



# St. James Catholic School

Week of May 18th, 2026  
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DIOCESE OF BILOXI

## Parenting Tips

for home and everyday life.



### **INSTEAD OF ASKING, "HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?"**

Ask, "Who did you pray for today?"



### **READING & WRITING TIPS**

\*Read stories in different voices.

\*Practice and write your sight words with different colors.



### **BUILDING FAITH AT HOME AND EVERYDAY LIFE**

This week remind your child to stop talking when an adult is talking.



On the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we hear Jesus pray for His followers to be united in love and truth, just as He is one with the Father. As a school community, we are called to strengthen that unity by treating one another with kindness, respect, and Christ-like love each day.

## Dates to Remember

- Thursday May 21st  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- Friday May 22nd  
Last day of school for PreK2-5th  
REPORTS CARDS GO HOME  
No LUNCH  
No AFTERSCHOOL CARE



Little Lighthouse  
productions



**"Frozen"**

**VIDEO ORDER FORM**



**SCAN THE QR CODE**

**Blue and Gold Winners:**



**Congratulations!**

**05/11/2026**

**Kristi Herron \$100.00**

**Thank you!**



Thank you to everyone for making our Spring Musical a huge success.

**POETRY WINNERS**

A big **THANK YOU** to all 48 poets who entered this year.

Keep reading below to find the results.



**Summer Opportunities**

**SJCS Art Camp**

**FANS Camp**

**SPCHS Camp**

**STEAM Camp**

Information included in this newsletter.

Cafe



News

## May 18<sup>th</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday

TRAY: Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Broccoli, Fruit  
TOTE: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Cool Ranch Doritos, Fruit  
Fruit & Yogurt

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

TRAY: Hamburgers, Fixings Table, French Fries, Juice Slushie  
TOTE: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Cool Ranch Doritos, Juice Slushie  
Fruit & Yogurt

Thursday

TRAY: Pizza, French Fries, Dessert  
TOTE: French Dip Sandwich, Chips, Dessert  
Chef Salad

Friday

**NO LUNCH**  
**NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE**

❄️ BY POPULAR DEMAND! ❄️

**Kristoff's sled of Stress Ice Cubes is expected to arrive this week!** 🛷

*Orders will be filled in the order received, so don't wait!*

**Cost: \$5 each**

Payment accepted by:

- Cash
- Check

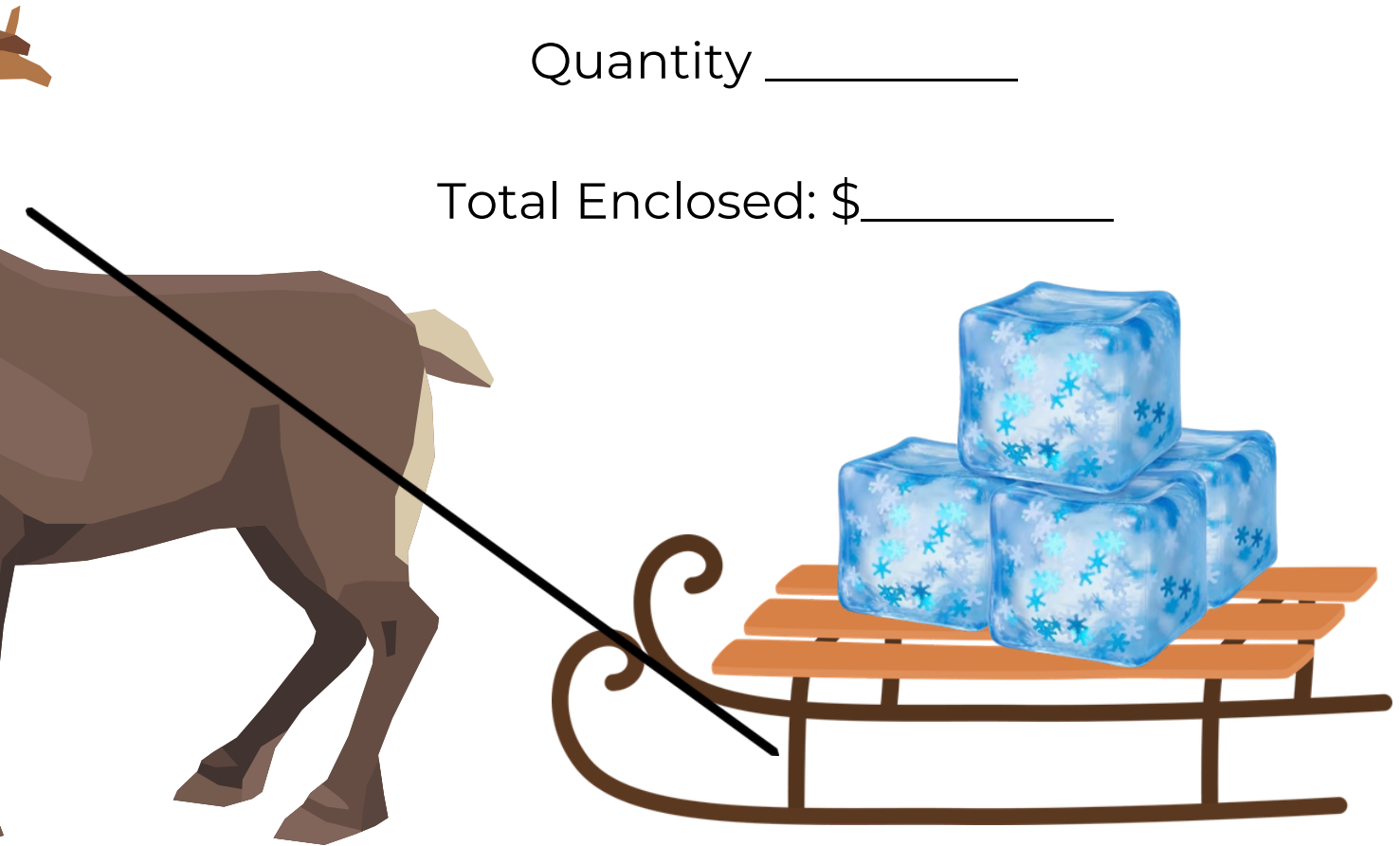
Please return this form and payment to the front office.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_



