



St. James Catholic School

Week of April 13, 2026
603 West Avenue Gulfport, MS 39507

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DIOCESE OF BILOXI

Parenting Tips for home and everyday life.



INSTEAD OF ASKING, "HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?"

Ask, "What made you laugh the most today?"

READING & WRITING TIPS

*Read together - even older readers enjoy shared reading.

*Have your child keep an "Idea jar" with words, pictures, or topics that inspire you.

BUILDING FAITH AT HOME AND EVERYDAY LIFE

This week talk to your child about how "We show our faith by how we treat others."

Verse for the week



On this Second Sunday of Easter, also called Divine Mercy Sunday, we hear Jesus Christ say, "Peace be with you," reminding us that His mercy and love are always with us, even when we are afraid or uncertain. Like Saint Thomas the Apostle, may we grow in faith and trust, believing in Christ's presence even when we cannot see Him.

Dates to Remember

- Monday April 13rd
School Resumes
- Sunday - April 19th
Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 5th Grade leads
- Monday April 20th - Friday April 24th
ITBS Testing
- Sunday - April 26th
Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 4th Grade leads
- Tuesday - April 28th
Field Day



2026

Year of Manners

Please speak to your children about manners.

“Say Thank you with a grateful Heart”

Remind your children that saying “thank you” is more than using polite words—it means noticing the blessings God has given us and showing appreciation for them. When we thank others with a grateful heart, we are also thanking God for the people and gifts He places in our lives.

Blue and Gold Winner:



Congratulations!

03/30/2026

Kristi Herron \$100.00

Field Day

Get ready!!

Tuesday April 28th

ITBS Testing

ITBS will be held from Monday, April 20th through Friday, April 24th. All 2nd - 6th grade students will take this test.

Did you Know?

If a child misses 2 days of school each month, by the end of a 9-month school year they will have missed about 18 days of instruction. That is nearly 4 full weeks of school, or about 126 hours of learning time.



Frozen Rehearsal Weekly Schedule

SJCS Art Camp

FANS Camp

SPCHS Camp

STEAM Camp

Information included in this newsletter.



ITBS Testing ~ Grades 2-6

April 20th-24th



ITBS Testing week is very important.

In order to help your child do his/her very best, please follow these guidelines:

- **Children need to be in the classroom before 8:00 A.M.**
- **NO TARDIES.** If a child is tardy, he/she will not be allowed in the classroom if the test has begun.
- **Please send your child to school with two sharpened #2 pencils.**

Please have your children at school on time.

If your child is sick, please call the office prior to 8:00 a.m. A child performs better on these tests when he/she takes them with the rest of the class.

To help your child prepare for these tests, the following tips are suggested:

1. A good night's sleep.
2. A good wholesome breakfast.
3. Good attitude upon coming to school.
4. A family prayer to do the best they can do.
5. Arrive at school on time.





April 13th - April 17th

Monday

TRAY: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Pasta, Garlic Bread, Broccoli
TOTE: Mini Chicken Tacos, Queso & Chips, Applesauce
Fruit & Yogurt

Tuesday

TRAY: Pancakes/Syrup, Eggs & Sausage, Grits, Peaches
TOTE: Pepperoni Pizza Stick, Creamy Alfredo Pasta, Peaches
Chef Salad

Wednesday

TRAY: Chicken Nuggets, Roll, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas
TOTE: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Peaches
Fruit & Yogurt

Thursday

TRAY: Hamburgers, Fixings Table, Assorted Chips, Banana
TOTE: Mini Corn Dogs, Cheetos, Banana Pudding Cup
Chef Salad

Friday

TRAY: Pizza, French Fries, Orange Slices
TOTE: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Cool Ranch Doritos, Orange Slices
Fruit & Yogurt

Ice Cream Friday - \$1.00

Students must have cash in order to purchase ice cream. All products 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.




