

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter – 3.5.21

Greetings,

We have a number of news items and reminders this week.

1. April 8 is graduation picture day for any students who missed pictures on March 4 or want to do retakes.

2. The third trimester begins Monday. Report cards for the second trimester will be distributed on March 16.

3. 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](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/191otCO7T2u69aJ68HJh_Pg8ypvkajAYjsMYMctK0j2Q/edit?usp=sharing)

4. Remember 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.

5. Students will not attend school in person on March 19th. This will be an asynchronous e-learning day. Students will be assigned lessons and work at their own pace on the 19th.

6. A reminder that Mrs. Koclanis is collecting photos for the 8th grade Graduation slideshow which will be played at the Graduation Dinner May 25. The slideshow includes favorite pics from PreK3-8th grade...and is a surprise for the 8th grade to watch!

Please submit your top (12 max) favorite photos of your child & friends PLUS...

- **baby photo**
- **favorite 8th grade current photo of your child**

Click link to upload photos to dropbox folder:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/smFWv1rwpcsIaR7UUOKN>

Please use the following naming convention w/ **Lastname\_subject** to help sort all photos (especially baby photos!!):

- **Koclanis\_baby.jpg**
- **Koclanis\_current.jpg**

Questions email [m.koclanis@yahoo.com](mailto:m.koclanis@yahoo.com)

Last day to submit photos is April 30. Photos cannot be accepted via text.

7. In preparation for spring break and for traveling families who may need to quarantine, all students with travel plans will be bringing their school iPads home in their backpacks before being dismissed for spring break. School devices should be kept at home in a safe place until we resume school on the 29th of March. It is not advised to travel with the SJS iPad. Families assume financial responsibility for lost or damaged devices. Devices for students without travel plans will remain at school during the break.

8. 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.

9. If you are traveling to a yellow state for spring break, please email the office at [secretaries@stjamessschoolah.org](mailto:secretaries@stjamessschoolah.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.

Enjoy the weekend. Spring is just around the corner!

Mr. Bilski  
Mrs. Esquivel  
Señorita Tomko