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Head of School News

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Hello, Jaguar Community!

Please help us. We will go get children for appointments ONLY when you are in the parking lot. They cannot sit in our Office waiting. This is for the safety of your scholars.

The process for **Re-enrollment** will be as follows so *please read the following information very carefully:*

Re-enrollment contracts will be available on February 1st and due by February 26th.

Contracts, along with Non-Refundable Enrollment Deposits, will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Contracts will be date and time stamped in the order they are returned.

We will have a **Check-In Station** outside the School Office where you may pick up your contracts.

- The **Check-In Station** will be open from 8:00-10:30 on February 1st.
- There will be a table available for you to sit, fill in your information, and write your check.
- When you have your check and contract ready, you will bring them inside the School Office. Please wear a mask and stay socially distanced according to floor markings. Contracts will be signed by Head of School and a copy returned immediately to you.

• 8:00-10:30 - Pick up contracts from the **Check-In Station (first come, first served basis)**.

• 10:30-3:00 - Pick up contracts outside School Office by calling Office. We will bring them out to your car.

We are requesting you choose one of these options to be sure you pick up your contracts on February 1st.

*You may turn them in with your *Enrollment Deposit that same day.*

To be registered for next year, your account must be current for the 2020-2021 school year, and you must turn in your contract, together with your \$500.00 *Non-Refundable Enrollment Deposit by February 26th.
(Check or Cash Only-no credit cards, billing, or Venmo)

**Your Enrollment Deposit will be applied to your tuition.*

WHAT'S COMING UP: IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- January 22 ~~Donut Day~~ **CANCELED**
- January 25 Middle School Returns In-Person
- January 26-28 ERB (Educational Records Bureau) Diagnostic Screening, 2nd-4th Grades
- **February 1** **Re-Enrollment of Current Scholars/Siblings**
- February 5 ~~School Spelling Bee~~ **CANCELED**

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE-Scholars bring their necessary tools.

- **RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT SCHOLARS**-February 1st re-enrollment opens for current scholars and siblings with applications on file.
- **CANCELING THE SPELLING BEE** - Unfortunately, with the Middle School closed and the continued rise of COVID, we need to keep our scholars safe and mixing grades is not a good idea at this time all speaking into a microphone. We will have a great Spelling Bee next year!
- **ST. JAMES SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 7**- We will not have traditional St. James Sunday this year. The service between COTGS and SJES leadership will be streamed live and recorded. Scholars who are church members and attending in person are encouraged to wear their Chapel uniform that day.
- **BINAX NOW COVID 19 RAPID TESTS**- If you are having any of the many symptoms of COVID, please contact me to discuss testing, or Mrs. Hatridge if I am not here rather than going through the teachers. A general rule of thumb for testing is test if you have symptoms or wait 72 hours after exposure to see if you have any symptoms before testing. The form sent last week must be filled out **WHEN** your scholar is being tested, not before.

- **ERB DIAGNOSTIC SCREENING** - The multiple choice ERB measures a student's performance in several key areas (depending on the grade level): listening, verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, reading comprehension, word analysis, writing mechanics, and mathematics. We use this assessment for diagnostic purposes only. Scholars do not need to study for this assessment.
- **DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAM COLLECTING PLASTIC LIDS!** - Keep sending in those plastic lids! For more info, contact Susannah Stearns 361-945-7273 plasticlidschangelives@gmail.com.
- **CLASS GOALS TO REACH 100% FOR ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN-** help us reach our 100% goal!

You may 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](#). Pay in full by May 31st, 2021.
 - Pay by Venmo @StJamesCC
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. GONZALEZ' and MRS. GLANDON'S CLASSES, THE FIRST CLASSES TO REACH 100%! WE ARE NOW AT 74% AND RISING!!**

Getting closer! - The following numbers show how many families in each class have contributed:

Pre-Primary, Mrs. Gonzalez - 11 of 11 100%

Primary, Mrs. Bushnell - 10 of 12

Pre-K, Mrs. Dreyer - 11 of 14

Pre-K, Mrs. Mason - 9 of 14

Kinder, Mrs. Hall - 12 of 15

Kinder, Mrs. Harms - 9 of 15

1st Grade, Mrs. Ruggles - 9 of 14

1st Grade, Mrs. Van Maren - 11 of 14

2nd Grade, Mrs. Gall - 8 of 9

2nd Grade, Mrs. Moreno - 4 of 8

3rd Grade, Mrs. Smith - 7 of 14

4th Grade, Mrs. Glandon - 9 of 9 100%

4th Grade, Mrs. Ramirez - 3 of 9

5th Grade, Ms. Alexander - 9 of 17

6th Grade, Sra. Blanco 4 of 9

7th Grade, Mr. Wedgeworth - 12 of 15

8th Grade, Dr. Jacobs - 7 of 9

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- **Church Services - 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5:30 PM every Sunday, Sunday School @ 9:30 AM.**

HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13

Don't feel sorry for or fear for your kids because the world they are going to grow up in is not what it used to be. God created them and called them for this exact moment in time. Their life isn't a coincidence or an accident. Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God. Train them up in the authority of His Word. Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control. Empower them to know they can change the world. Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the world but hopeful that they can do something about it.

Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God's sovereign plan.

- He knew Daniel could handle the lion's den.
- He knew David could handle Goliath.
- He knew Esther could handle Haman.
- He knew Peter could handle persecution.

He knows your child can handle whatever challenges they will face in their life. He created them specifically for it! Don't be afraid for your children, be honored God chose YOU to parent the generation facing the biggest challenges of our lifetime. Rise up to the challenge. Raise Daniels, Davids, Esthers and Peters! God isn't scratching His head wondering what He's going to do with this mess of a world. He has an army He's raising up to drive back the darkness and make Him known all over the earth. Don't let your fear steal the greatness God placed in them. I know it's hard to imagine them as anything besides our sweet little babies, and we just want to protect them from anything that could ever be hard on them, but they were born for such a time as this. (Copied off a Facebook page. Very true, sorry I don't know the author.)

"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