"FROZEN" REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

FOR 4/13

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MON 4/13 : CHOREOGRAPHY - "HYGGE" - OAKEN (TRISTAN D) & VIKINGS (LOUISA S, ANNA-K F, KENNEDY ELLIOTT, NATHAN K, HOPE M, LUCY S, HUNTER T, NAOMI L, BRANTEN K, AMORY BATIA, KATHERINE N, ELEANOR F, ARIA B, NORA C, LYLA M, CORALINE L, LIVIE S, GENEVIEVE W, CLAIRE W, CRISTIANO C, JAMES S, CORBAN D, GREYSON B, FELIX H, CARSON J, SAMUEL K, AIDEN S, JACKSON G, PAYTON R, LAUREN P, BLAIRE C, EMILY C, VIVIAN B, JOCELYN J, MADDIE M, MACKENZIE M, BLAKELEY B, BRIELLA S, CHARLEY R, HILL MC, SCOTT MC, WILL H, WALKER R, BECKETT L, ANDREW C, MADDOX H, FINN L, JACKSON L, CALE F, DAVID M, SOPHIA S, RILEY W, ABIGAIL H, MERRITT S, LUCY G, MARGUERITE H, HANNAH J, LILLY J, EMERSYN S, HARPER LO T, HANNAH C, AUDREY C, BROOKLYN L, SCARLET K, SANDEE B, SARAH B, CHRISTINA B, JOSIE P, EMMA B, ABIGAIL G, CAELYNN L, AINSLEY B, KNOX E, GUNNER B)

The schedule for the rest of
week will BE GIVEN ON Mon 4/13



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**Relic
Collection**

Spiritual Treasures Await

The Diocese of Biloxi has been given the tremendous blessing of over 1600 relics of saints, one of the largest collections in the country.

At present over 450 relics are on display in the Marian Chapel at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Another 250 will be switched out and displayed in May / June.

Viewing hours are 45 minutes after the 7am and 9am Sunday Masses, during the 6:30am and 8am daily Masses Monday through Friday and the 8am

- Mass Saturday morning.

(Refer to NativityBVMCathedral.org for updated viewing hours.)

Group pilgrimages / tours can be arranged by contacting Colleen Kavanagh @ColleenKavanagh64@gmail.com or by calling Nativity BVM Cathedral's office at 228-374-1717.

The saint's lives inspire us and their relics are our spiritual treasures on earth!

UNIFORM POLICY

The St. James Catholic School uniform policy is found on page 13 of the Student Handbook

It is posted on our school website at: www.stjamesgulfport.com

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



Top Violations

- The length / style of hair on the boys
- The length of skirts the girls are wearing



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' skirts 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 be sent home.

After two violations, detentions will be given.

You may shop in our uniform closet if you need new uniform pieces.

It is a great place to start, and everything is free.



SJCS SUMMER ART CAMP

WHO: Rising 1st-6th graders

TIME: 9am-12 noon

FEE: \$135.00/week

INSTRUCTOR: Terese G. Evans

tevens@stjamesgulfport.com 228-383-3651

DATES: (circle desired week/weeks)

June 1-5

June 8-12

~~June 15-19~~

(Full but waitlist is available).

- Art supplies, drinks & snacks provided
- Maximum enrollment: 25 students per week
- Make check payable to: St James School-Art Camp
- Payment made first day of camp, NOT prior
- Students will do new projects if multiple weeks
- No partial enrollments accepted
- Friday is finishing day for all projects

IF INTERESTED, FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO ST. JAMES SCHOOL. YOU WILL RECEIVE A PHONE CALL CONFIRMING YOUR CHILD'S ENROLLMENT A WEEK PRIOR.

(STUDENT'S NAME)

(RISING GRADE)

(GUARDIAN'S NAME & TELEPHONE NUMBER)

Join us for STEAM Camp this summer @ SJCS!

