

St. Jerome School, grounded in Catholic tradition, believes each student is a child of God, and challenges each one to achieve academic excellence, to live the Gospel, and to serve others by making a positive contribution in the world.

**Dates and Reminders**

**Monday, February 18**

NO SCHOOL

Presidents’ Day

**Tuesday, February 19**

***Winter Blast Family Fun Night and Open House***

***5-7pm***

Please come and have fun with your family!

**Tuesday, February 19**

Candy Tally Tuesday #2

**Wednesday, February 20**

School Mass ~ Grade 2

**Friday, February 22**

Grades 3-4 Field Trip to the Mill City Museum

**Wednesday, February 27**

School Mass ~ Grade 3

Dear St. Jerome Families, 2/14/19

This week we are sending **registration forms** home to our families. We are very hopeful that you will complete registration **by April 15, 2019**. A timely response from families allows us to make an *accurate budget and determine staffing* for next year. It also enters your name into a drawing for a $500 tuition credit.

*Each of our 136 students contributes something unique and special to our St. Jerome family*. We appreciate the trust you place in us and we sincerely hope to see everyone return (besides our dear 8th graders, of course.) If you have questions about our school, how things are going, or what our future looks like, please come for a visit or give me a call. Our future is bright!

School Advisory, Home and School, and our staff have given input. **We WILL make up one of the snow/ice days. School will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 1.** Of course, weather is unpredictable. We’ll pray for no more snow/cold days. I do not want to add days in June as that is a hot and less productive time in school. \*If you have made plans for that day already, it will be an excused absence.

Our pastor, **Father Cletus Basekela, is retiring** after serving at St. Jerome for 12 years and over 40 years as a priest. Fathers last Mass is June 30. Watch for opportunities to celebrate his retirement with the St. Jerome Community.

Thanks, Father Cletus!



***\*\*rescheduled!*** **Tuesday, February 19 5-7pm *\*\*rescheduled***

WINTER BLAST **FAMILY FUN NIGHT** AND OPEN HOUSE!

 **Here’s a chance to showcase our school**

 **(for new people) and gather as a community!**

**Pizza supper, classroom activities, soft-serve ice cream sundaes, and lots of SJS info and fun. Drawings for 2 bikes and 2 super cool sleds.**

**Invite friends and families, especially those looking for a great school like SJS.**

**Bring a new family to Open House = A FREE GYM SHIRT**

**Bring a family, and they register for next year = $300 off your tuition bill**

**Party with a Purpose: Portraits of St. Jerome**

**Saturday, April 27**

Please plan to attend a **fun, comfortable and warm party** to raise money for St. Jerome School. Lots of details go into making

this party a huge success. We’ll use the Pulse of the Pride to let you know how you can help. This week’s request:

***Donations are needed:***

We hold a fun game called a liquor pull. People buy a ticket and pull from either wine, booze or 6 pack beer choices. The booze is wrapped so there’s an element of surprise. **Please donate bottles of wine, booze and 6 packs of beer.** This game was super popular last year so we need to be ready with lots of donations. Thanks so much!

**A Word About Tuition**

Our School Advisory and Parish Finance Councils have recommended and approved a 2% tuition increase for the 2019-20 school year. We are also adding an additional $25 to the field trip fee. Our tuition continues to be the most affordable in this east metro area.

Please complete a TADS application for financial assistance prior to February 22 for your family to be considered for scholarship monies from Aim Higher and the Catholic Services Appeal.

As is our practice, St. Jerome will do all we can to find donors, grants and outside money to enable us to provide as much tuition assistance as possible.

**Rollerskating at Saints North: Friday from 12-3**

You are welcome to join us! Please bring money for admission and food. It’s good old fashioned fun at the roller rink!

**We will have school on Friday, March 1, to make up for the 5**

**that occurred so far.**

Registration Materials are in today’s folder. **Turn them in by 4/15 and you’ll have a chance to win a $500 tuition credit.**

**School Aged Child Care Program**

We have heard your feedback and we are reworking our school aged child care program. We will be looking at:

* Consistently offering care on non-school days.
* Improving curriculum/fun/learning activities for this age group
* Researching what works well at other school aged programs.

Stay tuned for updates and please contact Mrs. Gattman or Ms. Cardinal with any ideas/feedback.