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Head of School News

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

Please be on time for school!

Hello, Jaguar Community!

Thank you so much to all of you for continuing to support our procedures! Keep those prayers coming! We have really ALL worked together beautifully as a community, a family to keep our doors open and keep our scholars in school in person! I am thankful! I said this in the Friends Meeting and want to repeat it. A huge thank you goes out to my entire staff for how diligently they have worked together to keep all of our procedures, policies, and practices in place to try to minimize the impact of our ever changing world! These teachers, instructional aides, sextons, coaches, police officers, and administration have all joined forces as a powerful team to keep us on track! An extra special huge thank you goes to these five ladies in our School Office and Shane, our Facilities Director! Cari, Kim, Melissa, Neomi, Nicole, and Shane have been the wind beneath my wings! They are our ALL STARS who answer questions, take initiative, heal hurts, plan things, and move mountains to keep everything running smoothly. Please make a special effort to tell them thank you also! I am blessed by our entire staff daily and your scholars and you are the icing on the cake!

WHAT'S COMING UP: IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS [\(More info coming weekly!\)](#)

- April 22 Birthday Book Club
- April 23 Camp Zephyr - 4th Grade Outdoor Ed
- April 26-30 Scholastic Book Fair/ MSAH
- April 30 Donut Day (\$3 per bag)
- May 1 Deadline for Current Families to [Apply For Scholarships](#)
- May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4 Friends of St. James Meeting (In Munds Hall and on ZOOM)
- May 4 Middle School Parent Informational ZOOM Meeting about Aim For Success
- May 5 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- May 7 Mother's Day Tea/ Kindergarten
- May 7 San Antonio Zoo/ 3rd Grade Field Trip
- May 10-13 Middle School Outdoor Ed Trips
- May 7 Box City - 1st Grade -MSAH
- May 14 National Seashore - 2nd Grade
- May 14 Dolphin Trip - 1st Grade
- May 18 Aim For Success for all Middle School Scholars (Puberty/health programs)
- May 21 Donuts with Dad - Kindergarten
- May 21 Sports Award/ Field Day 3rd- 8th Scholars Only/Half Day - No Aftercare
- **May 22 St. James 1st Annual Clay Shoot and Spring Festival**
- May 23 SJES Dance Recital featuring Ms. Paula's Dancers - McNeil Gym
- May 26 Pirate Day Field Trip - Kindergarten
- May 27 Celebration Chapel - 4th-8th Grades (Parents of Scholarship Winners Only)
- May 27 Baccalaureate - 6:00 PM (8th Grade Families Only)
- May 28 8th Grade Graduation (4th-8th Grade Scholars and 8th Grade Families)
- May 28 8th Grade Graduation Reception (Hosted by 7th Grade)
- May 28 Last Day of School/Half Day - No Aftercare

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE-Scholars bring their necessary tools.

- **FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021-2022** - If you are applying for financial assistance or scholarships, you are/were supposed to **initial the financial aid section on your contracts**. To receive financial assistance, you must have signed contracts turned in; enrollment deposit paid, and apply through FACTS at <https://factsmgt.com/> by May 1st.
- **ART NEWSLETTER**- Please see the attached newsletter from Meredith Waterhouse about what is happening in Art in the next couple of weeks! Great job, Ms. Waterhouse!
- **FRAZIER STREAM INNOVATION CENTER SUMMER CAMPS** - We will be passing out flyers about this phenomenal summer camp to St. Patrick's, St. Pius, Windsor Park, Luther Jones, Grant Middle School, and Baker Middle School next week. If you have friends at any of these schools who you think might love an innovative STREAM camp focused on Rocketry, Circuitry, and more, please tell them to watch for the flyers! We will put registration out for SJES scholars at the same time we send out flyers.
- **BUY A YEARBOOK AND SEND YEARBOOK PHOTOS** -Want to see your scholar in the St. James Yearbook? Submit your photos to this website - <http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/?code=Jaguars1946>
- **SJES CLAY SHOOT - MAY 22 -LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS!** - We are getting excited! Please encourage your friends and families to sponsor a team and get their registrations in as soon as possible!

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- **Regular Church Services** - 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5:30 PM every Sunday, Celebration Chapel @ 10:30 AM in Mund's Hall for 1st-5th Grade (led by 7th-12th Graders), **Coffee and Tacos served in the Courtyard @ 8:45, Sunday School @ 9:30 AM.**

HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:12-14

Several years ago I read a book by Bob Goff called LOVE DOES. Each chapter is a message in itself. Many of them are especially pertinent to our everyday lives. And, of course, the title itself clearly conveys the big idea of the book. Love doesn't just watch or sit on the sidelines, love does! Each chapter of the book begins with a statement; *"I used to think this... But now I think this...."* One particular chapter seemed to lend itself to be used as a reflection piece.

"I used to think I could shape the circumstances around me, but now I know Jesus uses circumstances to shape me." The name of the chapter is The Rearview Mirror.

I wish I had a nickel for every time in my life that I said have said, "Hindsight is 20/20." I have often reflected upon circumstances in my life and asked God, "Why me?" Some of these were times when I was hurting and others were times when I felt especially blessed. I think God's "hindsight" scripture is in James 1 when He tells us, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance." I don't think He tells us that because He wants us to be happy even when bad things are happening to us but because He knows the Big Picture! He knows those things happening to us are going to shape us and make us stronger! As things happen, we pause, question, and reflect afterwards about the growth that has happened to us as we navigate through the challenges. One thing I believe I did right as a parent was to share some of my own personal struggles with my children. When they have gone through the same or similar situations, often they have come back and said to me, "Mom, I know you dealt with this and how did you handle it?" Oh, if we could only learn from our own and others mistakes! I hope all those mistakes are part of the process of growing into the men and women God calls us to be! And because hindsight is so clear, I think the Lord encourages us to also offer forgiveness...to others...and to ourselves! I am going to try to focus on being full of joy and consider my "circumstances" as a way to learn to become clothed with compassion.

"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