



# Cougar Call Weekly News

Newsletter 6, September 23, 2014

Please join me in thanking 2K teacher, Ms. Brittani Hackfeld, for her service to our youngest students and our school. She has resigned in order to help her mother with the family business, and her last day will be tomorrow, September 26. Ms. Kasey Castilla, who has been assisting in the 2K room, will be the 2K teacher beginning Monday, September 29. Ms. Castilla has an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education and is a member of St. James Parish. Mrs. Arce will assist Ms. Castilla until we hire another instructional aide. Ms. Hackfeld will continue as a volunteer to help Coach Deal with volleyball and basketball.

Our new counselor intern, Mr. Juan Arreche, will be starting today at St. James School. He plans to be on campus to offer counseling services that provide developmental guidance necessary to help facilitate intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual growth of our students. Mr. Arreche is in the Masters Degree in Counseling program at Our Lady of the Lake University and under the guidance of Dr. Andrea Gonzalez, Director of Counseling and Student Support Services for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Mr. Arreche plans to be at St. James on Mondays from 10:30-1:00 and on Wednesdays from 10:00-3:30.

Our first fundraiser, World's Finest Chocolate, ended today, and all families should have turned in money or unsold chocolate. We shall tally up the results and share them with the children at 2:30 on Monday. We'll let you know when will be the Out of Uniform Day for those who sold two boxes or more and the Games 2 U Event for three or more boxes. We really appreciate your support in this fundraising project, which will benefit all our children.

Progress reports are being sent home on Thursday, September 25. This year you will receive both a hard copy and an e-mailed copy of your child's progress report and report card. Next year, we shall go to e-mailed progress reports and report cards. Please sign and return the hard copy to your child's teacher.

Our volleyball and football teams are both having a good season. The schedules are listed on the school website [www.sjcstx.org](http://www.sjcstx.org). *Go, Cougars!* We hope to see all families at the St. James Church Fall Festival this weekend. We are looking forward to a fun-filled, spectacular event!

*Blessings,*

*Dr. Cindy Cummins, Principal*

## DTC News

### UPCOMING CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Church festival on September 27 and 28 at the Seguin Events Center.
- SJS PTC Hamburger Booth at the Guadalupe County Fair, October 9-12, 2014.
- PTC General Meeting, Tuesday, October 14, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall/Cafeteria.
- Campus Work Day will be on Saturday, October 18, 2014, beginning at 8:00 am.

## Other School News

- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ST. JAMES SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE WORKERS. PLEASE CALL OR COME BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO APPLY, 830-379-2878.**
- **Yearbook Sale!** Yearbooks for 2013-2014 are in and available for purchase in the school office for \$30.00 each. Please stop by and pick yours up today!

## Other School News (continued)

- **There will be a Children's Eucharistic Adoration time on Friday, October 3, from 1:30pm - 2:30pm, for Grades 4 – 8. Each child will need to bring their Rosary.**
- **Library News:**

### ACCELERATED READER FAQ'S:

**What is it?** Accelerated Reader (AR) is an online subscription book quiz service available to schools who wish to use it as part of their reading curriculum. St. James uses it for monitoring outside reading of our students in Grades 1 - 8. For some teachers it is a requirement to take the online quiz; for others it is a choice. The online quizzes are set up to be taken at school between 7:30 and 5:00 on school days.

**Can parents monitor, too?** Yes. Parents can monitor their own child/children by using Home Connect. If you'd like to do this, refer to the letter in last week's Thursday letter or you may contact teacher/library.

**If you have other questions, let your child's teacher know and we'll answer them as best we can.**  
*Happy Reading!*

- **Congratulations to Third Grader, Carlos Gomez,** for winning the last of three King Ranger Gift Cards in the Chocolate Sale Raffle!
- **Congratulations to Fifth Grader, Nathanael Leopold,** for winning First Place at the Scholastic Chess Tournament! The tournament was held at Koennecke Elementary on Monday, September 22. Please see the attached flyer for two more chess tournaments coming up in October and November.

