

8th Grade Newsletter – 2.26.21

Hello 8th Grade Families,

We have several important notes for you this week.

1. A reminder that next Thursday, March 4th is graduation pictures. Please see the attached letter for more information.
2. Next Friday, March 5th is the end of the 2nd Trimester. Students should be checking PowerSchool and Google Classroom for any missing assignments. They should talk to their teachers if they have any questions.
3. A reminder that the deadline for ordering your yearbook is Monday, March 29th. To order a yearbook, just visit <https://tr5.treering.com/validate> and enter the passcode [1016040871773054](https://tr5.treering.com/validate).
4. Just a reminder that if you ordered the Scratchboard Kitchen "Breakfast for Lunch" that is on Thursday, March 4th.
5. Thanks to everyone who has been able to help out with lunch supervision so far this school year! If you are interested and available for the month of March, please sign-up Doc. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/191otCO7T2u69aJ68HJh_Pg8ypvkajAYjsMYMctK0j2Q/edit?usp=sharing
6. Our most recent snow day moved us one day below the required minimum days of school to be recognized by ISBE. In order to avoid adding a day of school to the end of the school year, we will convert March 19th from a faculty retreat day (No School for Students) into a virtual asynchronous e-learning day. An asynchronous e-learning day is a school day where the lessons are pre-recorded and the work can be done at your pace.
7. After reviewing the recent changes from local health agencies, the Archdiocese of Chicago has updated the travel guidelines. Since the students are not vaccinated, they will have to follow the [Chicago Emergency Travel Order](#). If a student travels to an orange state, they will be required to do a 10-day quarantine regardless of a negative Covid test. If a student travels to a yellow state, then no quarantine is required.
8. If you are traveling to a yellow state for spring break, please email the office at secretaries@stjameschoolah.org with the name of the state you are traveling to and we will remove your quarantine dates from our system. The main office will be sending out post-spring break quarantine dates early next week.

Please reach out if you have any questions. Enjoy the warmer weather this weekend!!!

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