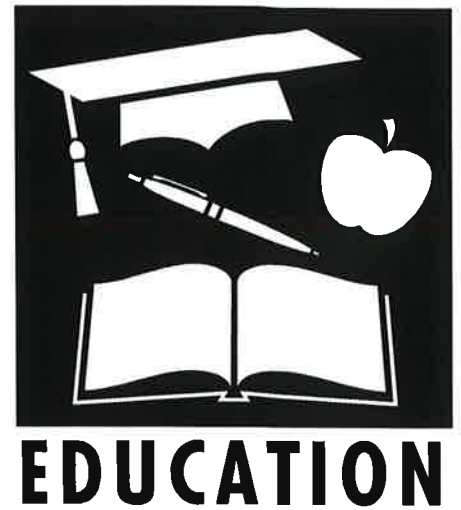


# DISTRICT 840 FOUNDATION

## NEWSLETTER



Year 16, Number 2

December 2018

### **ALL SCHOOL REUNION - JUNE 22, 2019**

The invitations have been mailed from the updated addresses I have. If someone wants a registration form to attend the noon dinner that day, go to the [www.stjames.k12.mn.us](http://www.stjames.k12.mn.us) website, click on the District 840 Foundation tab, then go to the All School Reunion tab to retrieve the registration. Money must be sent in with the registration form to attend the dinner.

Our reunion is taking place on the same weekend as the St. James Railroad Days celebration, which is great, because there is so much to see and do here that weekend for all ages! You will have to keep checking the Chamber of Commerce website for all the updates as they happen!

I always look forward to the All School Reunion, because you can catch up with so many people that did not graduate with you and see what they are doing!

If you have not been back to St. James for awhile this is a great time to come and see the changes to our school! We will be giving school tours Saturday afternoon for all three buildings and I will set up a memorabilia room in the Armstrong School that will be open Saturday. The Historical Building will have additional items for people to view from their school days. If anyone wishes to borrow some past items to the Foundation that weekend, we would love it! The new picture wall at the new St. James High School Event Center is a great item to view, many years span the wall. Please let others know about this event who you think may be interested in coming! Remember to check the Chamber website for activities happening that weekend - [www.ci.stjames.mn.us](http://www.ci.stjames.mn.us).

**Hope to see you in June!**

# **MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

As the school year commenced a year ago, students and staff moved into new and renovated spaces. As the 18-19 school year started, the district was completing the last piece of the \$24 million project from the 2015 referendum vote. The last piece is an outdoor middle/high school recreation area. This area features an expanded outdoor cafeteria space. It also has a play area with six basketball hoops and an artificial grass area to run, play or kick a soccer ball. This area has been used by our students a lot already this fall and is a much safer play area than what previously existed.

In addition to this final piece, the Board of Education used deferred maintenance revenue to replace the windows on the south side of the High School and also improve parking lots and sidewalks. There is always work that can be done, but we have made a lot of progress in two quick years.

There is now "talk" of an outdoor classroom at the Northside Elementary School. We are working with a contractor to develop a plan and get costs for this project. The Board of Education has not approved any funds at this point, but we hope that donations will help offset this project to make it a reality sometime in the near future.

With the help of the District 840 Foundation, we are focusing on equipping the buildings with technology and equipment that keeps our schools progressive. One of the most recent approvals from the foundation is the addition of a projector to the Little Theater at the High School. This will be accessible to larger groups of classes.

Tis the season to be thankful and merry from the staff and students at the St. James Public Schools. I thank you for your continued support and interest in the education of our children.

Sincerely,

Becky Cselovszki, Superintendent of Schools



**STJAMES SCHOOL – NEWS**

We have 1040 students total between our PreK students through our 12<sup>th</sup> grade. There are 462 students in our Northside Elementary, with the smallest class being the 4<sup>th</sup> grade with 66 and the largest class being our 3rd grade with 85.

In the high school we have a total of 503 and the smallest class size goes to the sixth grade with 61 students and the largest class is seventh grade with 84 students.