## Support Our Parish!

### St. James Catholic Church:

- **Fall Festival, September 27 & 28, at the Seguin Events Complex.** Raffle tickets available in the church office or through a church parishioner.

*Thank you for your support!*

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, September 25

- Chocolate Sale Ends, ALL MONEY DUE!
- Progress Reports Go Home

### Friday, September 26

- 8:00am Mass led by Grade 4

### Saturday, September 27

- St. James Church Fall Festival, 6:00pm-10:00pm, at the Seguin Events Center

### Sunday, September 28

- Mrs. Marek's Birthday!
- Mrs. Arce's Birthday!
- St. James Church Fall Festival, 11:00am-6:00pm, at the Seguin Events Center

### Monday, September 29

- Chocolate Awards, 2:30pm
- Dr. Hermes' Birthday!

### Tuesday, September 30

- Spirit Day Dress
- Volleyball Game, HOME, vs. St. James(SA), B-Girls: 4:30pm, A-Girls: 5:30pm

### Wednesday, October 1

- Nursing Home Mass, Seguin Assisted Living, 11:00am, Grades 5 and 2

### Thursday, October 2

- Nursing Home Mass, Grades 1 and 4, 11:00am, Remarkable Nursing Home

### Friday, October 3

- Adoration, Grades 4-8, 1:30pm-2:30pm, ***Don't forget your Rosary!***
- Blessing of the Animals, 2:40pm
- Flag Football Game, AWAY, vs. St. Pius, 5:00pm

### Monday, October 6

- Flag Football Game, AWAY, vs. St. Leo, 5:00pm

### Tuesday, October 7

- Safe Environment Training, 6:00pm, Family Center Meeting Room 1
- Volleyball Game, HOME, vs. St. John Berchman, B-Girls: 4:30pm, A-Girls: 5:30pm
- Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip, 9:45am-12:30pm, First United Methodist Church

# October 2014

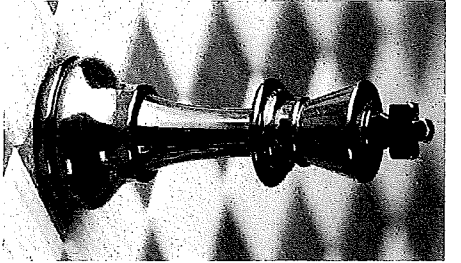
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<p><b>Second Collection: Hope for the Future</b></p> <p>Guadalupe County Fair PTC Food Booth</p>	<p><b>PTC General Meeting:</b> 6:00, Cafeteria/Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>Volleyball Game, AWAY, vs. Holy Name, B-Girls: 4:30, A-Girls: 5:30</b></p>	<p><b>Volleyball Game, AWAY, vs. Good Shepherd B-Girls: 4:30, A-Girls: 5:30</b></p>	<p><b>Catholic Life Raffle Sale Begins &amp; Treks Go Home School Rosary, 2:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>No School Qtr. 1 Ends</b></p>	<p><b>PTC Workday:</b> 8:00am, SJS Campus</p>
	<p><b>Qtr. 2 Begins Gradesheets Due</b></p>	<p><b>Picture Day: Class Groups, Yearbook Individuals, NEHS NJHS, and Student Council Volleyball Game, HOME, vs. Sts. Peter and Paul B-Girls: 4:30, A-Girls: 5:30</b></p>	<p><b>St. John Paul II Admissions Tour Fieldtrip, Grades 6 - 8, 8:00am-12:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Report Cards Go Home</b></p>	<p><b>Mrs. Weber's Birthday!</b></p>	<p><b>Hope for the Future 5K:</b> 7:30am Mass, 9:00am Run Mission County Park, #1</p>
<p><b>Mrs. Jasek's Birthday! Halloween Game Day &gt;1:00pm-3:00pm, Gym</b></p> <p><b>Stewardship Mass and Second Collection Weekend</b></p>	27	28	29	30	31	1
Red Ribbon Week						
November 2014						
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Red Ribbon Week						
Notes						