# “Frozen”



St. James Catholic School’s Music Department is the 2026 recipient of a \$4,500.00 Grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The Project Grant application was written by Mrs. Terese Evans (Narrative) and Mrs. Krissy Kaigler (Budget) and awarded to St. James Catholic School’s music department on July 1st in support of the annual spring musical. This MAC/NEA grant recognizes “Excellence in the Promotion of the Arts in Education”. Our awarded Project Grant highlights the educational importance of collaboration between students and guest artists (orchestra, choreographers, lighting/sound technicians) and encourages an appreciation of the arts. Pictured (left to right) are the leads in our 2026 spring musical, “Frozen”: back row: Braxton Kelley (Sven), Krissy Kaigler (Budget writer), Terese Evans (Grant writer), Clark Wittmann (Olaf) front row: Cayden Mullen (Kristoff), Cecilia Strickland (Elsa), Mia Sofia Camarena (Anna), Gunner Berry (Hans)

# 2026 SJCS POETRY CONTEST

## Winners

We Have Our Winners!



6<sup>th</sup> grade: Lucy Sullivan



5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Riley Williams



4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Maddox Jackson



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Sophia Perez

A big thank-you to all 48 poets who entered this year. Your imagination and courage to share your work make us proud, and we can't wait to see what you write next.

# SUNSETS

## Sunsets

Sunsets light up the bright sky  
with shades of fire and of life.  
Sunsets do their own thing  
squeezing between mean and the serene.  
Many try to be like one,  
being pretty, but really caring about none.  
Singing loud like never before.  
Don't have a care in the world.  
Farewell,  
Adios  
The pink skies lies, beneath the clouds.  
Moon shines.  
It is time to say goodnight.

LUCY  
SULLIVAN

**BENT!**

**NOT BROKEN!**

*Bent!Not Broken!*

*Doctor.*

*Not one but two.  
X-rays.*

*Before I grew.*

*An S?*

*It curves left and right.*

*A brace?*

*Wear it at night.*

*I am six years old.*

*Won't stop wearing it.*

*I am told.*

*Go to school.*

*Wear it everyday?*

*Convincing myself*

*Everyday is okay.*

*Fast Forward.*

*I am ten.*

*Each strap is pulled tight.*

*Again and again.*

*Still wearing it day*

*And night.*

*I'll keep putting up a fight.*

*I feel I am different,*

*But I am not.*

*Broken? No!*

*I am bent.*

**RILEY**

**WILLIAMS**

2026 POETRY CONTEST  
5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WINNER

# THE SUN

A flame so bright  
up in the sky  
and it will never  
smiles  
go out. It sees  
us every day  
and it will never  
smiles

MADDOX

JACKSON

# THE VIEW

## The View

I look up in the sky  
Sometimes I wish that I could fly  
How pretty is the view.  
The color of baby blue.  
Clouds in different shapes  
Sometimes round and sometimes straight.  
O how pretty is the view,  
The color of baby blue.

**SOPHIA**

**PEREZ**



# 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)

# 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\*\***

## FANS CAMP 2026

QUESTIONS? CONTACT COACH ADRIAN DOBSON (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



NUTRITION

- 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

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. 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  
18300 St. Patrick Road, Biloxi, MS 39532 | 228.702.0500 | stpatrickhighschool.net



SCHOLARS | DISCIPLES | CHAMPIONS

**ST. PATRICK'S  
ROCKETS &  
ROBOTS  
SUMMER CAMP**

**\$150**

**CHOOSE YOUR DATES:**

<b>JUNE 22-26</b> 9 A.M. -12 P.M.	<b>JULY 6-10</b> 9 A.M. -12 P.M.
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Many summer  
opportunities for the  
children.

Sign up now and  
secure your space.

# 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				
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
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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