

Week of December 15th, 2025



"Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?  
Am I not your fountain of life?".  
-Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Dates to Remember

Wednesday & Thursday -December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Program

Friday - December 19<sup>th</sup>

11:30 Early Dismissal- NO Afterschool Care

Monday - Friday - December 22<sup>nd</sup> -January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Christmas Holiday

Monday - January 5<sup>th</sup>

School Resumes

Sunday - January 11<sup>th</sup>

Children's Mass @ 9:00 am

6th Grade leads

Friday - January 16<sup>th</sup>

Parent/Teacher Conference

Sunday - January 18<sup>th</sup>

Children's Mass @ 9:00 am

5thGrade leads

Monday - January 19<sup>th</sup>

MLK, Jr. Holiday - No School

St. James Catholic School, 603 West Avenue  
Gulfport, MS 39507, 228-896-6631 Fax: 228-896-6638

Blue and Gold Winners:

Congratulations!

12/08/2025 - \$100.00

Trisha Monroe



Fall Festival Update




We are grateful to all who donated their time, talent and/or treasure to make our Saint James Fall Festival a success. We are happy to report a festival profit of \$143,518

BYE!

Early Dismissal

Friday December 19th - 11:30

No Afterschool Care



Merry Christmas to Everyone!  
We will have classroom Christmas parties at 10:30 a.m. and will dismiss school at 11:30am on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. All parents are welcome to attend.

There will be no After School care or lunch served on that day.

Friday will also be a **FREE DRESS DAY** for all students.

Students may dress in holiday attire.  
School will resume on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



# Christmas Program

Wednesday & Thursday  
12/17 & 12/18

Please read information **below** for  
instructions on costumes, times and  
detailed information.



## Christmas Ornaments

Last chance to purchase your  
ornaments!



Details below

# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S 2025 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



It has become a tradition at St. James Catholic School for each PK4-6th grade student to create a beautiful, hand-painted paper mache' Christmas ornament. Ornaments will be dipped in high gloss polyurethane to give the look of glass. These one-of-a kind ornaments will create lasting memories as you display them on your Christmas trees.

The sale of student ornaments will help absorb the cost of our Christmas program (costumes, set pieces, backdrop, props & honorariums}.

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ORDER FORM (\$10.00/each)  
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(Student Name}

(Grade)

(Teacher's Name}



# IMPORTANT



## 2025 Christmas Program



### Costume Requirements



**TO: Parents of PK4-6th graders**

**FR: Terese G. Evans - Music**

**Mark your calendars...our Christmas program is fast approaching!  
The program will be on December 17th (Wednesday) and  
December 18th (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.**

**All 1st-6th graders should wear Christmas party attire (no jeans)  
for ACT I and costumes for ACT II (parents can assist their child  
with costumes during intermission). IMPORTANT: 1st-6th graders  
will need a small working flashlight (with their names on it).**

**All PK4-K students will be in ACT I ONLY and may be retrieved by  
their parents during intermission (NOT BEFORE). All students  
should report to their classrooms no later than 6:40 p.m. Students  
will be called to the Fine Arts building at 6:50 p.m. to line up  
backstage for the show. The Christmas program is MANDATORY  
(as stated in the SJS Handbook) and will be your child's Music  
grade for the quarter. STUDENTS MUST PERFORM WITH THEIR  
CLASS ON THEIR SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE DAY (no swaps  
will be considered).**

**Any questions: Contact: [tevens@stjamesgulfport.com](mailto:tevens@stjamesgulfport.com)**

**Listed below is your child's performance schedule and costume  
requirements:**



# Schedule



**Wednesday Dec. 17**

**Thursday Dec. 18**

**PK4-2 (Monique Guillot)**

**PK4-1 (Stacey Cox)**

**K-2 (Sharon Nelson)**

**K-1 (Aimee Raymond)**

**1-A (Kathy Saucier)**

**1-1 (Danique Freeman)**

**2-A (Magen Sullivan)**

**2-1 (Jamie Lindsey)**

**3-A (Victoria Williams)**

**3-1 (Sindy Holder)**

**4-A (Melissa Yates)**

**4-1 (Denene Jordan)**

**5-A (Lillian Starks)**

**5-1 (Susan Ladner)**

**6-A (Michelle Moreno)**

**6-1 (Dee Stevens)**

## Costume Requirements



**PK4: Will be elves. Be creative. Any type of elf (i.e. cowboy elf, princess elf, toy elf, soldier elf, super hero elf, ballerina elf, football elf etc.). They will need elf ears and rosy cheeks so they look like elves.**