Our school is about 50/50 with Ethnicity/Race. We had eight new teachers start in the fall of the year.

## 2018 HOMECOMING



**Landon Hoppe and Renata Hernandez** were crowned the King and Queen in the St. James High School Pioneer Bank Event Center on Thursday night, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The students in both schools had a fun Spirit Week planned, filled with events and a different dress code each day. The Homecoming game was played against Redwood Valley on Friday night. The St. James Athletics Hall of Fame inducted their 2018 Class on Saturday of the week of Homecoming.



Our **St. James Area Girls Tennis** had an excellent team season finishing with 23 wins and 3 losses. Renata Hernandez won the Section 3A Singles Championship and the doubles team of Zoie Becker/Ellie Becker won the Section 3A Doubles Championship. The team was recognized as a Gold Academic Team and also has four All State Academic Senior Players – Hannah Loewen, Zoie Becker, Renata Hernandez, and Miranda Tetzloff. Renata established a new school record for career wins of 146! (The previous record was 136 wins) Zoie joined an elite group of players with more than 100 wins. The 7-12 teams had 47 players comprising of the Varsity, JV and C level teams. There were six seniors on the team this past season. Les Zellmann is the coach.



The **St. James Area Girls volleyball team** is coached by Steve Chapin. The team was awarded the Gold Award for having a team average of 3.80 or higher. There were four seniors that received the All-State Academic Award; Eve Anderson, Hailey Harbitz, Danielle Chapin, and Mariah Leimer. Danielle Chapin was named to the Big South Conference Team and Olivia Fredin was named to the Big South Conference Honorable Mention Team. There were seven seniors on the team this past season. The team ended their season with nine wins.



The **Boys and Girls Cross-Country Teams** are coached by Brad Stark. They had a wonderful year. The boys' record was 131-18 and the girls went 34-86. Paola Acevedo recorded a 5K time of 19:19 in the section 2A meet. This is a new girl's 5K record! The boy's team won the Big South Conference Small School Conference title. All-Conference awards went to Seth Pierson, Troy Parulski, and Alex Knickrehm. All-Conference Honorable Mention went to Jackson Miest, Mauricio Vite, and Paola Acevedo. All-State Academic Honors went to Seth Pierson. The boys received honors as a Gold Standard Academic Team and the girls reached the Silver Standard Honor.

The Boys' team won the Section 2A Title to go compete in the State Meet. All Section Honors went to Seth Pierson, Troy Parulski, Paola Acevedo, and Alex Knickrehm. At the State Meet they finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the State!

There were 43 students in 7-12 grades out for Cross-Country, 32 boys and 11 girls. The team had 11 seniors this past season.



The **St. James High School Musical performance** was "**All Shook Up**" this past November. This play was a fun, Elvis Presley type musical play with 23 talented students singing, dancing, and doing some wonderful acting! The fall play was directed by Linda Becken.



The **St. James Area Football Team** was able to play on their own hometown field this past season, since it was down all last year for updating repairs. The season record was 3-6. All Conference team honors went to Parker Jones, Jacob Brey, and Cole Durham. Making the All Conference Honorable Mention team was Kobe Mohwinkel and Tallin Johnson. Parker Jones was the only member of the Big South Conference to be named to the Class AA All-State Academic Team. Our Saints team is coached by Jon Wilson.



The District 840 Foundation has been helping our St. James Public Schools since 2001; to date we have granted the schools **\$645,217!!** The money has been used in multiple ways to help educate our students. Our latest grants have gone towards two 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trips, one to the Bell Museum and the other to see the play, "The Diary of Anne Frank". What a great learning opportunity for the kids! We donated Math calculators to sixth grade, to be used for the Minnesota State Tests. The Middle School Art Class started a photography unit on using cameras. We helped purchase cameras for this. The English Dept. purchased hard copies of novels they will be reading, so everything isn't read on a screen. Our largest recent donation was for a projector for the Little Theater. This will be used to help hold classes with more students.

