



*"I raise up my voice—not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard...  
we cannot all succeed when half of us are held back." – Malala Yousafzai*

March 12, 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Happy Women's History Month** to all the women in our community! We will be recognizing, celebrating and promoting the vital role of women in our world. Thank you to all the influential women in our lives who have helped to shape us into the people we are today.

St. James appreciates your family's partnership at yesterday's **Family Teacher Conferences (FTCs)**. FTCs help to promote students' attendance, hard work, growth, achievement, and new goal setting.

Career Day is now **Career Week!** This week, students will hear from Black professionals across many fields between 2:30-3:05 pm each day. Families are welcome to participate.

The 7th annual **Wax Museum** is approaching fast! Your children have chosen their person, been reading, researching, and writing. On **Thursday, March 21 between 1:30-3:00pm** your children will come to life as their chosen figure! Come out and meet Marian Anderson, Guion Bluford, Vice President Kamala Harris, Katanji Brown Jackson, Misty Copeland, Chadwick Boseman, and more! All students will be dismissed at 3:15pm after the Wax Museum (no Enrichments on March 21).

**Donations?** We are using lots of tissues - please consider donating a box or two - they can be given to Mr. Gardner at the Front Desk. Thank you!

Please help us remind students to be good stewards of our Schoolhouse - we are a gum free school.

**Important Dates:**

March 12-15 Career Week

March 21 Wax Museum (no Enrichments); last day of Marking Period #3

March 22 NO SCHOOL, PD Day

March 24-31 Holy Week - all services in the Church - All are welcome!

- March 24 Palm Sunday Mass 5pm
- March 25 Palm Monday Mass 11am
- March 28 Maundy Thursday Mass 11am
- March 29 Good Friday Mass 1:45pm
- March 30 Great Easter Vigil Mass 7pm
- March 31 Easter Sunday Mass 5pm and family dinner (Easter egg hunt at 4:30pm)

March 25 first day of Marking Period #4

April 1 NO SCHOOL, Easter Monday

April 3 1pm dismissal

April 8-15 Spring Break, NO SCHOOL (students start back to school on Tuesday, April 16)

[See the back of this letter for important information about June and July](#)

Peace,  
Mr. McDonough

SUMMER 2024 is approaching quickly. Quick notes:

- a. A reminder that July is required for students currently in Grades 4,5,6,7.
- b. What is different this year? NorthBay overnight camp will be in June - NOT July. See chart below.
- c. Current 8th Grade (Class of 2024) has the option of attending NorthBay - it will be the first time ever that 8th Grade has the option to attend NorthBay at the end of 8th Grade.
- d. Baccalaureate Mass for Class of 2024 is June 13th at 6pm.
- e. Graduation for Class of 2024 is June 14th at 6pm.

Here is a preview of events for June and Summer 2024 (more details to come!)

Class of '24: Current 8th Grade  
Class of '25: Current 7th Grade  
Class of '26: Current 6th Grade  
Class of '27: Current 5th Grade  
Class of '28: Current 4th Grade

Week of...	Class of '28	Class of '27	Class of '26	Class of '25	Class of '24
June 3-June 7	Final Exams, NWEA Map Testing, House Cup				
June 10-14	On campus, regular classes	NorthBay required June 10-13 Depart June 10 at 8am Return June 13 at 11am			Optional NorthBay June 13 6pm Baccalaureate Mass June 14 6pm Graduation
June 17-July 5	SJS Closed				
July 8-July 12	Camp @ SJS! Families will get to choose from a variety of options!				
July 15-19	Camp @ SJS! Families will get to choose from a variety of options!			Wellness Seminar	
July 22-26	Camp @ SJS	OAAARS @ SJS	Wellness Seminar	ISEE Prep	