

The Poplar



A Newsletter for Parents and Friends of Saint James School

May/June 2010

Academic Reminders & Notes!

Spring Exam Schedule:

Tuesday, June 1Reading Day for Forms III - V
Classes for Form II
Sixth Form Trip (Busch Gardens)

Wednesday, June 2 — Saturday, June 5.....Exams

Saturday, June 5 at 12:30.....Prize Day Service (required for all students)

Yearbook signing after Prize Day service

Course sign-ups for 2010 - 11 were due in the Academic Office by April 27, and Ms. Pollock & Mrs. O'Connell are reviewing them. You will receive a written confirmation of your child's academic program for next year.

SAT I and SAT II tests will be administered on Saturday, May 1. Students have already signed up for the tests through the College Counseling Office.

Advanced Placements Exams will be administered during the weeks of May 3 and May 10.

Sleep Late!! Wednesday, May 5 will follow a regular daytime schedule for classes and sports, but there will be no morning chapel service. Classes will begin at 9:05 AM

Wednesday, May 19 will follow a Friday rotation of classes; Thursday, May 20 will follow a Wednesday rotation of classes; Friday, May 21 will follow a Thursday rotation of classes. (It works! This is to accommodate schedules for Confirmation as well as Prom.)

Cum Laude Society: induction of new members will be held Thursday, May 27.

Monday, May 31 will follow a special schedule to accommodate the Installation of Sacristans, Prefect Vote, the 6th Form Girls' Picnic and the 6th Form Boys' Barbeque.

On **Friday, June 4**, Fr. Dunnan will host a 6th Form Picnic Dinner.

From the Chaplain

Since early January, about twenty members of our community have faithfully met on each Sunday morning while school was in session for the Confirmation Class. God willing, the confirmands will be confirmed by the Bishop of Maryland on Thursday, May 20th at 8:00 a.m. In our tradition, Confirmation is the rite by which "...those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism..." (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 412). If you have any questions about the Confirmation service, please email Father FitzGerald at trfitzgerald@stjames.edu.

From the Mathematics Dept

In February, nineteen Saint James students competed in the American Mathematics Competition. Two contests were offered, one for students in Form IV or below and another for students in Form VI or below. Students who scored above a certain score were invited to participate in a second contest, the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME). **Luke Zhang**, a current 5th Former, was among the contest participants to be asked to take the AIME. This is a wonderful accomplishment for Luke, as only 7% of those who competed in the first round scored high enough to participate in the AIME. The math department was very pleased with all of the students who participated in the contest and we look forward to offering future competitions!

From the Athletic Office

The Varsity Athletic Banquet will be held on **Sunday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm**. The banquet will include speeches from varsity coaches, Athletic Director, Mike Brooks, and Headmaster, Father Dunnan. Team awards will also be presented.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 1

SAT I and SAT II testing
First Annual SJS Alumni 5K 8:00 a.m.
Video Testimonial for Ms. Pollock & Mr. Collin 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fulton Building.

May 1-2

Alumni Weekend
Chapel Service 11:00 a.m. on Sunday

May 3-10

Advanced Placement Exams

May 5

Sleep Late! No Chapel!
Classes begin 9:05 a.m.

May 7 & 9

Spring PMI Recitals
Friday @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday @ 1:00, 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.

May 19

Follow a Friday rotation of classes

May 20

Confirmation Service 8:00 a.m.
Follow a Wed. rotation of classes

May 21

Junior-Senior Prom 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Follow a Thurs. rotation of classes

May 23

Varsity Banquet @ 6:00 p.m.

May 27

Cum Laude Induction 8:00 a.m.

May 28-30

Fiddler on the Roof
Friday & Saturday - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Matinee - 2:00 p.m.

May 31

Installation of Sacristans
Prefect Vote
6th Form Girls' Picnic
6th Form Boys' Barbeque

June 1

Reading Day - Forms 3-5
Classes for Form 2
6th Form trip to Busch Gardens
(Lv. 6:00 a.m. / Ret. approx. 11:00 p.m.)

June 2-5

Spring Exams

June 4

Fr. Dunnan hosts 6th Form Picnic

June 5

Baccalaureate 6:00 p.m.
Prize Day Svc. 12:30 p.m. (Required for all)
Yearbook signing after service

June 6

Commencement 11:00 a.m.

June 12

Dinner honoring Mr. Collin & Ms. Pollock

From the Drama Director...