**K: Will be penguins. I have the penguin outfits and hats for them. They will need to wear shorts and a t-shirt underneath.**

**1st: Will be "Elf on the Shelf". I need boy Elves On the Shelf and girl Elves On the Shelf. Make sure the hat stays on their head during movement.**

**2nd: Will be in Candy Cane colors. They need to be in white and red only. Must see both colors.**

**3rd: Will be Reindeer cowboys and cowgirls. They need cowboy hats with reindeer antlers and jean pants, skirts, vests (optional), red or green shirt plus either green or red bandanas and a spot of black on the tip of their nose. Make sure cowboy hat with antlers stays on their head.**





# IMPORTANT



## *Costume Requirements*

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***4th:* Will be at an “Ugly Christmas Sweater” party. They need to wear an ugly Christmas sweater/sweatshirt/top and a silly Christmas hat (i.e. tree, Santa Hat, reindeer hat etc.). Make sure the hat will stay on their head when moving.**

***5th:* Will be the Blues Brothers. Must wear a blue top and blue long pants (any shade of blue), blue vest (optional), black shoes, white COTTON (not nylon) socks, black sunglasses and a black or blue Fedora hat. NO dresses or skirts.**

***6th:* Will be Glow in the Dark. Need to be in black from top to bottom (including black shoes, black socks and black beanie cap). Girls must tuck their hair under the beanie cap. Apply designs directly to the front of their black top and sleeves and bottom pants with orange and pink neon duct tape. I need to see both pink and orange on them (not neon green).**







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**



**December 15th-19th**

**Monday**

TRAY: Pizza, French Fries, Side Salad, Cupcake  
TOTE: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Cool Ranch Doritos, Cupcake  
Fruit and Yogurt

**Tuesday**

TRAY: Chicken Nuggets, Roll, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas, Chocolate Covered Pretzels  
TOTE: Grilled Cheese, Chips, Chocolate Covered Pretzels  
Chef Salad

**Wednesday**

TRAY: French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Eggs, Sausage, Mixed Fresh Fruit  
TOTE: Grilled Chicken Caesar, Chips and Grapes  
Fruit & Yogurt

**Thursday**

TRAY: Loaded Mac & Cheese Bowl, Chicken & Shrimp, Choose your Toppings, Brownie  
TOTE: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Fudge Round  
Chef Salad

**Friday**

**Be Prompt for  
Early Dismissal**

**\*No lunch served AND No Afterschool Care  
\*11:30 dismissal for Christmas break**

# UNIFORM POLICY

We have been noticing many deviations from our school uniform policy, especially:

- the length / style of hair on our boys
- the length of skorts our girls are wearing

The St. James Catholic School uniform policy is found on page 13 of the Student Handbook, which is posted on our school website at:

[www.stjamesgulfport.com](http://www.stjamesgulfport.com)

Click on the Parent tab, and the Student Handbook is in the dropbox.

Boys' hair should:

- not go past the eyebrow
- should not touch the top of the shirt collar
- sides should be no longer than mid-ear
- no rat-tails or fad hair styles allowed

Girls' skorts should be of modest length. Use the following as guidelines:

- No shorter than 4 inches from the floor when the child is kneeling
- Should fall at least 2 to 3 inches past fingertips when the child is standing.

If a student wears jewelry, only religious necklaces are allowed, under the school uniform shirt. Girls may wear stud earrings ONLY.

Uniform violations will start to be sent home. After two violations, detentions will be given. Everyone is welcome to shop in our uniform closet if you need new uniform pieces. It is a great place to start, and everything is free.

Thank you for your assistance with enforcing our school uniform policy.

# EVERY MINUTE IN SCHOOL MATTERS



## *Did you know?* **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but it adds up!

### **When a student misses 2 days a month:**

- They will miss 20 days a year
- They will miss 30 hours of math over the school year
- They will miss 60 hours of reading and writing over the school year
- They will miss over a year of school by graduation

### **When a student misses 4 days a month:**

- They will miss 40 days a year
- They will miss 60 hours of math over the school year
- They will miss 120 hours of reading and writing over the school year
- They will miss over 2 years of school by graduation



# 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
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		


JANUARY 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

MARCH 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

APRIL 2026				
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	

MAY 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

-  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