



CHURCH INSIDER

UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016



Getting Active at St. James School

Only a month into the new school year and our students are wasting no time getting their bodies in motion! St. James School had a soft opening of our new basketball court and recreation area on the first day of school, and it has been used every day since for recess, PE classes and after-school sports clinics. Students play basketball, soccer, hopscotch, and jump rope on the beautiful court that was made possible by the Community Clothes Charity and friends of valued volunteer, Bob Smith. The St. James School basketball team, The Huskies, are excited to finally be able to practice on a full court and, soon, St. James School will be opening the court to the neighborhood a few nights a week from 6pm-8pm, so they too can play in a beautiful and safe space.

St. James students are getting active off of campus as well. For eight Saturdays, a whopping 20 students are visiting the Conshohocken Rowing Center to learn what it takes to be on a crew team. They will be participating in an Erg relay competition at the CRC using rowing machines as well as meeting Olympians at Philadelphia's Gold Cup Challenge. In the Spring, interested students will begin rowing on the Schuylkill River.

Parish Spotlight

St. David's Episcopal Church, Radnor



New, current, and former St. James students alike loved their annual trip to the St. David's Fair on Saturday, October 1st. Students enjoyed helping sell lemon sticks made by

St. James' own volunteer and St. David's parishioner, Mr. Robert White. Student Chicken Tenders also sold eggs and honey made by St. James School's chickens and bees. Thank you, St. David's, for another great day at the fair!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact Nicole Green ngreen@stjamesphila.org to RSVP

ACADEMIC CLINICS (TUTORING)

November 5 & 19 • 9am to 1:30pm (lunch is provided!) • Contact us to volunteer!

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS

October 15 & November 19 • 9am to 12pm • Contact us to volunteer!

SAVE THE DATE: A COLONIAL CHRISTMAS

Sunday December 18 • 5:00 pm • Christ Church, 20 N. American St. Philadelphia, PA 19106

A fundraiser to benefit St. James School, hosted by the English-Speaking Union and the Society of the Sons of St. George, the event features an Advent Lessons and Carols Service followed by Christmas celebration with dinner, live entertainment, silent & live auctions, and so much more.

To learn more or be added to our invitation mailing list, please contact Regina Raiford Babcock at rbabcock@stjamesphila.org

FAMILY THANKSGIVING FEAST

Tuesday, November 22 • Contact us to volunteer!

ADVENT PARTY

Wednesday, December 21 • Contact us to volunteer!

THANK YOU

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Roxborough

Collected school supplies, helping us begin the 2016-2017 off strong

Washington Memorial Chapel

Attended our September Community Service Saturday—helped organize the garage and weed the butterfly garden

Church Farm School

Attended our September Academic Clinic, keeping the campus beautiful

Episcopal Academy

Spent the morning gardening on campus and the afternoon playing football with the students

Trinity Gulph Mills Church

Attended our September Academic Clinic, helping students grow in their confidence and academic ability



“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SCHEDULE A ST. JAMES SCHOOL VISIT!

Ready to learn more about us and how you can share our mission with others? Invite us to your church's coffee hour or adult forum. We will speak about our history, mission, and how the parish can partner with us to break the cycle of poverty through education.

Contact Mary Chris Lindsay at mcclindsay@stjamesphila.org or 215.226.1276 to set up a future visit.

The Church Remembers

Vida Dutton Scudder (1861–1954)

Born in India in 1861, Vida Dutton Scudder was the only child of missionary parents. After her father died, she moved to Boston with her mother where she attended private schools. Scudder then attended Smith University and graduated with a BA degree in 1884. She was one of the first American women to be accepted to the graduate program at Oxford, along with Clara French. After leaving Oxford, Scudder taught English literature from 1887 at Wellesley College, where she became an associate professor in 1892 and full professor in 1910.



When French died in 1888, Scudder joined the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, a group of Episcopalian women dedicated to intercessory prayer and social reconciliation. Also in 1888, she joined the Society of Christian Socialists, which, under the Rev. William Dwight Porter Bliss, established the Church of the Carpenter in Boston and published *The Dawn*.

Moving farther to the left, in 1911 she co-founded the Episcopal Church Socialist League and joined the Socialist Party. Scudder attempted to reconcile the conflicting doctrines of Marxism and Christianity. She became controversial in 1912 when she supported striking textile workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and spoke at a strike meeting, but Wellesley resisted calls for her dismissal as a professor. Unlike Eugene Victor Debs and other Socialist leaders, Scudder supported President Woodrow Wilson's decision to intervene in the First World War in 1917. In 1919 she founded the Church League for Industrial Democracy.

In the 1920s Scudder embraced pacifism. She joined the Fellowship of Reconciliation in 1923, the same year she gave a series of lectures before the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Prague. Scudder retired from Wellesley in 1927 and received the title of professor emeritus. She became the first dean of the Summer School of Christian Ethics in 1930 at Wellesley. In 1931 she lectured weekly at the New School for Social Research in New York. She published an autobiography, *On Journey*, in London in 1937, and a collection of essays, *The Privilege of Age*, in New York in 1939. Scudder had received the degree of LHD from Smith College in 1922. From Nashotah House, an Episcopal seminary in Nashotah, Wisconsin, she received an LLD degree in 1942. Vida Dutton Scudder died at Wellesley, Massachusetts, on October 10, 1954.



ITEMS MOST URGENTLY NEEDED

TOILET PAPER
(SINGLE PLY)

FOREVER STAMPS,
ESPECIALLY STAMPS
FEATURING AFRICAN-
AMERICAN NOTABLES

TYLENOL

IBUPROFEN

GARDENING GLOVES

BALES OF STRAW

CHICKEN FEED

CASES OF COPY

PAPER

TISSUES

HAND SOAP

WOODEN #2 PENCILS

BINDER TAB

DIVIDERS

GRANOLA BARS

CHEEZ-ITS

GOLDFISH CRACKERS

PAPER TOWELS

FEBREEZE

HAND SANITIZER

BENADRYL

SIZE M NON-LATEX
GLOVES

HEAVY DUTY PAPER
PLATES

PLASTIC EATING
UTENSILS

NAPKINS

PLASTIC CUPS

TIN "TO-GO"
CONTAINERS



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Located in the Allegheny West neighborhood, St. James School is a tuition-free Philadelphia middle school in the Episcopal tradition, committed to educating traditionally underresourced students in a nurturing environment. The school is a community that provides a challenging academic program and encourages the development of the moral, spiritual, intellectual, physical and creative gifts in its students.