Fiddler on the Roof

Presented by the
Saint James School Mumpers' Society
in the Kellam Auditorium

Fri., May 28 & Sat., May 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Sun., May 30th - Matinee performance at 2:00 p.m.

The Story: Set in 1905, *Fiddler on the Roof* takes place in Anatevka, a small Jewish village in Russia. The story revolves around Tevye the Milkman and his attempts to preserve his family's traditions in the face of a changing world. When his eldest daughter, Tzeitel, begs him to let her marry a poor tailor rather than the middle-aged butcher that he has already chosen for her, Tevye must choose between his own daughter's happiness and those beloved traditions that keep the outside world at bay. Meanwhile, there are other forces at work in Anatevka, dangerous forces which threaten to destroy the very life he is trying to preserve. The magical and heart-warming musical score wows audiences with such all time favorites and showstoppers as: *Tradition, Matchmaker, If I Were a Rich Man, To Life, and Sunrise, Sunset.*

The Critics say:

"One of the great works of American musical theatre. It is darling, touching, beautiful, warm, funny and inspiring. It is a work of art." – Daily News

"Filled with laughter and tenderness. It catches the essence of a moment in history with sentiment and radiance. An exceptional accomplishment." – The New York Times

"One of the great musical comedies of our era." – Newsweek

"... A remarkable musical... it always works, perhaps because it evokes haunting, half-conscious memories of a world that still lingers deep inside us... Fiddler still has magic." – Women's Wear Daily

"This spellbinding re-creation of the wonderful world of Sholom Aleichem... is a joyous affirmation that America is the world capital of musical comedy... Seldom has any musical blended so magically music, dance, mummery and literature..." – Cue

"A remarkably effective mixture that thoroughly entertains without ever losing a sense of connection with more painful realities that underlie its humor, its beauty, its ritual celebrations." – Saturday Review

Students – \$5.00 • Adults – \$10.00

Saint James students will receive priority seating for the Friday night performance.

We recommend the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon performances for visitors, family members, the community, and Mumpers' Society fans.

We hope to see you there!

Saint James Sports Day Camp 2010!

for Boys & Girls ages 6 – 13

Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

June 21 - July 1 – Session I
July 6 - July 16 – Session II
June 21 - July 16 – Both Sessions

Activities include:

Archery • Lacrosse • Basketball • Soccer
Softball • Football • Kickball • Street Hockey
Volleyball • Capture the Flag
and a wide range of other activities!

• \$140 for weeks 1 and 4 • \$230 for two weeks
• \$120 for weeks 2 and 3 • \$215 if registered by May 1

For more information, please call:
Chick Meehan @ 301-797-6496.

From the Alumni Office...

Join Us for the First Annual
Saint James Alumni 5K!

Open to the Public on
Saturday, May 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Awards, Stay-Dry Shirt, Post-Race Snacks!
Pre-race stretching program courtesy of
Ruff Fitness at 7:15 a.m.

Pre-registration (April 16) Fees: \$20
After April 16 (including race day): \$25

Registration form can be downloaded at the
School Web Site at www.stjames.edu
or picked up on campus at the Student Store or in the
Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

More information: contact Michael Straley,
Director of Communications, 301-733-9330

You're Invited To Participate!

A Video Testimonial for
Sandra L. Pollock and Martin R. Collin

Saturday, May 1,
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ~ Room 222
Barbara Fulton Academic Building

In preparation for a special event to be held
on June 12 honoring
Martin Collin and Sandra Pollock,
who are celebrating 20 years of service
at Saint James School,
we are inviting you to record your
thoughts and memories on videotape.

Visit the new school store Web site at:
www.shopstjamesonline.com

New store. New merchandise.
New way of shopping.

SPRING RECITALS!

Parents, friends and family are invited to attend the Spring Private Music Instruction Recitals on Friday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, or Sunday May 9th at 1:00 in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium and 2:00, 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. All students taking private lessons through the school will be involved in one of the four concerts. There are many solos, ensembles and larger groups performing. Come and support the budding musicians of Saint James.

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 2 (Alumni Weekend)..... ALL
Sunday, May 9 BOYS
Sunday, May 16 GIRLS
Sunday, May 23 (Prom) OFF
Sunday, May 30 (Musical) OFF
Saturday, June 6 (Baccalaureate) ALL

Wishing you a safe and restful summer!
The next Poplar will be on-line
August 15.