

8th Grade Newsletter – 12.11.20

Hola 8th Grade Families,

We have a few reminders for everyone this week.

1. We have been collecting an incredible amount of change for the **Coins for Covid** coin drive sponsored by 8th Grade Student Leadership. So far St. James has collected over **3,500\$** in change! Students can continue to bring any spare change around the house to contribute to their homeroom's donation to help Arlington Cares, a local organization providing relief to those in the Arlington Heights area directly affected by COVID-19. The last day for the collection is **Wednesday, December 16th.**
2. If your child has not already brought their contribution for their Homeroom Mercy Box, the last day for the **Mercy Box** collection is **Tuesday, December 15th.** These Boxes will be donated to several parishes that have families in need during this holiday season.
3. Next **Thursday, December 17th,** is an all-school **Spirit Wear!** It also is the make-up Hubby's Hotdogs Special Lunch. All students who did not order should bring their own lunch and everyone needs to provide their own beverage.
4. **Friday, December 18th,** 8th Grade Student Leadership will be sponsoring **Green for Jeans.** Students can bring in \$2 to wear jeans with a red or green shirt as well as Christmas accessories (headbands, hats, necklaces, etc.). Students who choose not to wear jeans can wear their uniform bottoms with a red or green shirt instead. All proceeds will go toward Father Matt's Charity: El Niño Rey. Also, next Friday is our **half day** before break. Students will be attending mass, viewing the digital Christmas concert, and participating in a Christmas themed pep-rally to kick off Christmas break!

Have a great weekend,
Mr. Bilski, Mrs. Esquivel, and Señorita Tomko