

8th Grade Newsletter – 4.1.21

Hello 8th Grade Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Spring Break! We have **A LOT** of important items for you this week so please read through the following very **CAREFULLY**.

1. We are looking for some memories of the Class of 2021 to include in our "Throwback Thursday" portion of morning announcements each week. Later in April, we will be highlighting when they received their First Holy Communion. We have some good pictures in the SJS photo archives. But **if your child joined the Saint James family after 2nd grade or received First Communion somewhere other than St. James, please send a picture of your child directly to Mrs. Zebron at gzebron@stjameschoolah.org** so she can add them to the mix.

2. **Graduation Pictures for the students who were remote on the original date is next Thursday, April 8th.** This is also the retake date for students who were in-person the first day. Students who are taking pictures should come to school that day dressed up. They will then change into their uniform after taking their pictures. Students will be able to use their own caps and gowns for those pictures. Proofs will be sent electronically for you to then order your pictures and choose the yearbook photo.

3. Graduation caps and gowns arrived over break and were passed out to the students on Monday. Those who are currently remote will receive theirs when they return to school. Students should check their package to make sure they have all of the items included that we went over with them in Religion class. Please let us know sooner rather than later if anything is missing.

4. Students can submit drawing options for the front of their **Graduation T-shirts** following the guidelines posted on their Google Classroom. **All submissions are due by next Wednesday, April 7th.**

5. The order form for the Graduation T-shirts is attached. **All orders are due by Friday, April 16th.** Late forms will not be accepted as the order will be placed after school that day so that the shirts will arrive before May. The students will be allowed to wear their shirts with uniform bottoms on Fridays (or the last day of the week) in May.

6. Students can submit drawing options for the cover of the **Graduation Mass Program** following the guidelines posted on their Google Classroom. **All submissions are due by next Friday, April 9th.**

Finally, the students chose their graduation theme this week - "**Living with Change!**" This has definitely been a year of constant change, but the 8th graders have faced each challenge with determination. We look forward to a great end to the school year with them!

Happy Easter and enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend!

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Mrs. Esquivel
Mr. Bilski
Senorita Tomko