You can go on [www.stjames.k12.mn.us](http://www.stjames.k12.mn.us), click on the District 840 Foundation to view what we have granted the school to date, some pretty amazing educational items!

## **Fund raising is a large part of where we get our money to donate to the school!**

Our most common year round donations come from memorial gifts and regular donations honoring someone. The donations are listed in the newsletter and includes who you would like to donate in memory or honor of.



Our "Cash For Kids" auction is our favorite and most profitable fund raiser to date! We hope to make \$20,000-\$25,000 every year. That can be a little tricky since we have done the same auction for 16 years! We have a wonderful giving community! Anyone can donate to this, if you have an item for the auction, just send it to me at the school. Mark your calendars for the next auction, **March 31, 2019**, there is something for all ages!



This past fall we had a Drive 4UR School put on by Spaeth Ford. This was our third one; we actually raised the top dollar amount we could, \$6,000!! This program gives us \$20 for each person that test drives a Ford vehicle, up to 300 people. We hope we are able to have another drive in the future.



Golfing can be fun when you are attending a fund raiser! We have our annual golf tournament with the St. James Chamber and St. James Rotary Club during our Railroad Days celebration. This event usually nets our foundation around \$5,500, which is a great fund raiser for us and a fun time for those who participate! Come join us June 21, 2019, the day before our All School Reunion.



We also raise money by selling gift cards throughout the school year. It is a nice program for people to purchase a card at face value and the foundation gets a percentage of the value from the retailer – (win-win) for all!



We held our second annual fashion show, "Women, Wine, and Wonderful Finds" this past November. It was a lot of fun and we have a date set for next year - November 9, 2019!



Do you order on line from Amazon? If you do, please consider going to the smile. Amazon site and designate the District 840 Foundation as your charity of choice, if you do not have one already. It is a great way to donate to us and no extra cost to you. The small amounts add up fast!

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR

## CONTRIBUTIONS:



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 Mary Lou Oldenburg – Memory of Clarence Niemeier  
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 Rosie Johnson – Memory of Fred Gratz  
 Dale & Pam Runge – Memory of Sarah Becker & Eldon Kintzi  
 Bob & Judy Harder – Memory of Clarence Niemeier  
 Wally & Phyllis Jurgens – Memory of Eldon Kintzi  
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 Bill & Betty Berg – Memory of Beverly Thompson  
 Ralph Otte – In Honor of my 1967 Classmates  
 Marjorie Jenkins – Memory of Jan Zender  
 Dale & Marlene Eckstrom – Memory of Dick Romsdahl  
 Vernell Frederickson – Memory of Gladys Carlson  
 Bill & Jo Yock – Memory of John Ness, Phyllis Conway, Carol Jacoby, Arlo Hurley, & Dick Jensen  
 Leon & Ardis Leimer – Memory of Jan Zender  
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 Paul Ekstedt – Memory of Michael T. Peterson "74"

Wallace & Phyllis Jurgens – Memory of Beverly Thompson & Troy Westman  
 Bob & Judy Harder – Memory of Jan Zender  
 Marilyn Warling – Memory of George Munson  
 Rosella Johnson – Memory of Jan Zender  
 Richard Bolin Family – Memory of George Munson  
 Dale & Pam Runge – Memory of Hubert Branstad  
 Dale & Marlene Eckstrom – Memory of George Munson  
 Karen Davis – Memory of Howard Munson  
 Mary Lou Oldenburg – Memory of Viola Noren  
 Janet Peterson – Memory of George Munson  
 Audrey Welchlin – Memory of George Munson  
 Marilyn Hudson – Memory of George Munson  
 Rich & Sue Enger – Memory of George Munson  
 Wallace & Phyllis Jurgens – Memory of George Munson & Dale Anderson  
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 Dale & Pam Runge – Memory of Leslie Lewis  
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 Karl & Karyn Wassman – Memory of George Munson  
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 Shirley Hegdahl – Memory of Dale L. Anderson  
 Wallace & Phyllis Jurgens – Memory of Gloria Granheim  
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 Richard & Patricia Valen – Memory of Don Fastenau  
 Eugene & Carol Zarn – Memory of Jackie Carter



