



May 18, 2025



*"God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!"*

*Pope Leo XIV*

## Dates to Remember

Monday, May 19th:

Student Adoration - 10:00 to 10:30, in the Church

Tuesday, May 20th:

Field Day - open to volunteers only

Wednesday, May 21st:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast and Make-A-Wish free dress day

6<sup>th</sup> Grade students wear uniforms for the breakfast, then they may change to free dress for the Make-A-Wish fundraiser.

Thursday, May 22nd:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

Friday, May 23rd:

Last Day of School for PK-2 through 5th

Report Cards go home

No lunch served/ No Afterschool care offered

Happy Summer!

See you next school year!

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On Mission,  
Together!



5/12/2025 - Kaitlyn Salloum

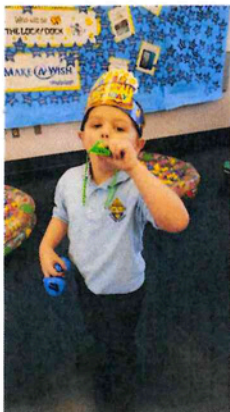
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Blue and Gold Winners:



*Congratulations!*

Blue and Gold Winners:



# Make-A-Wish

**Help Make-A-Wish Come True! Fundraiser — May 21**



We're raising funds for **Make-A-Wish** to help grant life-changing wishes to children with critical illnesses.

## How to participate:

- 👉 Bring **any monetary donation** before or on May 21
- 👉 Receive a **star** to be displayed in our school hallway
- 👉 Earn a **Free Dress Day** on May 21 if you have a star on the wall!

## Why it matters:

We are proud to honor this cause in celebration of our own **Sumner Holland**.

At just 2½ years old, Sumner was diagnosed with **Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia**. His wish? To see a **volcano**!

Thanks to Make-A-Wish, Sumner and his family traveled to **Oahu, Hawaii**, where they:

- 🏔️ Flew over Diamondhead crater
- 🐬 Swam with a Dolphin
- 🛵 Rode ATVs through Kualoa Ranch
- 🍹 Attended a luau
- 🚤 Sailed on a catamaran
- 🤿 Snorkeled
- 🚂 Rode a train through the Dole Plantation
- 🚒 Rode a firetruck
- 🍦 Ate ice cream every day
- 🏖️ Played on Hawaii's beautiful beaches

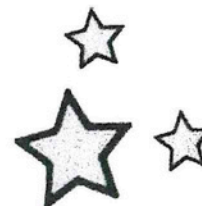


This trip gave Sumner and his family a joyful break before the world shut down for COVID.

**Let's help make another child's wish come true!**

**Thank you for your support!**

MAKE-A-WISH.  
Share the  
Power  
of a Wish.



Dear St. James Families,

**Donation Deadline has been extended to 5/22/25**

As we near the end of a wonderful school year, we want to continue our tradition of showing gratitude to our incredible teachers through a collective end-of-year bonus.

In past years, our spring event has helped fund this gift—but due to limited calendar availability and low participation this year, we were unable to hold the event. That's why we're asking for your help!

We're inviting families to contribute what they can toward a school-wide teacher bonus fund. Instead of individual gifts, this collective approach ensures every teacher and staff member is honored and celebrated for their dedication, love, and tireless work this year.

All funds donated will be combined and equally distributed among all St. James staff and faculty members as a unified expression of our appreciation.

Ways to donate:

- drop off your donation at the front office anytime during school hours
- use envelope provided to send in cash or check with your student
- scan Venmo code below

All donations, big or small—make a meaningful difference! All donations due by Friday, 5/16.

Let's come together as a community to finish the year strong and remind our teachers how much they are appreciated!

Thank you,

St. James P.L.U.S

Trojan Spirit

@stjameschoolgpt



**venmo**



# 2024 - 2025 St. James Catholic School Yearbooks are on sale!

There is a Fall delivery scheduled for the Yearbooks. This will enable us to include the entire school year in the yearbook, instead of only a partial year. Teachers will plan a special “signing” day after the yearbooks are distributed at the beginning of next school year.

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## WAYS TO ORDER:



**ONLINE**

JOSTENS.COM/BUYYEARBK



**SCAN**



**CALL**

1.877.767.5217  
8AM - 5PM CST  
MONDAY-FRIDAY

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All yearbook ordering will take place completely online. The three ways to order are listed above. A digital flyer will be posted on the school's website and in the newsletter. Please enter St. James Catholic Elementary School when asked the name of your school. Make sure it lists 603 West Avenue, Gulfport, MS as the location. No orders will be handled by the school.

The basic yearbook will cost \$40.00. The deadline to order a yearbook is Friday, May 23rd. Jostens sets this deadline, not the school. Please submit pictures to:

Tricia Harvey at [tharvey@stjamesgulfport.com](mailto:tharvey@stjamesgulfport.com) AND

Torie Williams at [vwilliams@stjamesgulfport.com](mailto:vwilliams@stjamesgulfport.com)

Thank you to Terese Evans for designing our yearbook cover!

**Deadline to order is Friday, May 23rd.**

# St. James Catholic School

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2025 – 2026  
SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY/AUGUST 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
28	29	30	31	1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

OCTOBER 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

DECEMBER 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JANUARY 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY 2026				
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23	24	25	26	27

MARCH 2026				
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23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

APRIL 2026				
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MAY 2026				
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- Holiday – No School
- Quarter Tests
- Faculty/Staff Development
- End of a Quarter
- Report Cards

**Quarter 1** – July 31 to October 2  
**Quarter 2** – October 3 to December 19  
**Quarter 3** – January 5 to March 11  
**Quarter 4** – March 12 to May 22  
**First Day of School** – July 31  
**Labor Day** – September 1  
**Fall Holiday** – October 6-10  
**Thanksgiving** – November 24 - 28  
**Christmas** – December 22 - January 2  
**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – January 16  
**MLK, Jr. Holiday** – January 19  
**Mardi Gras** – February 16-17  
**ITBS Testing** – TBA  
**Good Friday** – April 3  
**Easter Holidays** – April 3 to 10  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation** – May 21  
**Last Day of School** – May 22



We will offer ice cream on Friday. Students must have cash in order to purchase ice cream. All of the ice cream products that we sell are approved by the state office of Child Nutrition and fall within the guidelines of our Wellness Policy.

PK-3, PK-4, Kindergarten and 1st Grade: Students can bring money in a zip-lock bag with their name on it. If you would like to pay in advance, teachers will keep up with the money in the zip-lock bag. They will send the bag home when it is empty.

2nd - 6th Grade: Students will purchase their own ice cream and will be responsible for keeping up with their money.



All ice cream is \$1.00



**May 19th -May 23rd 2025**

**Monday**

TRAY - Chicken Parm w/ Pasta, Green Beans, Devil's Food Cupcake  
TOTE: Mini Chicken Tacos, Queso w/ Chips, Churro  
Fruit & Yogurt

**Tuesday**

TRAY: Hamburger, Chips, Cookie  
TOTE: Hot Dog, Chips, Cookie  
Chef Salad

**Wednesday**

TRAY: Chicken Tenders, French Fried, Green Beans, Oreo Cookie  
TOTE: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Cool Ranch Chips, Apple Slices, Oreo Cookie  
Fruit & Yogurt

**Thursday**

TRAY: Pizza, French Fries, Vanilla Pudding Cup  
TOTE: Mini Corn Dogs, Cheetos, Vanilla Pudding Cup  
Chef Salad

**Friday**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
NO LUNCH SERVED / NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE OFFERED