



The Shell

An e-letter for

Saint James the Greater Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

The Shell, is a periodic email newsletter for the parishioners and friends of Saint James Church. This does not replace the Sunday bulletin or Parish Life. It's an opportunity for brief updates and news. A symbol for our patron saint is a shell and that gives the name to our e-letter.

Please read below an **IMPORTANT** message from Michelle Hinton, Principal at St. James School:

August 12, 2016

Dear St. James Families:

I have been blessed to be a part of the administrative team at St. James School for the past five years. The community which exists at St. James is second to none and our staff are some of the hardest working individuals that I know. I am extremely proud of the culture of learning which has developed at St. James and the love within the community of faith which exists here. There are so many good things happening! I thank you for the faith you have had in me as I have carried out my ministry as principal over the past four years. There have been many challenges, but even more successes. This is again testimony to the team here at St. James School and to the amazing community of parents who support the work of our educators day in and day out.

Earlier this summer two positions opened up with the Archdiocese Catholic Schools Office. While initially, the timing of the openings caused me to pause, after much prayer I ultimately recognized that God was calling me to use my talents and passion in a new way and that I needed to pursue the opportunity. The opportunity to pursue my passion could not be passed up. In this position I will have the opportunity to work with educators from across the Archdiocese as I continue to utilize my gifts and talents to serve the Catholic school system and students I love so dearly. It is for these reasons, that I have decided to join the Archdiocese Catholic Schools Office as Director of Secondary Schools and Professional Development beginning August 22, 2016.

Please know that this has been a very difficult decision and one that came about rather quickly. I love St. James School and have never felt so passionately about the work I have done or the people I have done it with. There is a fantastic team here doing great work for our students! This school community is also blessed beyond measure by the support and dedication of our parents. Your children are in the hands of fantastic teachers and their education will continue to be the number one priority of the staff at St. James School.

Father Nolker has appointed Mr. Jeff Fulmer as Acting Principal for the 2016-2017 school year. I will continue to work closely with Mr. Fulmer to ensure a smooth transition and to help get the school year off on the right foot. Together, the three of us, discussed the importance of starting

the school year off with Mr. Fulmer as the school leader. I hope that you will support him in the very same way you have supported me. I am confident that St. James School is in good hands!

I thank you for the opportunity to serve the St. James community and for your support over the past five years. May God continue to bless the St. James community!

Respectfully,

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