

St. James R-1 School District



October Newsletter

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Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Tiger Family,

As the first quarter of the school year ends, I would like to thank our staff for working hard to provide our students with top-notch learning opportunities in a safe and secure environment. After wrapping up our parent-teacher conferences last week, I want to reflect on the importance of this two-way communication. Regular communication between parents/guardians and our teachers is a key component in the achievements of our students. This opportunity to meet with parents to discuss each child's successes as well as their future path to grow in their education is something we value as educators.

During my classroom visits, I saw students engaged in learning every day and giving back to our community through philanthropic opportunities. We value our community partnerships and empowering our students to be civically engaged is part of our mission. We've had a group of middle school students from the Citizenship class volunteering their time at The Caring Center during the first quarter. From holding a canned food drive to working on Commodity Day, these students are living the Tiger Way. I'm so proud of what they have accomplished and look forward to seeing their continued community outreach throughout the school year.

As we move into the second quarter, we have to start the conversation surrounding inclement weather. One of the decisions superintendents face each year is whether to cancel school for the day, dismiss early, or not call off school during inclement weather or other situations. There are multiple factors that determine the decision made, but it all comes down to an informed, subjective judgment call. At the end of the day, the safety of our students, staff, and patrons will be our top priority. We will be reaching out to you in the near future about inclement weather procedures and communication tools we will use to inform you of any possible cancellations.

We have a busy second quarter ahead of us and I look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of our students. Remember, every day is a great day to be a Tiger!

Tim Webster
Superintendent, St. James R-1 School District



Citizenship Class Gives Back

Civic responsibility and community engagement are two important parts of our mission. Mr. Perona's Citizenship class is learning both first-hand with their outreach initiatives this Fall. Students organized a Fall Food Drive for The Caring Center. Non-perishable food items were gathered by St. James Middle School from the first week of September through October 7th. After sorting the donated food, students from the Citizenship class delivered the items to The Caring Center and they will be dispersed on Commodity Day where the students will be volunteering. We hope their example empowers all our students to positively contribute to our community and world.

Tiger Cubs Visit Pumpkin Patch

Tiger Cubs preschool students took their annual field trip to Heartland Farms Pumpkin Patch in Bourbon, Missouri. Students spent the week leading up to the trip learning all about pumpkins and Fall.

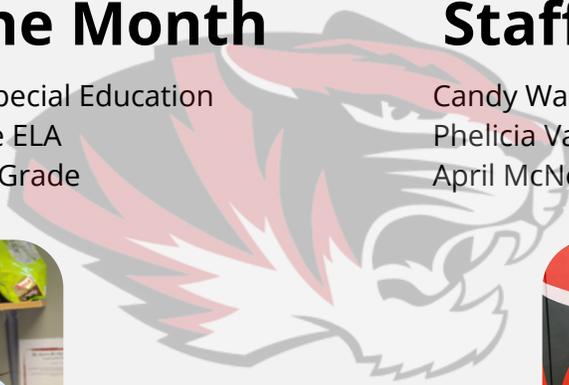


Teacher of the Month

Kim Morton - High School Special Education
 Emily Turner - MS 7th Grade ELA
 Holly Kleinheider- LWJE 3rd Grade

Staff of the Month

Candy Walsh - High School Paraprofessional
 Phelicia VanWagner- Middle School Custodian
 April McNece - LWJE Paraprofessional





Missouri Day

Members of our community took time out of their day to meet with our third graders for Missouri Day.

Missouri Day is a time for schools to honor our state and to celebrate the achievements of all Missourians. Students learned about kettle corn, beekeeping, farming, Missouri games, history of Lucy Wortham James, and funnel cakes from members of our community including: St. James Sports Club, Dave Busby (DL Farms), Caroline Copeland, Kendra Swee (Maramec Spring Park), and Brenda and Steve Stack (Rusty's Kettle Korn).

Thank you for showing our students different ways Missourians show our pride.



FACS Students Share the Love

Hidden around various locations in town, the Saint James Hearts Facebook Group hides fabric hearts as a way to bring joy to the finder. Students used the skills of their Sewing Unit (both hand and machine stitching) to make thirty-six hearts to be hidden.

When discussing the project with students, they really felt driven to hide them among the buildings in the district as a way to show the students of St. James how much they care. They hid twelve hearts at LWJE, St. James Middle School, and John F. Hodge High School. Our District strives to foster caring relationships inside and outside our building walls.





District Project Updates

- With the vinyl work in the high school commons done, the renovation is complete. ✓
- High school roof complete and elementary roof (Phase 1) complete ✓

Let The Good Times Roll!

As the temperature drops and the leaves begin to fall, we find ourselves in Homecoming season. High school students spent the week prior to the game gearing up for the festivities. From creating parade floats and banners to practicing skits, everyone had the opportunity to get in the HOCO spirit. Congratulations to our Homecoming Court!

Attendants

Freshman: Audrey Mankin; Sophomore: Jillian Engelbrecht; Junior: Keirsta Keithly

Queens

Abby McKee, Navy Setzer, **Mallory Endsley**, Heather Austin

Kings

Dale Hinderhahn, Jason Wilkerson, Michael Dekock, **Caleb Adams**

Mini King and Queen

Ryker Sandusky and Charley Gibson



Spirit King and Queen



Haunted Hallways



District Events

November

- **8** - PTO Meeting - MS @ 6:30 PM
- **11** - No School
- **16** - Board of Education Meeting
 - Central Office @ 6 PM
- **23-25** - No School: Thanksgiving Break
- **26** - 2nd Annual Tiger Trot
 - 9 AM at Football Field



December/January

- **13** - PTO Meeting - MS @ 6:30 PM
- **14** - Board of Education Meeting
 - Central Office @ 6PM
- **16** - End of 2nd Quarter
 - Early Release - LWJE and HS (12:30 PM); MS (12:50PM)
- **19-2** - No School - Christmas Break
- **3** - School Begins
 - Start of 3rd Quarter

For a complete list of activities/events go to: www.stjschools.org/o/sjhs/events

