

The Poplar



A Newsletter for Parents and Friends of Saint James School

March 2010



*With rushing winds and gloomy skies ;
The dark and stubborn Winter dies:
Far-off, unseen, Spring faintly cries,
Bidding her earliest child arise; March!*

~ Bayard Taylor

ACADEMIC OFFICE:

The end of the Winter Trimester is approaching...

Marking Period 4 ends March 1

Winter Exam Schedule:

Tues., March 2 Reading Day for Forms III - VI
..... Classes for Form II
Wed., March 3 - Sat., March 6 Exams

Spring Vacation begins after exams on **Saturday, March 6** (approximately 12:00 noon).

Please note these exam/vacation dates and refrain from special requests for early dismissal; such requests disrupt and compromise the term examinations.

Boarders return between 6:00 and 9:30 pm on **Sunday, March 21**.
Classes resume **Monday, March 22**.

REMINDER: We have classes on Saturday, March 27 from 8:00 – 11:06 a.m.

Students enrolled in U.S. History will go on a field trip to Antietam Battlefield on **Saturday, March 27**. They will depart Saint James at 8:15 a.m. and plan to be back on campus by 11:00 a.m.

Congratulations! **The Williamsport Lion's Club** announced the winners of this year's **American Heritage essay contest**:

First Prize: Karlie Grady, Form II (\$100 Savings Bond)
Second Prize: Justin Henney, Form II (\$75 Savings Bond)
Third Prize: Daniel Pike, Form II (\$50 Savings Bond)

Course sign-ups for the 2010–11 school year will begin after Spring Break.

Information on summer study / programs is available in Mrs. O'Connell's office. Students are welcome to browse!

Mark Your Calendar!

Mar. 1

Marking Period 4 ends.

Mar. 2

Reading Day for Forms 3-6
Classes for Form 2

Mar. 3 - 6

Winter Exams

Mar. 5

Registration deadline for April 10 ACT

Mar. 6

Spring Break begins 12:00 noon.

Mar. 21

Boarders return 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Mar. 22

Classes resume.

Mar. 26

Easter Lily donation due.

Mar. 27

Saturday make-up class 8:00 - 11:06 a.m.
U.S. History visits Antietam Battlefield

Mar. 28

Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m.

Mar. 31

Follows a Friday rotation of chapel, classes, & sports.

Apr. 1

Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
(follows a Wed. rotation)

Apr. 2

Good Friday Service 12:00 p.m.
(Special schedule / Thursday rotation).

Apr. 4

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 5

Dev Nat visits Freer & Sackler Galleries.

The Holy Week schedule is confusing, but it works!!

Wednesday, March 31 follows a Friday schedule of chapel, classes and sports.
Maundy Thursday, April 1 follows a Wednesday schedule of chapel, classes and sports.
Good Friday, April 2, will follow a special schedule (Thursday rotation of classes) with the chapel service at 12 noon.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

On the calendar – **March 5** is the registration deadline for the April 10 ACT at North Hagerstown High School.

FINE ARTS

On **April 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Kellam Auditorium, six senior actors of the Saint James Mummings Society will direct and present:
An Evening of One Act Plays.

Brigid Donovan and Callan Spicher will present:
Mark Bucci's adaptation of O. Henry's,
The Cop and the Anthem

Courtney Peterson and Samantha Simmons will present:
Why I am a Bachelor
by Conrad Seilor.

Elias Orfan and Carrie Ross will present:
You Don't Have to Feed a Cello
by Martin R. Collin

Ticket prices will be: \$5.00 general admission.
Show time 7:30 pm in Kellam Auditorium.
We hope to see you there!

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Holy Week and Easter are very important times within the Christian community. They are times when we commemorate the various passions experienced by our Lord Jesus Christ. Saint James Chapel will be the focal point of activity at the school during Holy Week and Easter. I am writing this letter to inform you of the dates and times of these special services and to invite you to attend any or all of these holy celebrations.

March 28.....Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.
April 1 Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist – 8:00 a.m.
April 2 Good Friday Service – 12:00 p.m.
April 4Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

So that more families may be a part of the various services, an opportunity to make a **donation of \$18.00** for a memorial or thanksgiving lily is being offered. These plants will be used in the Chapel to beautify the sanctuary. If you wish to make a donation for a memorial or thanksgiving lily, please fill in the form below and mail it to me with your donation by Friday, March 26.

Please fill in the form below, cut it off, and mail it to me with your donation by Friday, March 26.

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(Please return this portion with your check)

Name: _____

Amount: \$ _____

2010 Easter Lily is to be given in: (please check box)

Thanksgiving for Memory of

(Please print person's name clearly)

Please make checks payable to:

**Saint James School and indicate
Easter Lily in the memo section.**

**Mail to the address below no later than
Friday, March 26**

**The Rev. Todd R. FitzGerald
Saint James School
17641 College Road
St. James, MD 21781**

Saturday Make-up Classes!

Classes will be 60 minutes long and will follow a Tuesday or Thursday rotation

Classes will begin 8:00 a.m. (no morning chapel)

Tuesday rotation schedule will end at 12:09;
Thursday rotation schedule will end at 11:06.

March 27, 2010
(Thursday rotation)

April 17, 2010
(Tuesday rotation)

April Calendar (cont'd)

Apr. 7
Sleep Late! Classes begin 9:05 a.m.

Apr. 9
Student directed One-Act Plays.

Apr. 17
Saturday make-up class 8-12:09 a.m.

Apr. 19
MEH classes to Holocaust Museum.

Apr. 22
AIMS College Fair.

Apr. 23 at noon - 26
Spring Long Weekend begins.

Apr. 27
Classes resume.

Apr. 28
Form 2 National Cathedral/
Tour & Tea.