



February 2, 2009

Dear Parents,

The "Groundhog" saw his shadow today....six more weeks of winter! Winter? Do we have winter here in Texas? As some of you know it is definitely nice, the winters that we "experience" here in Texas! As for the people that live north of us, they just do not know what they are missing.

At St. James Episcopal School it is definitely a tradition to offer "Snow Day" to our students because many of our students have never experienced a "northern winter"! I would like to thank our Parent Association for providing the funds for one of the "favorite" learning experiences that we offer our students here at St. James. As you probably know, the "ice/snow" does not just appear here that morning...it has to be brought in from Houston. In order to provide this opportunity funds are raised through our first semester Book Fair. I would not survive the students if we banned our "Snow Day", so once again I appreciate those of you that assisted in the Book Fair or that helped with the "Snow Day"!

Although the Book Fair is a service and a manner to get the word out about the importance of reading, it is also a great way to "teach" the love of reading and raise extra funds to provide "Snow Day"!

This Friday night, many of us will join together as a family community that has the same focus...our children! *Jubilee* is another tradition that has been in place and that originated with our Parent Association! The event is a fun, adult evening that generates money and a get together for our families. Do you know how hard it is to get this many families together on one night? It is a very difficult task and many parents, volunteers, community members, staff members, church members and students partake in the success of the event. I think that from my past experiences, *Jubilee* is extremely eye-opening to those that attend the event...they learn a little more about our school, about our community, and about each other. Our school is extremely blessed to have the rapport from the community in putting together such a successful event each year. I look forward to this evening and it always brings together the best of St. James; past families that attended St. James, past staff members of St. James, church and community members that support St. James and many that have one primary goal, to continue to make St. James Episcopal School the best place for our children. Believe it or not, we could not continue to have

such a successful event if it was not for those that once believed in St. James, as it is those families that continue to work hard and assist us in many of the behind the scenes tasks of putting together such an event...and we appreciate these passionate people more than we can say, as they are not in it for the glory, but for our children and for what St. James has done for their families in the past.

I would like to thank each parent that assisted with getting donations for our auctions and those that assisted with the *Jubilee* class auction items. I must admit, the class projects this year are too cute, adorable, PRICELESS, and unique! I'm looking forward to seeing where each item lands...there are going to be some lucky parents out there!

I hope to see you all at *Jubilee* Friday night, as you two will feel the magic of the "event" and the warmth of St. James families! It truly does take a village, and we will see this village Friday night.

A few other items to mention as the month continues....

\*Extended Care will be moving....Beginning Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> all extended care students will be housed in the lower buildings (main building and Pre-K building). We hope that this eases the transitions and assists with those of you that pick up children at the various age levels.

- February 16 - Holiday (No School); Extended Care will be available but please sign up in advance by sending a note with your child, emailing me at [tiffany@stjames-conroe.org](mailto:tiffany@stjames-conroe.org), or by calling the school at 936/756-4984. Signing up allows us to prepare with enough staff members and with adequate supplies...two items that I would hate for us to be shy of on the day!
- Health News - We have had a report of an outbreak of head lice with a student while away from the campus. Please be aware and know that if we check your child's class it is just for precautionary measures. You will be notified if there is ever a case found in which your child was affected. Children must be cleared before returning to school if reported.
- Phone Number Updates and Health Record Updates - If your phone number, emergency contact, or health record, including new immunizations change please provide the new information in writing or a copy (health record/immunization) to the office. We must have current information in case of an emergency and as required by the state.
- Registration for 2009-2010 - Our registration packets for next year will be sent home mid-month. Priority registration goes to our current students/parents and siblings. Our public registration will not open until

March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have our Open House on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm and at that time we will begin to register to the public for next year. I have yard signs advertising fall registration if any of you live in area that allows the signs to be put up, please stop by the office in March to get one and please put out for our school. Also, I will be looking for a few preschool parents and a couple of K-6<sup>th</sup> grade parents to assist with tours for our Open House Event, if you are interested in touring other parents, please give me a call or send me an email, there is an informative meeting for you to attend with me prior to the event.

As busy as it seems know that we are in the planning stages for April and May already, then summer and ....

Well, you get the picture, it never stops! We appreciate all that each of you do for our school, for our children and we look forward to seeing you Friday night! It is going to be a great evening with fun, food, fellowship and we hope that you will join in with us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me or email me at any time!

Live, laugh, love and Godspeed!

-Tiffany Forester  
Head of School