



St. James Catholic School

Week of February 2nd, 2026

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Parenting Tips for home and everyday life.



INSTEAD OF ASKING, "HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?"

Ask, "If you could teach me one thing you learned today, what would it be?"



READING & WRITING TIPS

Visit the library often and let your child choose books.



BUILDING FAITH AT HOME AND EVERYDAY LIFE

"When you're worried, ask God for help."

Verse for the week



"Jesus teaches us to be kind, merciful, humble, and peacemakers —when we live the Beatitudes, we live like Him."

Dates to Remember

- Thursday - February 5th

Fall Picture Retakes

- Sunday - February 8th

Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 2nd Grade leads

- Monday & Tuesday - Feb. 16th & 17th

Mardi Gras Holiday, NO SCHOOL

- Wednesday - Feb 18th - Ash Wednesday

All-school Mass with Bishop Kihneman

6th Grade leads

- Sunday - February 22nd

Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 6th Grade leads



2026 Year of Manners

Please speak to your children about manners.

- “We honor God by caring for our space and leaving it better than we found it.”
- “Show respect by leaving every place better than you found it.”
- “Caring for our school means leaving each space better than we found it.”

FALL PICTURE RETAKES

Thursday
February 5th
Fall Picture
Retakes



Blue and Gold Winner:



Congratulations!

01/26/2026

Carly Kelley \$100.00



**SJCS Art Camp
FANS Camp**

Information included in this newsletter.

Mardi Gras Holiday



Monday & Tuesday -
Feb. 16th & 17th
Mardi Gras Holiday,
NO SCHOOL



February 2nd - February 6th

Monday

TRAY: Hamburgers, Fixings Table, Tater Tots, Rosey Applesauce
TOTE: Pancake/Sausage Stick, Tater Tots, Rosey Applesauce
Fruit & Yogurt

Tuesday

TRAY: Chicken Tenders, Roll, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans
TOTE: Cheese Cubes, Pepperoni Slices, Pretzels, Grapes
Chef Salad

Wednesday

TRAY: Pizza, Dressings Table, French Fries, Orange Slices
TOTE: Chicken Fries, Creamy Alfredo Pasta, Apple Slices
Fruit & Yogurt

Thursday

TRAY: Signature Guest Chef: Gourmet Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup & Funnel Cake Frys
TOTE: Pizza Stick, Mac & Cheese, Grapes
Chef Salad

Friday

TRAY: Orange Chicken, White or Fried Rice, Eggroll
TOTE: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Cool Ranch Doritos, Apple 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.



Lent 2026

Saint James Catholic Church

Couple Prayer Series

A five-week series for engaged and married couples beginning **Thursday, February 19** and continuing through Lent (final session is March 19).

Sessions will be held in the church from **6:00PM - 7:30PM**

MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND



The Couple Prayer Series was created to help engaged and married couples discover the life-changing intimacy and joy that praying together brings to a marriage.



SJCS SUMMER ART CAMP

WHO: Rising 1st-6th graders

TIME: 9am-12 noon

FEE: \$135.00/week

INSTRUCTOR: Terese G. Evans

tevans@stjamesgulfport.com 228-383-3651

DATES: (circle desired week/weeks)

June 1-5

June 8-12

June 15-19

- 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)

FANS CAMP

2026

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

REGISTER AT 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

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

- No belts & untucked shirts
- Jackets

No belts & untucked shirts

Shirts should be tucked in throughout the day.

Grades 2-6 will wear a black or navy belt with their shorts/slacks.

If a student wears jewelry, only religious necklaces are allowed, under the school uniform shirt.

Girls may wear stud earrings ONLY.

ALERT

Uniform violations will be sent home.

After two violations, detentions will be given.



Jackets

Students may wear a navy cardigan, navy sweatshirt or navy fleece inside the school buildings, as long as it is adorned with the St. James crest. Cold weather jackets/coats for outside must be solid navy (no logos, other than school crest). If the temperature is below 32 degrees, students may wear a heavy non-uniform jacket outside only. Please write names in all outerwear.

You may shop in our uniform closet if you need new uniform pieces. It is a great place to start, and everything is free.

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

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
		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
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20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

MAY 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
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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
6th Grade Graduation – May 21
Last Day of School – May 22