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### **Battle of the Bands at St. James Academy** *Students 'Make It Their Own' at School Concert*

**Solana Beach, California** – St. James Academy students recently participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rock the School Concert. The event, which is the brainchild of music director Anne Marie Oldham, featured 21 different student rock bands.

The goal of the Rock the School Concert was to encourage students to play musical instruments, participate in musical groups, and to create a musical community where parents, siblings, teachers and other musicians support student musicians. It also gave St. James Academy students an opportunity to perform on a stage in front of an audience.

Students practiced on their own time outside of school, as well as chose their music and band names. Stone Soup, comprised entirely of St. James Academy parents, got into the spirit performing “Let’s Get It Started” by the Black Eyed Peas.

St. James Academy is a K-8 elementary school serving the North County communities of Solana Beach, Del Mar, Carmel Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Encinitas, Carlsbad and San Marcos. St. James Academy is part of the St. James Catholic Community, which includes St. James Church and St. Leo’s Mission. For more information, please go to [www.saintjamesacademy.com](http://www.saintjamesacademy.com) or call 1-858-755-1777.