# October 2014 Cougar Den Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sack and Salad Option
		1	2	3	Mondays
		Hamburger/Cheeseburger Lettuce, Pickle Frozen Treat Fruit, and Drink	Chalupas Rice, Beans Lettuce, Tomato (Optional) Fruit, and Drink	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Pasta Salad Fruit, and Drink	Sack 1: Turkey & Cheese Croissant Lettuce and Pickle Sack 2: PBJ on Wheat Bread
6	7	8	9	10	Tuesdays
Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Sticks Sausage, Hash Browns Fruit, and Drink Extra: Sausage \$1.00	Bake Potatoes All the Trimmings Broccoli and Cheese Fruit, and Drink	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Lettuce, Pickle Frozen Treat Fruit, and Drink	Taco Salad Rice Lettuce, Tomato (Optional) Fruit, and Drink	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots Fruit, and Drink	Sack 1: Ham & Cheese Sub Lettuce, Pickle Sack 2: PBJ on Wheat Bread
13	14	15	16	17	Wednesdays
Chicken Burger Mac-n-Cheese Fruit, and Drink	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Roll, Fruit, and Drink	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Lettuce, Pickle Frozen Treat Fruit, and Drink	Crispy Tacos Rice, Beans Lettuce, Tomato (Optional) Fruit, and Drink	No School	Sack 1: Turkey & Cheese Croissant Lettuce, Pickle Sack 2: PBJ on Wheat Bread
20	21	22	23	24	Thursdays
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Green Beans Fruit, and Drink	Hot Dog (Optional Chile & Cheese) Baked Beans Fruit, and Drink	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Lettuce, Pickle Frozen Treat Fruit, and Drink	Chicken Quesadillas Rice, Beans Fruit, and Drink	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Toss Salad Fruit, and Drink	Sack 1: Ham & Cheese Sub Lettuce, Pickle Sack 2: PBJ on Wheat Bread
27	28	29	30	31	Fridays
Breakfast for Lunch Pancakes Sausage, Hash Browns Fruit, and Drink Extra: Sausage \$1.00	Cheese Nachos Meat or Beans Fruit, and Drink	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Lettuce, Pickle Frozen Treat Fruit, and Drink	Cafeteria Closed Early Release	Pepperoni on Cheese Pizza Pasta Salad Fruit, and Drink <i>Happy Halloween</i> <i>Happy Birthday Virginia!</i>	Sack 1: Turkey & Cheese Croissant Lettuce, Pickle Sack 2: PBJ on Wheat Bread  Salad: Chicken Caesar Salad CROUTONS, Parmesan, Cheese, Crackers

\*\*\* MEAL PRICES \*\*\*  
**HOT LUNCH: \$3.50/MEAL, DRINK (water or milk) Included**  
**SACK 1 and 2: \$3.25, CHIPS, FRUIT, and DRINK INCLUDED**  
**SALAD: \$3.50, FRUIT AND DRINK INCLUDED**

**A- LA- CARTE: ENTRÉE: \$2.00, SIDE: \$0.75, MILK or WATER: \$0.65, MOZZARELLA CHEESE STICKS: \$0.75, FROZEN TREATS: \$0.75**



## Scholastic Chess Tournaments

*For students in Grades 3-6*

Fall 2014 Tournament Schedule:

**September 22**

**October 13**

**November 10**

4:15 – 6:30 p.m.

Koennecke Elementary

Registration starts at 3:45 p.m.

**Entry fee: \$5 per player**

For more information email tournament director,  
Dawn Krause, at [dkrause@sequin.k12.tx.us](mailto:dkrause@sequin.k12.tx.us)

These are non-rated scholastic chess tournaments  
open to students in grades 3-6.  
Individual trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners and  
medals for 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place winners will be awarded.