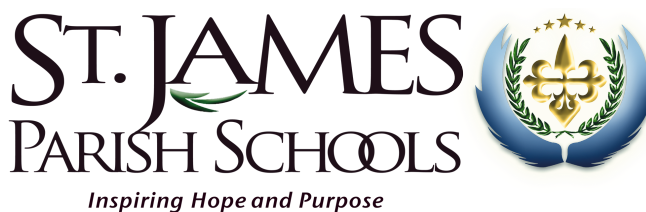


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Students and Parents of 7th - 12th Graders:

Louisiana requires students to attend school for a certain number of days to be promoted to the next grade and earn credit for a course. Students in grades 9-12 may not accumulate more than 5 unexcused absences per semester and must attend a minimum of 83.5 days per semester. Students in grades 7-8 may not accumulate more than 10 unexcused absences per year and must attend at least 167 days per year. While it is very important for students to be at school every day, sometimes things happen that are beyond a student's control, and they miss more than the allotted days. Therefore, for each grading period we are offering an after school attendance recovery opportunity for 7th-12th grade students to recover time missed due to excessive absences and are at risk of promotion/retention and losing course credit.

**We will no longer offer the online attendance recovery course we have done in the past.**

On the dates listed below, eligible students will receive notification through their school gmail account including the details of the opportunity, dates, times, and where to report after school. Parents will also receive communication from their child's teacher through SchoolStatus.

The attendance recovery dates listed below are the only opportunities students may recover time missed. There will be no additional make-up days or times. Students must recover missed days in the marking period in which the days were missed. For each 2-hour after school session, a student can recover 2 blocks of attendance. Because 4 (2-hour) days are offered for each grading period, students can recover 8 blocks of time each grading period which is equivalent to 2 full days of school.

Students will be expected to complete content-specific work in order to regain time lost due to absences.  
Transportation will be provided.

Attendance Recovery Dates						
Grading Period	End of Grading Period	Admin Runs Report	Notification Sent to Students and Parents	Attendance Recovery Dates	Time (2 hours/day)	Possible Recovery Time (max = 2 full days per marking period)
P1	October 5	October 12	October 12-13	October 16 - 19	2:30-4:30	1 day= 2 blocks    2 days=4 blocks 3 days= 6 blocks    4 days=8 blocks
P2	December 15	December 7	December 7-8	December 11-14	2:30-4:30	1 day= 2 blocks    2 days=4 blocks 3 days= 6 blocks    4 days=8 blocks
P3	March 15	March 14	March 14-15	March 18-21	2:30-4:30	1 day= 2 blocks    2 days=4 blocks 3 days= 6 blocks    4 days=8 blocks
P4	May 24	May 8	May 8-9	May 13-16 (Seniors attend during school day)	2:30-4:30	1 day= 2 blocks    2 days=4 blocks 3 days= 6 blocks    4 days=8 blocks

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school administrator.