Audrey Peterson – Memory of George Munson  
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 Bob & Jeanie Munsterman – Memory of George Munson  
 Eunice Wiederhoeft – Memory of George Munson  
 Bob & Judy Harder – Memory of Jackie Carter  
 Dale & Pam Runge – Memory of Bob Friesen & Al Haler  
 Marilyn Veglahn – Memory of Bud Plumhoff  
 Marjorie Jenkins – Memory of Bud Plumhoff  
 Bill & Jo Yock – Memory of George Munson & Don Fastenau  
 Richard Bolin Family – Memory of Bob Friesen  
 Eugene & Carol Zarn – Memory of Bob Friesen

### **Fan (\$100.00-\$499.00)**

John & Dorothy Jackson  
 Audrae Goodballet – Memory of A. Steinberg  
 Lois Miller  
 Steve Warren  
 James & Donna Brittsan  
 Class of 1981 – Memory of Classmate Karla Wollé  
 Dora Aponte Meyer – Memory of John Henry Meyer  
 Robert & Nancy Perrier – Memory of Audrey (Perrier) Brey  
 Robert & Nancy Perrier – Memory of Theodore Perrier  
 Modern Woodmen of America – Honor of Hometown Hero  
 Class of 1945 – Memory of Arden Curry, Lucille Malmgren, George Morgan, Don Ward  
 Buchanan, & Betty Eisenhuth  
 Duane & Carolyn Olsen – Memory of George Munson  
 Class of 1968 – Honor & Memory of the 1968 Classmates  
 Anderson, Oanes, & Schreiner Families – Memory of Dale L. Anderson  
 Richard & Beverly Moody

### **Cheerleader (\$500.00-\$999.00)**

Barb Ness and Family – Memory of John Ness  
 Tom Augustine – To be used in High School Math & Science

### **Booster (\$1,000.00-\$4,999.00)**

St. James Community Fund  
 Class of 1963 – Honor and Memory of Classmates of 1963

### **Champion (Over \$5,000.00)**

## **Thank you for your support!!!**

**The District 840 Foundation is a tax deduction under section 501(c)(3).**

### **Ways to Give:**

- \*Outright gifts of cash, securities, and real estate are common ways to give
- \*Estate gifts
- \*Gifts in Honor or Memory of someone special
- \*We accept Thrivent Choice Dollars



The Hall of Fame for sports will be next year (2019) at Homecoming time. If you would like to nominate someone, contact Jon Wilson ([jwilson@isd840.org](mailto:jwilson@isd840.org)) for a form to fill out. The

Nomination Committee looks for an athlete, coach (head or assistant), and a contributor.



School Board news – alumni Dustin Anderson has gone off the board and the new board member is alumni, Kent Olson. Once again, out of six members, four are alumni; Kent, Michelle (Mayberry) Mohlenbrock, Richard Spitzner, and Scott Runge.

### **St. James:**

**Railroad Days**  
 June 20-23, 2019

**All School Reunion**  
 June 22, 2019

**Watsonwan County Fair**  
 July 18-21, 2019

**Relay for Life**  
 July 26, 2019

**Multicultural Event**  
 September 14, 2019



You should not see signs like this next summer! Hopefully when you come and visit St. James, there will be no construction, the roads are done! Deer Park will have a different, better look to it. The roundabouts are working well!

# District 840 FOUNDATION

It takes a whole community to educate a child!

When people move to a new community, one of the first things they check out is the school system. Your gift will not only help to make our schools shine, but it will enhance the economic development of our community by attracting new families with children.

A hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of car you drove...But the world may be different because you invested in the children.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the District 840 Foundation is to enhance and support the efforts of the St. James School District to provide the best possible education for the children of our community.

They are our future.