<https://forms.gle/nFTw7842mEwMQeDF6>



St. James STEAM Summer Camps

*St. James Catholic Elementary School, 603 West Ave.
Gulfport, MS, 39507*

\$100 per camp ages 10+

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday

- **June 1-4 STEM Explorations**
Campers will experience a day each of 3D design, Coding, Electronics, and Robotics.
- **June 15-18 Electronics and Mechanical Explorations**
Campers will explore the basics of Electronics and Mechanics by building simple circuits and simple machines to perform various tasks.
- **June 29-July 2 Coding with Scratch and Intro to Robotics**
Campers will learn the basics of Block Coding using Scratch, create their own personal Scratch account, and use their coding skills to program a robot to follow a simple maze.
- **July 13-16 3D Design with Tinkercad and Solidworks**
Campers will learn the basics of 3D design, create their own personal Tinkercad account and create their own 3D creations.

Payment can be mailed or dropped off or mailed to St. James upon registration.

DRESS: Comfortably but Appropriately

****Campers must bring their lunch****

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

We're excited to announce that St. Patrick Catholic High School Summer Camps are now open for registration!

Our summer camps are a great way for students to stay active, build skills, and have fun in a safe, encouraging environment—led by our outstanding faculty, coaches, and staff. Camps are available for a variety of grade levels and interests.

Camp options include:

Cheer • Archery • Softball • ⚽ Soccer
Volleyball • Basketball • Football
Rockets & Robots • ⚾ Baseball

Spots are limited, so we encourage families to register soon!

Register here:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/spsummercamps/event/spsummercamps2026/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. We can't wait to see everyone this summer at St. Patrick!

Sincerely,

Emily Aldrich
Director of Admissions and Communications



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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SCHOLARS | DISCIPLES | CHAMPIONS



ST. PATRICK'S
ROCKETS & ROBOTS
SUMMER CAMP



\$150

CHOOSE YOUR DATES:

JUNE 22-26
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

JULY 6-10
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.





THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE OLA

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 | 7:00 - 10:00 PM

ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAVELAND

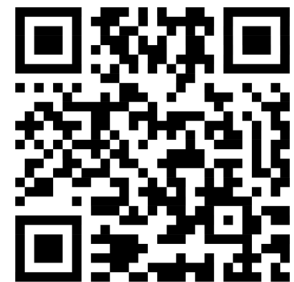
SILENT AUCTION | LIVE AUCTION

\$1 BASKET RAFFLE | LOCAL CUISINE

LIVE MUSIC BY JONI COMPRETTE

& BAYTOWN GROOVE

SCAN QR CODE FOR
TICKETS & DRINK BAND



WWW.OURLADYACADEMY.COM/HOORAY 228-467-7048



FANS CAMP

2026

QUESTIONS? CONTACT COACH ADRIAN DODSON (228) 365-7600 OR COACH MIKE MATTINA (228) 424-6813

REGISTER AT [WWW.FANSCAMP.COM](http://www.fanscamp.com)

SUMMER 2026

June 1st-July 17th

AGILITY

OPEN TO KIDS AGES 5-13

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ⚡ FITNESS TRAINING FOR ALL SPORTS
- ⚡ MARTIAL ARTS
- ⚡ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DODGEBALL TOURNEYS
- ⚡ STRENGTH AND SPEED CONDITIONING
- ⚡ SUPERSTAR CONTESTS
- ⚡ P.E. AND SPORTS RELATED GAMES AND EVENTS
- ⚡ WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS TO MALL AND TRAMPOLINE PARK

FITNESS



NUTRITION

STRENGTH

MONDAY-FRIDAY

DROP OFF AS EARLY AS 6:45 AM
PICK UP BY 5:15 PM

Located at:

**Our Lady Of Fatima
Elementary
320 Jim Money Rd.
Biloxi**

Weekly Rates:

- 1 CAMPER - \$149
- 2 CAMPERS - \$249
- 3 CAMPERS - \$349
- 4 CAMPERS - \$399

• ONLY PAY FOR THE WEEKS YOU ATTEND
• \$150 REGISTRATION FEE
SECURES YOUR CAMPER'S
SPOT FOR THE SUMMER

*CAMPERS MUST BE IN SAME FAMILY
FOR MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT

St. James Catholic School

Faith • Academics • Service

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
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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
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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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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
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23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

APRIL 2026				
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13	14	15	16	17
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27	28	29	30	

MAY 2026				
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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
- 6th Grade Graduation** – May 21
- Last Day of School** – May 22