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Head of School News

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power!" Ephesians 6:10

Hello, Jaguar Community!

Welcome Back to our Fabulous St. James Community! We hope you all had a fun week off! Just a few reminders: Please remember the teachers begin teaching at 8:00 and scholars should be in their seats by 7:55. We have had quite a few still in the carpool line at 8:00. Also, many of you are coming for Parent Conferences, so please come to the Office to get a Visitor's Pass first. Please be sure you have signed up for a lunch account at Myschoolaccount.com even if you send lunch. Scholars are buying ice cream (check your balances) and we want to make sure every scholar eats. Thanks for helping us keep everything running so smoothly! We hope you have a great week!

WHAT'S COMING UP: IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- October 21 Picture Retakes were today, All Orders due by Nov. 13
- October 30 Trunk or Treat, Main Parking Lot
- November 3 Friend's Meeting, 8:15 Mund's Hall (cafeteria)

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE-Scholars bring their necessary tools.

- **AMAZON SMILE. YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES.** - Did you know Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice? You can help support St. James Episcopal School just by doing your regular shopping on Amazon. If you are using a desktop or laptop computer, just visit smile.amazon.com and search for "St. James Episcopal School of Corpus Christi Inc" as your preferred charitable organization.

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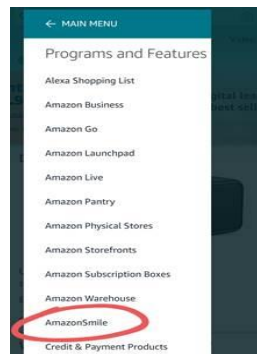
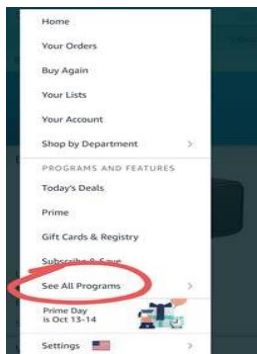
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- **iGive** - Here is another easy way to give! iGive automatically helps St. James every time you shop! Create an account at iGive.com and choose St. James Episcopal School as your Cause. Any eligible purchases made when you shop from thousands of stores online will automatically donate money to St. James each month!

- **PAPERLESS STATEMENTS** - SJES is moving to PAPERLESS STATEMENTS November 1. Please review and verify your email information in the FACTS Family Portal. If you would prefer to continue to receive your monthly statement by USPS mail, please notify the Finance Department.
- **TRUNK OR TREAT** - Our Friends group is really excited to be able to offer our scholars an opportunity on Friday, October 30th to Trunk or Treat in our Main Office Parking Lot. Scholars may wear costumes that day (from the neck down-no headgear, Halloween masks, bloody, or scary costumes). Costumes need to be dress code length with appropriate coverage. They will not have an opportunity to change out of their costumes so be sure it is comfortable enough to wear all day. For more information, contact Ruth Brown at tiduj_rm@hotmail.com
- **BOX TOPS ARE DUE THIS FRIDAY!** - Friends is collecting Box Tops! Please turn your Box Tops in to your scholar's teacher by Friday!
- **NEW WEBSITE FOR SJES - SHARE WITH FRIENDS** -Check out our Annual Report, COVID 19 updates, and [other great information here!](#)
- **ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN IS HERE!** -We have kicked-off of our **2020-2021 Annual Giving Campaign**. *Did you get your St. James face mask?* The Campaign is our primary fundraiser for the year and is an opportunity for every St. James family to invest in the School's mission. Every independent school depends on financial support over and above tuition to maintain and expand its standards of excellence. Tuition for a St. James education covers approximately 54% of the operating budget this year. Support of the campaign generates the funds needed to provide the outstanding educational experiences you seek for your child. This year we want to raise \$110,000 in our Annual Giving Campaign, AND we also would like to keep our three year record of 100% parent participation! Parent participation rates make a big difference to foundations who offer grants.

You can donate to the campaign in the following ways:

- Make a one-time gift of cash or check.
- Make an online credit card payment. Just [click here](#).
- Make a pledge and pay over time - [click here to make a pledge](#). Completion of your gift must be paid in full by May 31st, 2021.
- Talk to your employer about whether they will match your gift. Some employers include this as an employee benefit, and it can increase your donation by two or three times!
- Consider making a gift of appreciated stock and create substantial tax savings for year end. If you would like to discuss a stock transfer, please contact Melissa Bliss, Director of Finance, or Galen Hoffstadt, Headmaster, at 361-883-0835.

Your gifts will be recognized in the following levels:

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| ○ Via Veritas Vita Society: \$10,000+ | 1946 Circle: \$5,000 - \$9,999 |
| ○ Headmaster's Circle: \$2,500 - \$4,999 | Circle of Excellence: \$1,000 - \$2,499 |
| ○ Blue and White Society: \$500 - \$999 | Jaguar Club: \$250 - \$499 |
| ○ Friend of St. James: up to \$249 | |

The St. James School Staff is already at 100% participation! We truly appreciate the support of Board of Trustees and our Jaguar Community!

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- **NO KINGDOM KIDS WILL BE HELD YET.**
- **Church Services** - 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5:30 PM every Sunday, **Sunday School @ 9:30 AM.**

HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another! John 13:35

The greatest gift we can give to our children is to teach them the healing power of loving others. This is a natural response for young children. They are so excited to see and welcome each other every morning. *That's the power of love!* Love doesn't know gender, color, age, or socio-economic status. *"Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action".*

1 John 3:18

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." Ephesians 4:3-4