## Your Gift DOES make A Difference

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District 840 Foundation

## OFFICIAL STATUS OF THE DISTRICT 840 FOUNDATION

The District 840 Foundation is officially established in accordance with the current and applicable laws and pursuant to the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder. The District 840 Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, offers educational financial assistance, programs and services to all people without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin and is an equal opportunity, affirmative action, Title IX organization.

## GOAL

The goal of the District 840 Foundation is to raise funds to invest back into the school district. This will be done in three ways:

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

You may wish to donate funds in support of a particular project or need of the St. James School District. The Foundation will make every effort to ensure that the funds you donate are used in the manner you have designated.

## UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

You may wish to let the Foundation determine the best way to use your gift. This will be done through an in-house granting process. Any District employee can request funds from the Foundation for a specific need through this process. The Foundation Board will determine the outcome of these requests.

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Donations to the endowment fund will be invested, and the interest accrued on these investments will be used by the Foundation to fund projects and needs.

**SPONSOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$5-\$99**

**FAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$100-\$499**

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**BOOSTER** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$1,000-\$4,999**

**CHAMPION** \_\_\_\_\_ **OVER \$5,000**

**UNDESIGNATED** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENDOWMENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESIGNATED** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please contact us for Estate Planning Or Gifting.**

*In support of the District 840 Foundation I/We would like to make a donation for:*

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Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The balance will be paid (please select)

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Quarterly** \_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly**

\_\_\_\_\_ **One time gift**

I/We would like to make this commemorative gift:

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## *In Remembrance*

### *Remembering . . . . . Classmates, faculty, and friends*

Marilyn (Janovsky) Knowles "52"	October 2017
Anne (Hudson) Kennedy "54"	January 2018
James Jamieson "55"	January 2018
Loyd Hanson "46"	February 2018
Carol (Kintzi) Schroeder	February 2018
Betty Eisenhuth	April 2018
Sylvia (Curtis) Smith "50"	June 2018
Leonard Sorbel	July 2018
Linda (Sanders) Dempsey "73"	July 2018
Michael T. Peterson "74"	July 2018
Jerry Peters	July 2018
Marlene (Rathman) Fastenau "73"	July 2018
Ron Bocock "68"	July 2018
Carol (Forseth) Jacoby	July 2018
Juanita (Kreisch) Boldt	July 2018
Kristin (Peterson) Oehlke	July 2018
Carol Knaak (past school employee)	August 2018
Howard Schmidtke (past school teacher)	August 2018
Rhonda (Stade) Heller "71"	August 2018
Clarence Niemeier ""49"	August 2018
Trudell (Oren) Peterson "47"	August 2018
Cecilia (Coree) Aronson "66"	August 2018
Eldon Kintzi "44"	September 2018
Keith Frederickson "80"	September 2018

Richard Jensen "56"	September 2018
Gladys (Askeland) Carlson "47"	September 2018
Marilyn (Sandquist) Holt "62"	September 2018
Nancy (Hagen) Kruse "65"	October 2018
Melvin Engelbrecht (past school employee)	October 2018
Irene (Olson) Goskeson "52"	October 2018
Viola (Lange) Noren "49"	October 2018
Dale Anderson "67"	October 2018
Julie Niemeier "78"	October 2018
Lowell Bloomquist "55"	October 2018
Richard Paul "51"	October 2018
Troy Westman "84"	October 2018
Carol (Ayres) Bratland "61"	October 2018
George Munson "52"	November 2018
Barbara (Benson) Hoyer "45"	November 2018
Don Fastenau "56"	November 2018
Patricia Wick "48"	November 2018
Florranie (Hoffman) Williams "44"	November 2018
William Monroe "51"	November 2018
Gloria (Durow) Granheim "43"	November 2018
Jackie Carter	November 2018
Robert Friesen "60"	December 2018
Bud Plumhoff (past school teacher)	December 2018
Edward (Al) Haler "44"	December 2018
David A. Johnson "55"	December 2018
Leila (Hudson) Anderson	December 2018