

St. James School Home and School Newsletter

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Thanks to you!

Your 2015-16 Scrip purchases provided \$5500 in funding for school technology purchases.

For the 2016-17 school year, over \$4100 will be granted to fund additional technology needs.

What does that buy? I pads, Osmos, Kindles, Chromebooks and a whole lot more!

Buy Scrip!

Great Afternoon of Fun! Spaghetti Dinner – January 28

Join us for the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 28th from 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., as we kick off Catholic Schools Week at St. James School. The Spaghetti Dinner is one of the longest held events at our school and gives everyone an opportunity to come together and celebrate St. James while sharing a great meal.

The Athletics and Home and School Associations jointly host the event. It is open to all – so please invite your family and friends to dine with you or pick up a carryout meal on this day. Posters and ticket information is also available in the weekly email.

We are also asking for your help, as many volunteers are needed to make this event possible. Students who are 4th grade and older can also help – certain tasks have been set aside for them. Alumni too! Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/sUrPfu>

All School Dance – Neon Night February 2

Have fun with your classmates at the All-School Dance on Friday, February 2nd! Kids from ECE to 8th grade are invited to attend with parents or responsible adult. Professional DJ will lead the fun with the cupid shuffle, chicken dance and a whole lot of glow sticks!

Dance 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Snacks available for purchase

Upcoming Home & School Events

- January 16** 5:30 p.m. Dave Ramsey – Financial Peace University Weekly on Tuesdays
- January 28** 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- February 2** Friends of St. James Day
- February 2** 6:00 p.m. All School Dance
- February 8** 5:30 p.m. Home & School Meeting – Resource Room

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

What if you knew where all your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future.



Make the commitment to achieve your financial dreams! Sign up to attend Dave Ramsey's 9 week PROVEN course. Tuesdays 5:30-7pm, beginning January 16th in St James Cafeteria.

<https://fpu.com/1054882> or e-mail me at janismakwinja@gmail.com.

Tuition Rebate Highlights

2016-17

42 Families earned \$4,389.70 in Scrip tuition rebates. Two families earned over \$900 in tuition credit, \$966 and \$902!

It's easy and readily available. Contact spartanmoolah@gmail.com for more information.

What is Home & School - FAQs

What is Home and School?

Home and School is St. James's version of PTA. This is a great way to meet other parents and get involved within the St. James community.

When are meetings and how long do they last?

Meetings are once a month, usually the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 in the Resource Room. They last anywhere from 1-2 hours depending on the items on the agenda, but feel free to leave sooner if needed.

Is it OK if I bring my kids?

Absolutely. Most of us that come have our kids there for a little while at least. The kids usually work on homework, play on handheld devices if they have one, and eat their dinner (McDonalds and Rocky's are within a couple blocks). We are willing to do more with additional participation from families too.

Do I have to go to all the meetings to be a part of Home and School?

Absolutely not. It is completely fine to come to one a meeting a year or every meeting, whatever works within your schedule. We have our officers and 2 teacher representatives (all teachers take turns on a rotating basis throughout the year) that are present at meetings.

What does Home and School do or talk about at meetings?

Home and School helps plan community building events throughout the school year. For example, we have sponsored Back to School night at Vitense, the All School Dance, chili and salsa competitions, Cookie Rolling, and educational opportunities. We fund extra materials and supplies for teachers and around the school, and plan our annual FUNdraisers, the Spartan Stampede.

How does Home and School get their money?

The Spartan Stampede is our biggest fundraiser and takes place every fall in October, the Spaghetti Dinner that takes place in the winter, and the SCRIP program that runs all year long (yes, all 12 months).

Scrip Highlights – Family Budgets

Looking for ways to keep your family's budget in check in the New Year? Perhaps you're going to be participating in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes here at St. James or you just want to get your spending under control. Scrip is here to help! Scrip cards are available for groceries, gas, clothing, restaurants, entertainment, pet supplies, prescriptions, and so much more. Once you've determined the amount your family typically spends each month on these items, simply purchase your Scrip cards and use those for your purchases. It's a really easy way to see how much money you have left to spend and once those funds are gone, they're gone! No overspending. Also, since you're purchasing Scrip with either check or cash, you're not contributing to debt by using credit cards.

Think you're earning more money by using your credit card for those "rewards?" Think again. See the flyer in the Tuesday mailing for an illustration of how you can earn more money (for yourself and St. James School) by buying Scrip rather than using your credit card. With 50% of your earned Scrip rebates coming back to you as a tuition credit in April, you can earn hundreds of dollars each year! Last year, 2 of our school families earned over \$900 in tuition credit simply by buying Scrip regularly! WOW!

It only takes a few minutes to plan and think about where you will be spending your money. Buy Scrip cards for those stores, restaurants, gas stations, etc., and start earning your tuition credit today!