



TYSHEA
Mom

TYJIERE
High School Junior

TINEEF
7th Grader

TYNAE
College Sophomore



ST. JAMES THROUGH EVERY CHAPTER

Dear Friend,

When I am asked what makes St. James different, I say it's the St. James approach to stay with students and families through every chapter of their lives. The concept is so unusual for a school, the typical response is, "What does that mean?" I could explain, but today I don't have to because Tyshea Jackson and her three children are going to tell you in their own words.



Tyshea
(enrolled in our first Adult Education Program this fall)

"When I was in high school, I had my oldest daughter, which made me have to leave early. I've been focused on my kids and doing nursing for 13 years, but I never really took the time to say, Hey Ty, you need to get back to school and get your brain moving. This year, **St. James showed me that it can happen.** They opened up every type of opportunity for me."

Tynae
St. James '16; Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School '19; Holy Family University '23

"This year I've been able to live on campus because of St. James. It's like they never give up. They put in a lot of time and effort not only for me, but also my family. They are putting my mom through school, and me as well with the scholarships we earn. They are also helping my brothers Tyjier and Tineef. **St. James is always there.**"



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1 week of education for 1 student



Tyjere

St. James '19; Boys' Latin of Philadelphia '23

"High school has been going well. It's been pretty difficult to work through the pandemic, but St. James helped me focus and stay on track. Any time I fell behind they made sure to get in contact with me. **They are like a guardian**; they look out for me. Like when they realized I needed a new laptop, they let me borrow one throughout the year."

Tineef

(St. James '22, our first class that started in 4th grade)

"I'm proud of getting good grades and doing well on my MAPs tests. Last year I had Zoom tutoring [with Sydnee Reddy, St. James '15] that really helped me be prepared for the next grade. I enjoyed asking her questions and learning from her. I'd like to go to a high school with football and other athletics. **After high school, I want to go to college and pursue my dreams.**"



I am grateful to the Drain-Jackson family for sharing their experiences of St. James. They are inspired to share because they are proud of their family's accomplishments and the unique way St. James partners with families. Tyshea, Tynae, Tyjere, and Tineef are investing in their own futures and striving for their own possibilities – individually and as a family – they are giving back to St. James School and our community.

That's why I'm asking for your support. You are creating a ripple effect by staying with students and families through every chapter of their lives. **Will you join me in making an impactful Year-End gift today?** Thank you for your generosity.

Faithfully,

David J. Kasievich, *Head of School*

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