ST·JAMES SCHOOL

"Just choose the next right good thing…" - unknown

May 15, 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Did you know that, according to some studies, our brains make over 30,000 decisions a day! From simple choices like what to wear in the morning to bigger choices like what high school to attend, our brains are busy. When facing a tough choice, we challenge students to remind themselves ***"what is the next right good choice?"***

Last week we celebrated **Teacher Appreciation Week**. We are fortunate to have a staff of talented and committed educators. Students wrote notes to their teachers expressing their gratitude. When you next see a teacher, please wish them a belated Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

On Friday, May 19 at 1:45pm all St. James students and staff will participate in a St. James ***"anti-Gun Violence & Safety" protest march*** through our RAH neighborhood surrounding the school. Family members are welcome.

Ms. Park has resigned for personal reasons and the need to be with her family. We keep Ms. Park in our prayers and wish her the best of luck with the next chapter in her life.

Admissions - We are looking for students to join St. James in all grades, especially *4th grade*. Please help spread the word! The application can be found on our website. See Ms. Carroll with questions.

There is still plenty of school left in this school year! We still have 5 weeks of MP#4, class trips, the entire month of July, College Settlement Day Camp, Black Girls Love Math camp, NorthBay and much more! See below:

EVENT / DATE	STUDENTS	DETAILS
Baccalaureate Mass	Class 2023	June 15 5pm followed by graduation rehearsal. Mandatory.
Graduation	Class 2023	June 16 5pm
Student Vacation	All cohorts	June 19 - July 7
July Calendar	Classes of 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028	Each student will receive a SJS T-shirt to be worn in July. **** See back of this letter for QR code to submit size ****
Summer Vacation	All students	Begins July 29
Student Orientation	All students	First day of Student orientation is Tuesday, September 5th

****JULY SUMMER CAMP** ** - ALL St. James students attend the **Summer Camp in July**.

July 10-14 8:30am-1:00pm All students *(Classes of 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028)*

July 17-21 8:30am-1:00pm All students *(Classes of 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028)*

July 24-28 North Bay Camp - overnight from Sunday 5pm to Thurs 3pm (*Classes of 2024, 2025, 2026)*

College Settlement Day Camp Trips (*Class of 2027)*

Black Girls Love Math @ SJS (*Class of 2028)*

** All students attending camp, both North Bay and College Settlement, MUST have a physical exam on file dated after July 31, 2022. Students without an updated physical cannot attend.

Attendance is required - students who do not attend will not be promoted to the next grade.

Please DO NOT schedule family vacations during these times.

Student Physicals - We need updated physicals for all students in current grades 4-7 by June 1, 2023. Please email them to Nurse Ayton at dayton@stjamesphila.org or drop them off at the front desk.

Students' home devices **(Chromebooks)** will be collected starting Monday, June 5th. Their laptops & chargers must be turned into homeroom teachers. The devices will be collected each morning thru Friday, June 9th.

Student T-shirt sizes are needed for upcoming surprises! Scan QR code to input your student T-shirt sizes by May 19.

Important Dates:

May 19 1-3pm Student *"anti-Gun Violence & Safety"* protest march
May 20 10am-1pm Saturday Academic Clinic
May 23 1pm dismissal due to Scholarship Event at Mann Music Center. You are invited!
May 24 2 hour delay (students arrive at 9:45am, classes start at 10:00)
May 26 No School, Memorial Day weekend
May 29 No School, Memorial Day
June 1 5pm End of Year Choral Concert
June 2 6-8pm Family First Friday
June 6 5:30pm Concert Band Concert at St. Asaph's Church
June 6,7,8 MAP assessments
June 5-8 last week of 3-5pm Enrichments
June 10 10am-1pm Saturday Academic Clinic
June 15 House Cup!
June 15 5pm Baccalaureate Mass followed by Graduation Rehearsal (last day for 8th Grade)
June 16 12:30pm dismissal for all students in Grades 4-7
5pm Graduation
June 19-July 7 Summer Break for students
July 10 Summer Camp begins!
July 28 Summer Camp ends

Peace,

Mr. McDonough