJSL this past Saturday in a tough battle for their team!

Parents and Coaches: Please e-mail results and info about games to Mr. Mitchell at dmitchell@youngstowndiocese.org.

Home and School Association



It's time for our first **BOX TOPS for Education drive**. Your child's teacher will be collecting box tops in their classrooms from **SEPTEMBER 18TH – OCTOBER**

14TH. The classroom that collects the most box tops (by percentage) will receive a special prize during the Fall Halloween parties.

VOLUNTEERING: The HSA is recruiting badly needed volunteers to a number of different activities; please see the paper in this week's Thursday folder regarding our needs!

SCHWANS CARES: Please read the attached documents (and ones found in the Thursday folder) regarding the delicious Schwan's Cares food program.

HCA Kindergarten Drama Program "First Stage" Set to Begin!



The Holy Cross Kindergarten Drama program "First Stage" will be starting at SPJ on Tuesday, October 4 in the morning. The class is 45 minutes long, and will run for 10 weeks! It will allow the kindergarten students a chance to explore the art of theatre; the class will be taught by Taylor Scott, who also heads the Holy Cross drama program for grades 1-8.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 22:** Speech and debate demonstration (grades 5-8)
- Sept. 23:** Central football @ Chardon Notre Dame
- Sept. 25:** Holy Cross Golf Outing – 1:00
- Sept. 25:** School picnic / Jackson Community Park – North Gazebo (2:00-5:00)
- Sept. 27:** HCA/ SPJ Drama Club
- Sept. 30:** Blood Drive at SPJ
- Oct. 4:** First day of Kindergarten Drama Program (during school).
- Oct. 12:** **Picture Day** (Out of Uniform – dress Nicely :-)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We at SPJ are looking for volunteers to cover lunch periods and recess periods to allow the teachers break time in their very busy days. If you might be able to come in, even if it's just one day a week, please call the office or e-mail Mr. Mitchell (dmitchell@youngstowndiocese.org) to let us know!